



Subject: Announcing Changes in Leadership at Maria Droste Counseling Center

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Maria Droste Counseling Center announced today that Chief Executive Officer, Dr. David Brunick, has resigned as CEO, effective Tuesday, February 6. Dr. Sandra Mann, current Chief Program Officer, has been named interim CEO as the Board of Directors begins a thorough and extensive search for Dr. Brunick's successor.

Maria Droste Counseling Center is a non-profit mental health organization with a mission to provide services to the underserved population of Denver Metro and the surrounding Front Range communities. The organization was first founded in 1989.

"The Board is incredibly thankful to David for his years of inspired leadership at Maria Droste," said Dr. Mann. Echoing Dr. Mann's sentiments, Board President Ann Gushurst spoke highly of David's contributions to the organization. "Under David's guidance, our outreach has increased significantly, and we have been helping nearly 8,000 more clients per year than we were when David first became our CEO. While we are very sad to see him go, he has set Maria Droste on a path of continued growth and innovation." Gushurst added, "We have every confidence that Maria Droste will enjoy continuity and success with Dr. Mann and our executive team's leadership, and I personally look forward to working with her."

Of his time working at the non-profit mental health organization, which will celebrate 29 years of service to Denver Metro and Front Range communities this April, Dr. Brunick said, "It has been a privilege to serve with Maria Droste. I have been inspired by the tremendous professionalism and philanthropic spirit of our entire team."

Dr. Brunick will be moving to a new position in the for-profit sector as Chief Human Resources Officer at WOW! Internet, Cable, and Telephone Company. Telecom is a familiar territory for Dr. Brunick; before his clinical training as a Doctor of Behavioral Health, he first joined Maria Droste after a long, successful history in the private sector working at the Vice President level for industry giants like Adelphia, AT&T, and MediaOne.

Dr. Brunick assures all in the Maria Droste community, "I am confident you will be as impressed as I am with Sandy as a clinician and leader." Dr. Sandra Mann first joined Maria Droste's executive team as Director of Clinical Training in 2014 and has been intimately involved with the development and execution of Maria Droste's strategic plans since that time. In addressing Dr. Mann's expanded leadership role, Dr. Brunick adds, "As a Board member, I look forward to helping guide her through this transition."

Gushurst, who has herself served on Maria Droste's Board of Directors for nearly twenty years, thanked Dr. Brunick for his years of tireless service to Maria Droste, stating, "The Board truly values the contributions that David has made to Maria Droste, which include extensive program and staff development. He leaves Maria Droste with a very healthy balance sheet and we are poised to support continued growth."

Maria Droste Counseling Center strives to provide the absolute highest quality mental health care to those in need, regardless of their ability to pay. Its programs were developed to serve the under-served individuals and families in urgent need of affordable counseling. Maria Droste is dedicated to providing clients with the best possible care, while respecting the dignity and individuality of each.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the mission of Maria Droste and your commitment to a mentally-healthier Colorado.

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