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**Aiken Barnwell Mental Health Center names Lacinda McCormack Program Director
of Polly Best Center/Barnwell Clinic**

Aiken Barnwell Mental Health Center is pleased to announce that Lacinda McCormack has been named Program Director of the Polly Best Center effective September 17, 2014. Within this role Lacinda will oversee daily operations at the Polly Best Center to ensure the provision of safe, effective and evidenced based mental health care and to support the recovery of persons served in Barnwell County.

Lacinda moved to Barnwell County in 1992 with her husband, Steve, who is a native of Barnwell County. One of the things that she appreciates most about this area is the determination of the people in Barnwell County. Over the past few years, she has worked with numerous agencies building alliances and partnerships to enhance the quality of life for the residents of Barnwell County.

Lacinda received her Master's Degree in Counseling from South University in 2008. Past counseling experience includes working at Axis I and Ashleigh Place Girls Home. Lacinda is excited about the future of the Polly Best Center. She said, "I am honored to assume this position at the Polly Best Center. The Polly Best staff is dedicated to serving the citizens of Barnwell County. They are trained in evidenced-based practices which research shows improves an individual's ability to lead a healthier lifestyle. In addition, for the first time in our agency's history, we have school-based counselors in all three of Barnwell County's school districts."

Aiken Barnwell Mental Health Center (ABMHC) is a Community Mental Health Center operating under the South Carolina Department of Mental Health. The Center aspires to be the premier provider of behavioral health services supporting the recovery of families, adults and children living in Aiken and Barnwell counties. For additional information about Aiken Barnwell Mental Health Center visit www.aikenbarnwellmhc.com.

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