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Mental Health Association of Erie County, Inc. Elects E.J. Butler, Michael Dillon and Jamie Shaner as New Board Members

BUFFALO, N.Y. – The Mental Health Association of Erie County, Inc. has elected three new members to its board of directors.

Edward J. (E.J.) Butler is a co-founder of PAETEC, Inc., a *Fortune* 1,000 publicly traded telecommunications company, where he served in a number of executive roles, most recently as president and chief executive officer of PAETEC Energy. Before that, he was chief operating officer at PAETEC Communications, helping to grow that business from sales of \$300 million and 750 employees in 2003 to \$2.2 billion and more than 4,000 employees in 2010. Mr. Butler currently serves on the board of directors at the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, YMCA Buffalo Niagara and serves on the Advisory Board of Compeer Buffalo, where he is a past chairman. He also serves on the board of trustees for the Hospice Foundation and is the founder and director of the Edward Butler Family Foundation. He is a life-long Western New York resident who lives in Snyder with his wife and two children. Mr. Butler's mother, Googie, was an early and outspoken advocate for mental health, serving as president of the Mental Health Association of Erie County in 1979-1980.

Michael G. Dillon is an investment analyst/project manager at Ellicott Development Company in Buffalo where he works on a variety of real estate development projects, private equity investments and acquisitions. Earlier in his career, he was senior vice president at Empire of America Realty Credit Corporation, where he managed the sale of more than \$25 billion in mortgages and was part of the executive leadership team for the 750-employee company. He graduated from Boston College with a BS in finance and marketing; he also earned an MBA in finance from Canisius College. Mr. Dillon is a past member of the Orchard Park Zoning Commission, Orchard Park School Board, Nativity of Our Lord School Board and the Crag Burn Golf Club board of directors. He lives in Orchard Park with his wife and is the father of four children.

Jamie Shaner is co-owner and founder of Home Solutions of WNY, Inc., a residential organizing, home staging and downsizing company. Mrs. Shaner is a member of the National Organization of Professional Organizers (NAPO). She graduated from the Allstate Minority & Women Emerging Entrepreneurs Program run by the UB School of Management's Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership. Earlier in her career, Mrs. Shaner served as an accountant with a local CPA firm in Snyder and before that in the banking industry. She resides in Williamsville with her husband and they have two grown sons.

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“The addition of E.J., Mike and Jamie to the Mental Health Association Board makes us considerably stronger,” said Kenneth P. Houseknecht, Mental Health Association Executive Director. “Their passion as mental health advocates, business skills and savvy, and respect and contacts in the community will be invaluable resources as the Mental Health Association takes steps to strengthen and expand its current programs, while evaluating how best to address some of the unmet or under-met mental health needs of the Western New York community.”

For nearly 50 years, the Mental Health Association of Erie County has promoted the mental health and well-being of the community through education, public information, prevention programs and training while supporting individuals and families living with mental illness through advocacy, treatment linkage and outreach services.

The Mental Health Association of Erie County, Inc. provides numerous programs and services for children, adults and families throughout Erie County. Please call the Mental Health Association at (716) 886 – 1242 for more information or visit www.eriamha.org.

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