



Saint Vincent's SERVICES

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**Saint Vincent's Services announces the appointment of
Kristen Dutra, LMHC as Chief Executive Officer**



Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fall River, is pleased to announce the appointment of Kristen Dutra, MA, LMHC to the position of Chief Executive Officer for Saint Vincent's Services, Inc. Mrs. Dutra has been an employee of Saint Vincent's since February 2000 (twenty-two years) and has held several senior management positions during her tenure, including Clinical Coordinator and Clinical Program Director for the Community-Based Group Home Program and, since 2017, Chief Operating Officer (COO).

In her role as COO, Kristen maintained responsibility for overall clinical and administrative management of agency programs and services and has provided supervision for the members of the Program and Services Leadership Team. She assumed primary responsibility as Saint Vincent's liaison with state agencies and has overseen contract implementation and management functions. Kristen developed the outpatient behavioral health clinic and has worked with community partners to expand clinic service delivery to include in-home, community-based, and school-based services. Kristen has also overseen Saint Vincent's Quality Management program and functions and has led the agency's re-accreditation process to ensure that SVS maintains accreditation status with the Council on Accreditation (COA).

Bishop da Cunha appointed a Search Committee consisting of Saint Vincent's Board

Members and Leadership Staff to recruit and identify Saint Vincent's next Chief Executive Officer. More than 60 resumes were submitted and, after careful review, Kristen's application was presented to the Search Committee for consideration as the lead candidate. The Search Committee interviewed Kristen and, upon diligent consideration, recommended Kristen to Bishop da Cunha for the position. "I was pleased to accept the Search Committee's recommendation of Kristen Dutra to succeed Jack Weldon as the Chief Executive Officer of Saint Vincent's Services. She brings to the position extensive knowledge of the varied programs and services provided by Saint Vincent's from her over 20 years of employment there across clinical and administrative management areas. She is ready to lead Saint Vincent's forward to continue the agency's long-time commitment to serving young people and families in this region. I offer Kristen my prayers and best wishes as she begins her new responsibilities." Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.

Upon learning of Mrs. Dutra's appointment, outgoing CEO, Jack Weldon, said: "As I wind down my fifty-year career and prepare to leave Saint Vincent's after twenty-five years as Chief Executive Officer, I am confident that Saint Vincent's will be in capable hands with Kristen in the CEO position. She has prepared well for this position, brings solid leadership experience, and enjoys the respect of our community partners, contracting agencies, insurers and managed care entities, licensing and credentialing bodies". Mr. Weldon added, "I wish Kristen well in her new position of leadership and know that she will continue to achieve the Mission of Saint Vincent's, going forward."

Kristen received her undergraduate degree from Stonehill College, her Master's Degree in 1997 from Lesley University, and is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor. Mrs. Dutra assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer on April 1, 2022.



Saint Vincent's will open the doors to the Young Parent Living Program, a brand new program at Saint Vincent's, in May 2022.

The Young Parent Living Program, or YPLP, is a safe, residential living opportunity for pregnant and parenting youth. The program serves single young mothers ages 13-21 years.

The program supports and educates young moms in basic parenting skills and life skills while providing stability to the young mother and her child/children.

Through a supportive family approach, these young moms can continue to enhance their education and skills to build a solid foundation for their young families.

We are in need of items that can help maintain safety and provide basic care for the babies. Please consider supporting these young mothers and their babies by donating the following items:

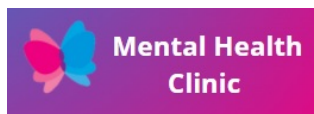
- Diapers (all stages)

- Wipes
- Baby Monitors
- Hygiene / Bathing items
- Car Seats
- Strollers

****All Items MUST be NEW****

If you are interested in helping please consider using this [YPLP Amazon Wishlist](#) to purchase these items.

For more information please contact Missy Reis at (508) 679-8511.



Meet Sarah Blanchard



Sarah Blanchard began working at Saint Vincent's Services in February, 2022. Sarah has a Master's Degree in Psychology from Rhode Island College. Sarah has extensive knowledge of Wrap-around Principles/Services having worked as a Therapeutic Mentor, Intensive Care Coordinator and In-home Therapist during the last 10 years. Most recently Sarah provided therapy to support individuals and families with addressing behavioral health concerns in an out-patient setting. Sarah was well-known to Saint Vincent's staff having shared cases with several clinicians through the years.



Meet Jeffrey Taylor



Jeffrey Taylor received his Master's Degree in Social Work from Boston University in 2021. Through his clinical internships, Jeffrey has benefited from a broad range of experiences working with youth of all ages. His clinical internships included working as a Case Manager running psychoeducational groups (for individuals aged 13-21 years of age), as well as participating in Foster Care Meetings, IEP Meetings and Court Proceedings for youth assigned to his caseload. Jeffrey also had the opportunity to work as a School Adjustment Counselor at one of the local Middle Schools where he attended IEP meetings, provided crisis support and mediation to student in crisis or conflict and facilitated groups with children to enhance social skills and coping strategies. During his last year in school Jeffrey



2021 Recipients



Each year Saint Vincent's Services acknowledges staff members who have made significant contributions to the children and families we serve. These individuals demonstrate their commitment to the mission of Saint Vincent's through their support of the well-being of the children, adolescents, and families both within the community and on our campus

[Read more about our 2021 Mission Award Recipients.](#)

worked at a local Mental Health Clinic, providing Individual Therapy for youth of all ages.

Who to Know on WPRI:

Saint Vincent's Services Mental Health Clinic was recently highlighted on WPRI's special series "Who To Know".

The Who to Know series spotlights local business leaders who are making a difference in the community.



Celebrating 20+ years in 2022:

- Thomas Michael – January - 30 years
- Kevin DeMello – June - 20 years
- Edward Medeiros – July - 15 years
- Jean Constantino – August - 30 years
- Nancy Eastwood - Sept. - 45 years
- Melissa Reis - September - 30 years
- Paul Michael - October - 30 years
- Maria Couto - November - 20 years
- Jason Douglass - Dec. - 25 years
- Dave Alves - December - 25 years

Saint Vincent's Staff Anniversaries

In 2022, several Saint Vincent's team members celebrate significant anniversary milestones.

While rare in any vocation to see staff devote 20, 25, or more years, it is even more remarkable in the direct service and child welfare fields.

We are fortunate and blessed to have such a solid team of professionals who have chosen to dedicate their time to our youth and staff.



Bada Bingo is back by popular demand!

Join us on April 29th at White's of Westport for a night filled with fun and CASH



12th Annual Kick Off to Summer Celebration

After two years of cancellations due to the

PRIZES!

This event always sells out!

Visit our [Bada Bingo page](#) for more information and to purchase your tickets!!

[Purchase Tickets](#)

pandemic we are excited to announce the return of our **12th Annual Kick Off to Summer Celebration!** Join us for cocktails, dinner and our Live and Silent auctions.

Save the Date
Friday, June 24, 2022
Kilburn Mill, New Bedford
Cocktail 5pm
Dinner 7pm

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