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### **MARYVILLE CEO KENDRIA McWILLIAMS ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT AFTER 14 YEARS**

Following 14 highly effective years at Maryville Integrated Care, CEO Kendria McWilliams announced her upcoming retirement, which will occur in September, 2025.

As CEO, Kendria is responsible for the strategic and day-to-day operations of one of New Jersey's largest non-hospital behavioral healthcare systems. With a strong focus on building access to and quality of care, the Maryville organization has become a respected leader in the field.

"It has been my honor to be part of the Maryville family, and to work with such a dedicated and talented team of board members and staff working to improve the health and well being of those we serve. Together, we strengthened the foundation of our organization, ensuring that our mission will endure for another 75 plus years."

Kendria has overseen significant growth during her time at Maryville, expanding to five physical locations serving all New Jersey counties, increasing the annual operating budget by \$20 million, and building a full continuum of care. Under her leadership, the agency has transitioned from Maryville Addiction Treatment Center to Maryville Integrated Care, providing prevention, education, inpatient and outpatient substance use and mental health treatment, Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic integrated care, and recovery support services for over 9,000 people a year. Specialized medical, medication assisted treatment, care management, peer recovery, alumni, and overdose reduction programs and services for underserved populations in facility and in community have been developed in partnership with dozens of medical, social service, and government agencies. Additional programs for special populations including Spanish-speaking individuals, the LGBTQIA+ community, and adolescents have grown significantly. Outcomes for these innovative programs and services are excellent, leading the way for expansion and replication of these highly successful programs.

During her tenure, Kendria has maintained focus on the ever-evolving needs of the community and has worked to meet those needs in real time. Kendria received a Top CEO Award from

New Jersey Biz in 2020, and numerous awards and recognitions from state leadership and advocacy agencies during her tenure. In April, she will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award in Visionary Leadership from the New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies in recognition of her outstanding service to Maryville Integrated Care and New Jersey.

“As Kendria prepares for the next chapter of her life, I wanted to express how fortunate we have been and grateful I am for all she has done as the leader of Maryville over the years. She has built an exceptional team that provides exceptional service for our clients. I am honored to know her, have worked with her and I will miss her along with her guidance and mentorship. We are not saying goodbye, only au revoir,” shared Maryville Board of Trustees President Richard Lockwood.

Maryville’s immediate past Board President Jerry Warner stated, “Over the nearly past ten years, first as a member of the Maryville Board of Directors, then, as its President, I was able to experience, first-hand, the extraordinary dedication and focus of Kendria as the CEO of Maryville. Under her exceptional guidance and leadership, Maryville’s mission to support behavioral healthcare services for individuals and families expanded dramatically. Kendria has been the driving force behind the growth and expansion of the mission of Maryville. The exceptional quality of her leadership, its depth and impact throughout the entire Maryville organization, external partner agencies and community service groups has been repeatedly, and most deservedly, recognized and honored. It has been a privilege to be able to support the selfless efforts of Kendria and her entire team in their vision for Maryville to serve as an integrated health care system servicing adults, families, and communities.”

Upon Kendria’s retirement, Jared Levy, Chief Operating Officer at Maryville, will assume the Chief Executive Officer role. Jared has been with Maryville for nine years and has 18 years’ experience in management and financial positions.

The Maryville Board of Trustees and staff are grateful for Kendria’s many contributions to Maryville and to the residents of New Jersey. We wish her well in her next chapter.