



AFFILIATION BETWEEN ALLIED HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND BURNLEY EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

Clarks Summit, PA – September 17, 2008 - Allied Services president James Brady and Burnley Workshop of the Poconos chairman of the board William McCabe announced an affiliation between the two not-for-profit organizations. This affiliation, ratified by both Boards of Directors, is effective September 17, 2008.

Burnley Workshop of the Poconos was established in 1964 to provide individuals who had mental, physical or emotional disabilities with stimulating work, steady pay and the chance to be taxpaying, involved community members. It is located in Snydersville and serves all of Monroe County. Burnley sought an affiliation with a larger system to gain economies of scale and stability in a changing reimbursement market.

At the manufacturing operation in Snydersville, individuals with barriers to employment perform work for area businesses in a nurturing, closely supervised workshop environment. Established companies such as Weiler Corporation, Sanofi-Pasteur, and Patterson-Kelley provide long-term contracts as partners with Burnley.

Burnley provides employment for individuals with disabilities through the food services for Monroe County Meals on Wheels and the Monroe County Area Agency on Aging. They provide E-Cycling/recycling services for several townships and currently have commercial cleaning and floor maintenance contracts throughout Monroe County.

Burnley also offers a community employment program, in which job coaches assist consumers with resume building, interview preparation, time management skills and transportation if needed. Most importantly, Burnley staff contact hiring managers in the community on the job seeker's behalf. During this time, consumers learn and practice communication and other appropriate work-related social skills.

Once consumers obtain employment, they receive job coaching during the first 90 days on the job. After this, they may be eligible for follow-on services. This service entails periodic visits from employment department staff to assure future success.

Allied Services was founded in 1958 to provide services to people with disabilities. Allied's first initiative was a vocational center in the early 60s. Today, the not-for-profit Allied system provides services to the disabled and the elderly at some 60 northeastern and central Pennsylvania locations and its employee workforce numbers more than 2,600. The Allied



healthcare system is now one of the country's most diverse not-for-profit providers of medical, rehabilitative, vocational, home care, and residential services.

"This affiliation maintains Burnley's independent and specialized vocational services to individuals with disabilities, and we will now have the support of Allied's administrative service team. Together we will ensure these critically important services continue to be provided to people with disabilities in our community," commented Bill McCabe.

Allied Senior Vice President Tom Pugh added, "We are very pleased with the decision to affiliate. We believe with the support of Allied, Burnley will be able to grow vocational services in Monroe County."

Through the affiliation, Burnley will remain a corporation with its present Board and will become a "Division of Allied Services." Officially, it will be part of Allied Health Care Services, and Burnley will elect one person to sit on that board. Tom Pugh will serve on Burnley's board. Richard Peterson, CEO of Burnley, will work directly with Bob Ames, AVP, Vocational Services, Allied Services to strengthen services provided to consumers.

James Brady states, "We look forward to this mutually beneficial affiliation between our two organizations. Services will be enhanced for the individuals and families we serve."

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