Centerstone Appoints Drone Regional Chief Executive Officer

Behavioral health industry veteran tapped to oversee and manage operations in Kentucky

Louisville, KY.—Centerstone, a national leader in behavioral health care, recently announced the selection of Abby Drane, CPA, MBA, as Centerstone’s Kentucky regional chief executive officer, effective Dec. 1. Drane will take over the CEO position recently held by Anthony “Tony” Zipple, Sc.D., MBA, who will be retiring at the end of November.

Drane will oversee Centerstone’s clinical operations, programming, business development and financial performance. She previously served as president and CEO of Uspiritus, where she led the organization’s financial operations, outcomes, regulations and human resources, and prior to that, she was chief operating officer for Centerstone.

“Abby is a visionary leader who has more than 30 years of experience and has proven to be successful in driving operational excellence and developing advancement programs for children and families in need,” said David Guth, chief executive officer of Centerstone. “We are fortunate to have the benefit of Abby’s experience and expertise as she leads our Kentucky operations forward.”

As an experienced leader in the behavioral health industry, Drane has also served as chief financial officer for two of Kentucky’s largest community mental health centers – Seven Counties Services (now Centerstone) and Communicare.

“What drives me every day is finding ways to provide the children and families in Kentucky with the support and services they need to have a better future and life,” said Drane. “I’m committed to advancing Centerstone’s mission and look forward to working with leadership to continue to create the most extensive and effective system of evidence-based care in the state.”

Drane earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Central Missouri State University and her MBA from Western Kentucky University.

About Centerstone
Centerstone is a not-for-profit health care organization dedicated to delivering care that changes people’s lives. We provide mental health and substance abuse treatment, education and support to communities in Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee and additionally offer individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities life skills development, employment and housing services. Nationally, we have specialized programs for service members, veterans and their loved
ones, and develop employee assistance programs for businesses of all sizes. Our research institute improves behavioral healthcare through research and technology, and our foundation secures philanthropic resources to support our work. For more information, visit www.centerstone.org.