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Steve Schedler to lead Samaritan Counseling Center in Lancaster

New executive director expresses hope for the future, growth in community impact

Lancaster, Pennsylvania, September 25, 2020 – Steve Schedler joins the Samaritan Counseling Center as its new executive director during a year of nonstop transition, including the pivot to fully online services during the pandemic.

Schedler brings a wealth of experience to the position. A licensed clinical social worker, Schedler has served in a variety of human service roles for 20 years, including as a clinical supervisor and an executive director.



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Schedler is a Central Pennsylvania native. He received his bachelor's in psychology from Penn State University and his Master of Social Work from Temple University. Schedler holds certifications as an advanced alcohol and drug counselor and clinical supervisor, as well as the Certificate of Competency in Problem Gambling, through the Pennsylvania Certification Board.

Schedler also serves within the community on nonprofit boards such as Elizabethtown Area Communities that Care and GOAL Project. Schedler also helps to train future counselors as an instructor for the master of counseling program at Messiah College.

“Samaritan is all about hope and healing, and now more than ever – as individuals, as families, as communities – that's exactly what we need. And because of that, I couldn't be more thrilled to be coming into Samaritan right now and serving in that mission,” Schedler said in his introductory video.

Samaritan's Board Chair Jodie Reinhart, vice president and chief financial officer of VisionCorps, expressed similar sentiments on behalf of the board.

“I am excited to welcome Steve Schedler to the role of executive director. As we navigate our future through an ever-changing world, Steve brings a wealth of experience in strategic leadership and counseling to guide us toward a successful future,” she said.

Schedler was hired through an executive search conducted by Samaritan Business Consulting, after Gerald Ressler, the prior executive director, announced his retirement after 11 years in the position.

Schedler currently lives in Hershey with his wife and children, and enjoys camping and hiking.

About Samaritan Counseling Center: The Samaritan Counseling Center began in 1987 with the mission to foster hope and healing through professional counseling, consultation and education while respecting and integrating personal and spiritual values. The center and its services are supported by the generous contributions of individuals, businesses, corporations and foundations in and around Lancaster County. These gifts make it possible to subsidize fees for individuals, families and children who have little or no financial resources, as well as provide quality programming on mental health issues to members of our Lancaster community. To learn more, go to scclanc.org.

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