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ANNOUNCEMENT TITLE

EVERETT – Bridgeways Appoints New Executive Director

Bridgeways is a private non-profit agency licensed and certified by Washington State to serve adults in Snohomish County with chronic mental illness since 1981. In March the Board of Directors appointed Donna Konicki as the new Executive Director. Donna joined Bridgeways in 1996 as Director of Finance and Administration. She has extensive experience working in non-profit organizations and foundations. Donna has also served as a United Way Loaned Executive as well as volunteering on other non-profit boards. Donna holds a Bachelors of Science in Accounting from Central Washington University with additional post-baccalaureate training in Psychology.

Bridgeways Appoints New Clinical Director

Robert Bjorklund accepted the position as *Bridgeways*' Clinical Director last October. Robert has extensive clinical, teaching, research, and training experience in adult mental health and has published numerous peer-reviewed articles in the areas of recovery, peer-support programs, and community practice. Robert recently helped to lead *Bridgeways* to a successful 97% passing score on their combined WA State Mental Health Division and North Sound Regional Support Network audit. Robert holds dual graduate degrees in Social Work and Public Administration with additional post-graduate training in public affairs from the University of Washington

Bridgeways Appoints New Board Member

Sheldon (Shelly) Kleine has accepted a new position as a member of *Bridgeways*' Board of Directors and Chair of the Clinical Services Committee. *Bridgeways*, an Everett based mental health agency, has been serving adults with mental illness since 1981. Shelly is licensed as a psychologist in the State of Washington and has practiced as a clinical psychologist for more than 25 years. He is currently a core faculty at Capella University in the Harold Abel School of Psychology since 1999. Shelly volunteers for many community task forces and projects and holds a PhD from Purdue University in Counseling/Clinical Psychology.

Bridgeways Selected for Nationally Renowned Training

Robert Bjorklund, Clinical Director, wrote for, and recently accepted, a highly competitive 2 day recovery-based workshop in Seattle entitled: "Helping to Raise the Standard of Care for People Affected by Major Mental Illnesses." Four Bridgeways staff and two members will attend this prestigious training sponsored by: The Partners for Excellence in Psychiatry, a novel university-pharmaceutical collaboration between the University of Medicine of New Jersey--University Behavioral HealthCare and Eli Lilly Company. *Bridgeways* joins an elite group of agencies spanning 47 states to attend this evidenced-based training program: www.partners4excellence.org.