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**Benedum Foundation Announces New Program Staff**

PITTSBURGH (April 6, 2010) – Kimberly Barber Tieman has been named Program Officer of the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation. She will join the Foundation on June 1, 2010, and will oversee the Foundation’s grants programs in health, human services, and early childhood.

Ms. Tieman currently is the Executive Director of The West Virginia Commission for National and Community Service, also known as Volunteer West Virginia. Her prior experience includes serving as: Senior Program Officer of The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation; Program Director of the Community Council of Kanawha Valley, which administered Family Resource Centers in four central West Virginia counties; Executive Director of a regional Family Resource Center; West Virginia Director of Quality Assurance for 19 Intermediate Care Facilities for adults with mental retardation and developmental disabilities; and, Habitation Director for VOCA of North Carolina. She also has worked as a child/adolescent therapist, as the residential supervisor of a group home for adults with disabilities, as a counselor at a women’s health center, and as a social worker providing foster care, adoption services, and child protective services for both the West Virginia Department of Human Services and the Wood County Child Care Center. In addition, for the past 14 years, Ms. Tieman has been an adjunct faculty member in the West Virginia University School of Social Work, teaching courses to candidates for a Masters in Social Work.

Ms. Tieman earned her BSW from Glenville State College and her MSW from West Virginia University. She is a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers and is a West Virginia Certified Social Worker. She and her husband, Greg, who is a Senior Consultant with the Acacia Environmental Group, LLC, live in Charleston.

The Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation was established in 1944 by Michael and Sarah Benedum, natives of West Virginia, as a memorial to their only child, Claude Worthington, who died in 1918 at the age of 20. The Foundation is a regional foundation focusing primarily on West Virginia and Southwestern Pennsylvania. For more information on the Foundation, please see: [www.benedum.org](http://www.benedum.org).

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