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New Broome County Opioid Overdose Prevention Coordinator

(BINGHAMTON, NY) Today, Broome County Executive Jason Garnar and Rebecca Kaufman, Director of Public Health, announced Broome County's new Opioid Overdose Prevention Coordinator, Marissa Lamphere.

Lamphere is a Public Health Educator at the Broome County Health Department who will now be overseeing Broome County's efforts to fight the opioid epidemic.

"It's an all hands-on deck approach in combatting the heroin epidemic in Broome County and that's why I wanted a Health Department employee dedicated to overseeing the county's efforts in addressing public health crisis," said Jason Garnar, Broome County Executive.

Lamphere will be critical in planning, coordinating, implementing and evaluating the complex public health subject area of opioid use in Broome County.

She will work closely with the Director of Public Health and other county departments to reduce the incidence and prevalence of substance use.

"Lamphere's specific duties will include monitoring overdose data, partnering with all sectors of the community to spearhead drug prevention education, treatment, recovery and comprehensive substance use disorder support interventions, assisting law enforcement and first responders with linkages to services and increasing access to medication assisted treatment opportunities" said Rebecca Kaufman, Director of Public Health.

Lamphere holds a Master's degree in Education and has done significant work convening community partners to create policy, systems and environmental changes that promote healthy lifestyles. She has a strong history of working with youth and their families on personal adjustment counseling including crisis intervention. She understands how to identify needs of those suffering from substance use disorders and knows how to ensure coordination of services and referrals at every level of intervention.

"This is the most significant public health crisis of our time and I am dedicated to working with all of our community partners to save lives and eliminate the stigma associated with substance use disorders," said Lamphere. "With my education, experience and passion for the health of our community, I am prepared and committed to making a difference."

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