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## **Lenya Robinson, New COO at Jefferson Center**

*Distinguished Colorado Behavioral Health Care Professional to join nonprofit Community Mental Health Center*

**January 9, 2019, Wheat Ridge, CO**— The Board of Directors of Jefferson Center is pleased to announce the hiring of Lenya Robinson, seasoned Colorado behavioral health care professional, as its new Chief Operating Officer (COO).

Robinson joins Jefferson Center with over 25 years of experience in the behavioral health world shaped largely by her efforts at Mental Health Center of Denver, Colorado Department of Human Services and most recently, Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing. She joins Jefferson Center with a wide breadth of tactical experience ranging from clinical supervisor to policy director, fueling her efforts with a passion for quality clinical care and community behavioral health.

“I am excited and honored to join Jefferson Center’s passionate, innovative team to advance the mission to provide quality behavioral health services. As the health care landscape continues to grow and transform, we are prepared to work through changes that come our way with those that we serve, our staff and community at the forefront of our decisions,” said Robinson, who will assume the role from now CEO, Dr. Kiara Kuenzler, “The health of our community is vital, and we are dedicated to providing health care solutions that meet the needs of those we serve where they are.”

Robinson is a Licensed Professional Counselor earning her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at Oklahoma Baptist University followed by a Master of Arts in Human Relations & Mental Health Counseling at University of Oklahoma. In addition to her academic pursuits, Robinson has extensive experience working to develop and implement trauma informed and integrated care programs. Robinson has developed strong community partnerships in her dedication to improving the state of mental health and substance use disorder services across Colorado.

“Lenya is well versed in the challenges and opportunities that community mental health is facing, and brings a positive and collaborative spirit to team work and initiatives that support the critical work that we do for our clients and community,” said CEO, Dr. Kiara Kuenzler.

### **About Jefferson Center**

Jefferson Center is a nonprofit, community-focused mental health care and substance use services provider. We offer hope and support to individuals and families who are struggling with mental health and substance use issues. Serving our community is at the core of everything we do. Jefferson Center is an integral part of the communities it serves, understands the needs of communities and has an extensive network of community partnerships and collaborations. Jefferson Center has a variety of programs for people of all ages, from all walks of life. For more information about Jefferson Center, visit [www.jcmh.org](http://www.jcmh.org).

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