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BERGMANN HIRED TO OVERSEE COUNTY'S ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

LEONARDTOWN, MD (August 2, 2006) – Susan Bergmann, LCSW–C, CCDC, joined St. Mary's County Health Department August 1 as the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administrator for St. Mary's County. Bergmann will oversee \$2.9 million in funding from the State's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration and work closely with local organizations that provide programs and services for county residents with alcohol and drug dependency problems.

Bergmann will report to the county's Health Officer, William B. Icenhower, M.D. MPH, about ways to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of programs that prevent and treat alcohol and drug abuse in St. Mary's County. The health department will serve as a clearing house for funding that will be funneled from the state to Walden Sierra, Inc., Marcey House, and St. Mary's County Community Services Division. According to Bergmann her sights are set on ensuring a "very efficient and complete system to deal with the problem of alcohol and drug abuse, with a primary focus on the flow and continuum of services."

A licensed, certified, clinical social worker and certified chemical dependency counselor, Bergmann received her Master's degree in Social Work (M.S.W.) from Temple University in Philadelphia. She has

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worked as a consulting mental health services coordinator for the Mental Health Authority of Southern Maryland, and as a care coordinator for the National Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Dependency, New Jersey. Bergmann has also worked as a therapist, both inpatient and outpatient, counseling people with alcoholism and drug addiction problems, mental health issues, and concurrent disorders.

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