MEMBER SHOWCASE

MPS members contribute in so many ways. The MPS SHOWCASE honors members for contributions in science, medicine, community service, awards and recognitions, and more. MPS recognizes the following member:

KyleeAnn Stevens, MD, DFAPA
Psychiatrist, Advocate

Dr. KyleeAnn Stevens is the Executive Medical Director for Behavioral Health for the Department of Human Services’ Direct Care and Treatment (DCT) division, a role she’s held since 2017. Dr. Stevens completed her medical training at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine, and her residency and fellowship training in forensic psychiatry from Georgetown University and is Board certified in Psychiatry and Forensic Psychiatry. Dr. Stevens practiced for several years at St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington D.C. before becoming the medical director at the Forensic Mental Health Program (formerly Minnesota Security Hospital). In her current role, she provides clinical oversight to all treatment programs administered by DCT.

Dr. Stevens is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Minnesota, is an active member in the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law and serves as a council member for the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors Medical Director’s Council. Dr. Stevens is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and is involved in various other professional activities.

In 2019 the Minnesota Legislature mandated formation of a Community Competency Restoration Task force to evaluate and study community competency restoration programs and develop recommendations to address the needs of individuals deemed incompetent to stand trial. The task force consisted of 25 members representing many perspectives on the complicated issues surrounding criminal justice involvement with those with mental illness. Dr. Stevens actively participated as a member of the task force, which met from 2019-2021 and issued both interim and final reports to the legislature. Additionally, she took part in drafting proposed legislation related to competency restoration and routinely meets with other stakeholders and legislators on the issue of competency restoration. Dr. Stevens notes that one of her primary goals in this work is to ensure people with behavioral illnesses receive the care they need in the most appropriate setting.

Thank you for so positively representing psychiatry in the community!

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