

MEDICAL NEWS

Lee Mental Health names new director

Dr. Marianne G. Krouk, D.O., has been named Medical Director of Lee Mental Health Center, Inc., the Fort Myers-based non-profit community behavioral health care provider.

Throughout her more than 20 years of experience in the field of psychiatry, Krouk has held various positions. Most recently, Krouk was Chief Medical Officer at The Bradley Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She has also held positions of attending psychiatrist for a regional healthcare system, medical director of a chemical dependency and substance abuse program, director of an adolescent inpatient unit, and chief of child and adolescent services. Krouk has also served as a county psychiatric consultant and managed her own private psychiatry

practice for five years.

She is a member of the American Psychiatric Association, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, the American Society of Addiction Medicine and the American Osteopathic Association. She holds two certifications from the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and licenses in Pennsylvania and Florida.

Krouk is a graduate of Lake Forest College (Ill.), Skidmore College (N.Y.) and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed both her residency in psychiatry and fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry at The Medical College of Pennsylvania - Eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute. ■

Addiction Services earned accreditation

CARF announced that Southwest Florida Addiction Services has been accredited for a period of three years for 15 of its substance abuse programs.

The latest accreditation is the third consecutive Three-Year Accreditation that the international accrediting commission has awarded to SWFAS.

The following programs received accreditation for both children and adults: residential treatment, day treatment, outpatient treatment, and prevention services. The Detoxification Center and Transitional Living Center for adults also were accredited.

In addition, five Drug Court programs operated by SWFAS were accredited, serving Lee, Glades and Hendry counties.

"We are very pleased to receive our third three-year accreditation from CARF. This recognizes the hard work of our staff in providing treatment and prevention programs that meet international standards for excellence," said SWFAS CEO Kevin Lewis.

This represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the standards established by CARF. An organization

receiving a Three-Year Accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable, and accountable.

SWFAS is a non-profit organization with nine locations throughout Lee, Glades and Hendry counties and has been providing substance abuse prevention and treatment services for children and adults in Southwest Florida since 1980. SWFAS is a United Way agency.

CARF is an independent, not-for-profit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services. ■

Local optometrist publishes article

Aaron Judd, a board-certified optometrist in practice with local ophthalmologist Dr. Jonathan M. Frantz of Florida Eye Health, was published in the Winter 2007 Journal of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry.

The article, entitled "Using the Original Judd-Lievens C/D Ratio Grading Card to Improve Interobserver Reliability" discusses the assessment of the optic disc, an essential part of glaucoma screening and management. Judd co-authored the article after completing a research study with one of his colleagues, Christopher Lievens at Southern College of Optometry in Memphis.

ASCO is a non profit education association representing the interests of optometric education. ASCO's membership encompasses the seventeen schools and colleges of optometry in the United States and Puerto Rico. A number of foreign optometry schools are affiliate members. ASCO is committed to achieving excellence in optometric education and to helping its member schools prepare well qualified graduates for entrance into the profession of optometry.

Judd works at the Punta Gorda office of Florida Eye Health and at the main office in Fort Myers. ■

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