



**Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities**

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**TO:** Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Providers  
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**SUBJECT:** Georgia Collaborative ASO: Change in Leadership

Thank you for your commitment to excellence in care and for your partnership with the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) and the Georgia Collaborative Administrative Services Organization (ASO). We are proud of the accomplishments made since the inception of this partnership and realize that it is truly a product of joint efforts. Built on strong foundational principles, the Georgia Collaborative ASO has resulted in many positive outcomes for providers, but more importantly, it serves to improve the lives for the people we all serve.

As the ASO continues toward full implementation, we continue to navigate the challenges and changes that come with successful growth. To that end, it is with mixed emotions that we announce the departure of Jason Bearden, Georgia Collaborative CEO. This move allows Jason continued professional growth, while maintaining his commitment to positively impacting the health care of Georgians. We congratulate him in this new endeavor.

Along with DBHDD, the team members at the Georgia Collaborative ASO are laser-focused on the work ahead and are committed to the timely identification of a permanent CEO. In the interim, Mary Mastrandrea, Senior Vice President of Beacon Health Options, has been named CEO for the Georgia Collaborative ASO. Mary may be familiar to many as she served in the interim CEO role during the time period from the ASO contract award until Bearden's hiring. We hope you will welcome Mary with open arms as she moves into the role on September 19, 2016.

Thank you for all of your hard work since the inception of the ASO. Much has been accomplished and without a doubt, much success lies ahead. While the ASO implementation has not been without challenge, we have built it together and built it to last. We deeply appreciate your unwavering commitment, deep investment, and tireless efforts in serving Georgians in need. We look forward to the continued partnership that will no doubt result in a healthier Georgia.