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### Clifford Beers Celebrates New Leadership

Melanie Rossacci to lead Clifford Beers Community Care Center as Executive Director. Dr. Alice Forrester announced as Chief Executive Officer of Clifford Beers Community Health Partners.

NEW HAVEN, CT – September 28, 2022 -- Clifford W. Beers Guidance Clinic (also known as Clifford Beers Community Care Center (CBCCC)), a New Haven based nonprofit has named Melanie Rossacci as its new Executive Director. Dr. Alice Forrester, who served as CBCCC's Executive Director since 2007, will assume the role of Chief Executive Officer of Clifford Beers Community Health Partners, a new nonprofit launched in July 2022, which operates a network of mental health and social service nonprofits throughout CT serving children and families.

"We are thrilled to announce the appointment of Ms. Rossacci as the new Executive Director of Clifford Beers Community Care Center," said Dr. Forrester. "Ms. Rossacci is a dedicated and fierce advocate of children and families and works tirelessly to advocate for systems improvement to help better meet the needs of our community. She has been the driving force behind many of our new initiatives including the CT Integrated Care for Kids (CT-INCK) work and has relentlessly championed for equity and anti-racist practices to be built into all work we do here at Clifford Beers."

Ms. Rossacci is a results-oriented strategic leader with over 22 years of progressive and diverse experience within the population health, children's behavioral health and juvenile justice fields utilizing an anti-racist lens. Prior to joining Clifford Beers Community Care Center, she worked both for the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch and the Department and Children and Families, in various direct care and leadership positions.

"I am both honored and humbled to have been chosen as the new Executive Director of Clifford Beers Community Care Center," said Ms. Rossacci. "I am truly grateful for this opportunity. I am exceedingly proud to be the next in line of leaders to lead this 100+ year community serving organization that has been a staple in the New Haven community. My commitment to our whole person, whole family, whole community integrated approach to care will be unwavering, as will my commitment to partnering with the community to ensure identified needs are being met."

On a day-to-day basis, Ms. Rossacci will be in charge of all CBCCC operations and will report to Dr. Forrester.

Ms. Rossacci has her B.S. in Social Work from Saint Joseph University and an M.S.W with a Concentration in Social Work and Law from Fordham University in New York. She resides in Wallingford with her husband Stephen and their three children, Tyler, Sydney and Brady.

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About Clifford W. Beers Guidance Clinic (also known as Clifford Beers Community Care Center (CBCCC))  
Clifford Beers Community Care Center (CBCCC) is a nationally recognized nonprofit provider of trauma-informed mental health care for children, adolescents, and adults with a respected 100+ year history of serving the greater New Haven community. CBCCC serves as the safety net for children and families in the greater New Haven area who cannot afford or gain access to private mental health care. Today, CBCCC continues to develop and implement innovative mental health and wellness programs at its outpatient clinics, schools, and homes. Services provided by CBCCC include outpatient mental health services, emergency mobile crisis services, care coordination services, and numerous community support services. Last year, CBCCC served over 6,000 children/caregivers and provided professional development training to over 3,000 individuals in Connecticut and beyond. To learn more, visit <https://cliffordbeersccc.org>.

About Clifford Beers Community Health Partners

Launched in July 2022, Clifford Beers Community Health Partners (CBCHP) operates a network of mental health and social service nonprofits in CT that serves children and families. Its mission is to improve the health, resiliency, and quality of life for children, families, and communities by ensuring the delivery of easily accessible and highly coordinated services that address an individual's mental, physical, and social support needs. CBCHP relies entirely on its nonprofit network members to deliver services to the communities it serves. To support the back office needs of its network partners, CBCHPs Managed Services Program offers a full suite of support services including human resources management, accounting, billing, technology support, legal, compliance, and facilities management services. Our network of affiliated nonprofits has a combined 200+ year history (Clifford Beers Community Care Center (1913), Mid Fairfield Community Care Center (1956), and Youth Continuum (1966)) of providing programs and services to the most vulnerable and at-risk populations in the greater New Haven and Fairfield county regions. Together, our partners serve close to 10,000 individuals annually across all organizations. To learn more, visit <https://www.cliffordbeerschp.org>.

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