

SamaraCare merges with Wellspring Clinical Associates to add psychiatric care services

Naperville, IL, August 11, 2021 – SamaraCare, a non-profit mental health counseling and consulting group based in Naperville, announces its merger with Wellspring Clinical Associates ("Wellspring") based in Lisle, IL, effective July 1, 2021. Wellspring, previously owned and managed by Dr. Thomas L. DiMatteo, MD, provides both psychotherapy and psychiatric care throughout west suburban Chicago. The two organizations are long-time collaborative partners.

This merger will expand SamaraCare's psychotherapy services as well as add psychiatric services for youth, adolescents, emerging adults and adults. The name "Wellspring" will be retained, identifying SamaraCare's psychiatric outreach. Wellspring will operate as a subsidiary of SamaraCare and Dr. DiMatteo will serve as Medical Director. Current Wellspring clients will continue to receive the highest-quality care. Wellspring staff will operate out of the Lisle location as well as at SamaraCare's Naperville and Downers Grove office locations.

This strategic expansion is part of an initiative designed to create a greater presence in the community with messaging that will reach a larger audience and make it easier for people to get the care they need, as well as renew SamaraCare's dedication to challenging the stigma surrounding mental illness.

"It has been a long-term vision of SamaraCare to add quality psychiatric services to the quality psychotherapy services we already provide" said Dr. Scott Mitchell, SamaraCare President & CEO. He added, "As we mark the 50th anniversary of our founding, this merger accomplishes that goal and allows SamaraCare to provide complete comprehensive and integrated mental health services through one organization."

"The time is right to formalize and solidify our connections to improve the provision of comprehensive mental health services" stated Tom DiMatteo, President & CEO of Wellspring. "I am excited for our work together. Now more than ever, integrated psychiatric and psychotherapy services are critical for the mental health needs of our communities and this merger allows us to better meet those needs."

About SamaraCare:

SamaraCare provides high quality, professional mental health counseling and psychological testing/assessment for individuals, couples and families of all ages from diverse backgrounds and varied financial means. It offers a wide variety of client-focused and goal-oriented counseling services in a broad range of specialty areas, so clients can obtain the emotional, behavioral and spiritual balance that's right for them. SamaraCare also offers customized mental health educational/wellness presentations to schools, service clubs, and faith/community groups. The presentations are interactive, preventative in nature, share practical applications and disseminate information about available resources.

About Wellspring Clinical Associates:

Wellspring is an outpatient behavioral health practice that offers both psychotherapy and psychiatric care services to individuals and families in Chicago's western suburbs. The practice addresses both therapeutic and psychopharmacological issues and provides appropriate medical interventions in a coordinated setting.