

Exciting Updates!

Friends,

It is with great pride and a good deal of celebration that we can announce we have finally received the final approval from the Attorney General's office for the merger of CBH and ASAP!

Additionally, we are pleased to note we have received approval from the Department of State for a merger date of July 1, 2024.

We want to express our appreciation to our Membership, our staff, and consultants, for this has truly been a yeoman's effort. Your dedication and commitment to the mission and vision of InUnity Alliance is immeasurable.

We are still in the process of selecting a slate for a new Board of Directors and hope to bring that to you for a vote later this summer.

Also, as we begin this new chapter as an organization, we're thrilled to announce the appointment of new

members to the Executive team at InUnity Alliance.

Sarah Duvall (she/her) joined InUnity Alliance as **Director of the Policy Center** on June 12th. Sarah comes to InUnity with more than 20 years of experience in clinical, public health and nonprofit settings. She most recently served as the Director of Behavioral Health at the Healthcare Association of New York State, providing advocacy and representation for hospitals and health systems focused on the continuum of addiction, mental health and intellectual and/or developmental disability services. Prior to HANYS, Sarah was a research scientist and epidemiologist at state and local government agencies. She is also an adjunct professor at State University of New York at Albany, School of Public Health. Sarah's background and training allows her to foster cross-disciplinary collaborative planning, ensuring policy initiatives are targeted and most impactful.

Amanda Semidey, LCSW (she/her) joins InUnity Alliance as **Chief Operating Officer** on July 8th. Amanda is a Senior Executive leader, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and Behavioral Health professional with more than 20 years of experience in various nonprofit health care settings including NYS Medicaid Health Home, Behavioral Health Independent Practice Association

(IPA) Network, Managed Care Organizations, Inpatient Hospital Units, and Employee Assistance Program. Amanda most recently served as Senior Vice President for Quality Performance Management at Coordinated Behavioral Care (CBC). Amanda has a proven track record of providing clinical, programmatic, and operational leadership when launching new programs, implementing community-based initiatives, overseeing large complex systems of care, and managing financial strategies. Amanda has developed strategic partnerships resulting in programmatic expansion and growth, workforce retention and satisfaction, and successful awards and funding streams that positively affect the behavioral health community.

Please join us in welcoming Sarah and Amanda!

The future is bright here at InUnity Alliance as we diligently work on your behalf and all of the people you serve.

We're grateful for your commitment to InUnity Alliance,

Debbie Pantin
Chair, InUnity Alliance Transitional Board

Jihoon Kim
CEO, InUnity Alliance