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### **New CEO chosen for Alaska Psychiatric Institute**

April 22, 2019 ANCHORAGE — Matt Dammeyer, a leader in hospital administration and behavioral health in Alaska, has been selected by the Department of Health and Social Services as the chief executive officer for the Alaska Psychiatric Institute (API). Dammeyer served for over 10 years in leadership positions at Central Peninsula Hospital (CPH) in Soldotna as the chief operating officer and hospital assistant administrator.

He has a strong background serving Alaskans in the areas of clinical care, community health, and substance use disorders, and has held positions as director of behavioral health, clinical director, and psychologist for health care organizations and in private practice. One of his projects at CPH was to direct a restructuring of the hospital's residential substance use disorder services unit, prioritizing clinical outcomes for patients with long-term recovery as a central goal.

Commissioner Adam Crum said, "I am confident Matt Dammeyer will provide the leadership that API needs at this time. His history of focusing on positive patient outcomes will serve API well. Because substance use disorder often goes hand-in-hand with mental health issues, his broad background in that area and his health care experience in Alaska will strengthen API's ability to help some of Alaska's most vulnerable citizens."

Dammeyer received his doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Wyoming and has additional academic training from the University of Colorado, University of Alaska, and the Medical University of South Carolina.

Dammeyer started his new role today. He will immediately focus on providing ethical, compassionate care while growing bed capacity at API. His long-term goal is to support a culture of excellence at API to create a model psychiatric hospital that serves Alaskans well.

The position of CEO had previously been filled on an acting basis by Gavin Carmichael who will now return to his role of chief operating officer for the facility.

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