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Experienced Clinical Administrator and Mental Health Recovery Advocate to Lead South Hills Based MH/MR Center

*Chartiers Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center
Announces New Chief Executive Officer*

Bridgeville, PA (June 4, 2009) – Dr. Justine Perhosky, Chair of the Chartiers Community Mental Health & Retardation Center, Inc. (Chartiers Center) Search Committee, announced today that following a unanimous vote from the Chartiers Center Board of Directors, the organization has hired **Susan A. Coyle, R.N., MPH** as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Ms. Coyle will officially begin her new role on Monday, July 6, 2009.

Chartiers Center is a private, non-profit agency established in 1969 under the MH/MR Act of Pennsylvania. Chartiers Center has an annual budget of \$8 million, with 130 employees and 7 sites in Allegheny County. The organization's mission is that *each individual, regardless of economic status, has a right to achieve his/her highest potential and become a self-sufficient and full participating member of the community.* Chartiers Center's team of dedicated Board Members, Staff, and volunteers has served the mental health and mental retardation needs of the community for 40 years with community support.

“The Chartiers Center Board is thrilled to have a dynamic, caring and visionary CEO to lead our organization into a new horizon”, stated Dr. Perhosky, Search Committee Chair. “Sue brings the right balance of clinical expertise, concern for consumers, creativity, a collaborative style and the management acumen that we need now and in the future.”

Ms. Coyle will complement the experienced professional team of Chartiers Center with 25 years of clinical and management experience at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic. During her tenure at Western Psychiatric, Ms. Coyle was responsible for the development of new clinical innovations and ambulatory and residential programs serving seriously ill adults through outpatient care, rehabilitation, case management, Long Term Structured Residence and the Mobile Medication Program. Additionally, Ms. Coyle built eight programs within the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing Continuum that led to an increase of 200 beds for homeless and mentally ill individuals and families in Allegheny County.

A professional nurse, Ms Coyle is a graduate of the St. Francis School of Professional Nursing. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Duquesne University and a Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of Pittsburgh.

Ms. Coyle stated, "Chartiers Center has a long and honored track record of providing outstanding services to the citizens of the South Hills communities of Allegheny County. The Staff and Board are excited about taking the agency to the next level by continuing their efforts in incorporating a greater recovery orientation, and in expanding their service offerings. I am privileged to be given the opportunity to work toward the agency's goals with such a fine group of professionals, the consumers and families, and community partners."

Additional information on Chartiers Center can be found at <http://www.chartierscenter.org>.

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