



**The Moore Center**  
*Creating opportunities for a good life.™*

## **Meet Janet Bamberg, Our New CEO**

On March 1, 2021, Janet Bamberg took the helm as our new President and CEO. We caught up with Janet and asked her some questions about herself and the agency.

### **How long have you been at the agency and in what capacity?**

In 2002 I started to work with The Moore Center as a consultant helping out with special projects and assisting with planning. I became the CFO in 2005 and later became the Executive VP and CFO.



### **You transitioned to your new role in the midst of the pandemic. What did you learn from it?**

I have learned that The Moore Center community is stronger and more resilient than I could have imagined. Our team of providers, vendors, and staff is incredible and mission-driven.

## **What do you see as the biggest challenge facing the agency?**

Our biggest challenge is recruiting and retaining a qualified workforce. Although our greatest need is in the direct care professional area, we also are challenged with other positions as some folks are transitioning into other roles post-pandemic.

## **What opportunities are you most excited about as you look to the future for the agency?**

I see opportunities for The Moore Center to connect with other organizations in the Manchester area to better serve the community. I am also optimistic about our work with CSNI and the area agency system to collaborate and advocate on behalf of the individuals and families we serve. I also believe that TMC is well positioned to expand services to even more people in both Manchester and the state of NH.

## **Any parting words?**

One of the things I am most looking forward to is getting to know our families better. I want to understand the challenges they face and the services that work best for them. Families can reach me directly at [CEO@moorecenter.org](mailto:CEO@moorecenter.org), and please stay tuned for opportunities for us to connect.

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## **Learn About Charting the LifeCourse**



Over the past several months, families and case managers have been learning about and practicing using the **Charting the LifeCourse** framework for person-centered planning and decision-making.

You can use **LifeCourse** with your family or for yourself to:

- Learn more about yourself or your family
- Organize your thoughts and speak out for what you or your family wants and needs
- Problem-solve and plan for taking action in your life or on behalf of a family member
- Direct services and supports
- Advocate for change

The website <https://www.lifecoursetools.com> is full of great resources and you can also reach out to Barbara Didona [barbara.didona@moorecenter.org](mailto:barbara.didona@moorecenter.org) or Michelle Lawrence [michelle.lawrence@moorecenter.org](mailto:michelle.lawrence@moorecenter.org) for more information. Or check in with your case manager and tell them you'd like to explore using **LifeCourse** tools for your family member.

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## Supported Decision Making in Health Care and Life Planning



PARENT<sub>TO</sub>PARENT  
USA

Parent to Parent USA invites you to join us along with our partners at the Burton Blatt Institute on Thursday, August 5th at 4:00 p.m. for this month's free webinar on **Supported Decision-Making in Health Care and Life**

**Planning**, presented by guardianship guru Jonathan Martinis.

Supported Decision-Making is a way for people with disabilities to make their own decisions, with support from people they trust, and be more in control of their lives and rights. In this session, we'll discuss ways for people to use Supported Decision-Making to play a lead role in their health care, money management, and other important life areas.

## **SUPPORTED DECISION MAKING - Health Care and Life Planning**

**WHEN:** Thursday, August 5th at 4:00 p.m.

Registration is required: <https://bit.ly/sdm-webinar-080521>

This free webinar is open to staff, families, and Parent to Parent supporters Nationwide

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# **Greater Manchester Family Support Council News**



The Council didn't let the pandemic slow it down! We continued to meet monthly via Zoom meetings to provide updates on the agency's response to the pandemic, financial assistance to families, and present topics of interest to our members.

This year, Chris Marchand is stepping down as Co-Chair and Maria Sieper will continue to serve as Co-Chair.

The council plans to tackle topics of alternative residential housing, life

planning, and support groups in the coming year. Our meeting on August 10th will be at 6:00 PM in person! Please RSVP for details.

The past year has been challenging for many of us. But, now that vaccines are available to people over 12 years old, our lives are slowly getting back to “normal.” This is an excellent opportunity for us to meet in person and reconnect. If you would like to join the council or join us for a meeting to learn more about what we do, please RSVP to [themoorecenter@nhfamilysupport.org](mailto:themoorecenter@nhfamilysupport.org)

The Council would like to offer our sincere gratitude to Chris Marchand for her leadership over the past years, and we look forward to her continuing participation in Council meetings and activities!

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