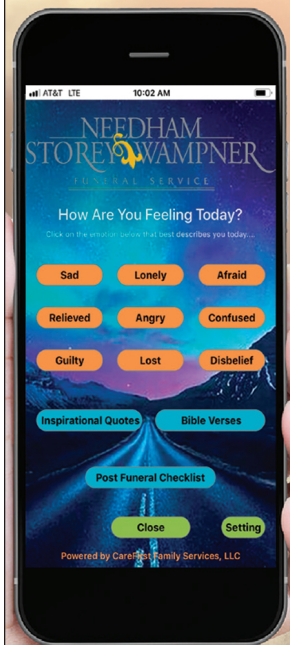


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Dr. Marrienne DiMatteo named CEO of Grant-Blackford Mental Health, Inc.

By Ed Breen

A Pennsylvania native with more than 25 years of experience in mental health care and social services management has been named Chief Executive Officer of Grant-Blackford Mental Health, Inc., the parent organization of several mental health and addiction recovery programs in Grant and Blackford counties.

Dr. Marrienne DiMatteo was named last week to succeed Paul Kuczora, who has headed the organization for 42 of its 45 years in Marion. Kuczora, who has carried the title of president and CEO, plans to retire in October. A press release issued last Tuesday said DiMatteo was selected by



Dr. DiMatteo

the board of directors of the not-for-profit agency on June 30 and that she was identified among a field of 75 candidates.

Dr. DiMatteo, who holds a PhD in administration and leadership science from In-

diana University of Pennsylvania, most recently has been chief operating officer of Familylinks, Inc., an umbrella service agency in Pittsburgh, Pa. Prior to that she had been chief operating officer at the Community Guidance Center in Indiana, Pa., for 12 years. She also was employed for seven years in a Pennsylvania statewide program to assist foster and adoptive children. She is a graduate of Saint Vincent College and obtained her master's degree at the University of Pennsylvania.

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