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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY NAMES NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR *Dr. Jennifer Schaffer to Head Behavioral Health Services Division*

As a result of a national search, San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jennifer Schaffer, Ph.D. to the position of Deputy Director, Behavioral Health Division. Dr. Schaffer will begin her appointment March 2, 2007.

"Dr. Schaffer is a proven leader in the behavioral health arena," said Jean Shepard, HHS Director. "We are delighted she will be joining our Executive Team and bringing her many years of experience to San Diego County."

As the current Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health in White Plains, New York, Dr. Schaffer, with input from families, recipients of services and providers, has developed innovative programs for Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services, Children's Mental Health, Seriously Mentally Ill Adults and Prevention services.

Dr. Schaffer's leadership and expertise will expand and enhance the Behavioral Health Services that have been implemented in San Diego County over the past year. Dr. Schaffer will be responsible for managing an array of mental health and alcohol and other drug services for children, youth, families, adults, and older adults.

Dr. Schaffer said, "I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to work with San Diego's impressive behavioral health care system and to continue to develop and ensure the coordination of a wide range of rehabilitation, treatment and support services for children, families and adults with special needs."

HHS offers regionalized services that are accessible, community-based, and customer oriented. Organized into six geographic service regions, the Agency's service delivery system reflects a community-based approach using public-private partnerships to meet the needs of families in San Diego County.

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