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DR. MARY CLARE SMITH NAMED AS WESTERN STATE HOSPITAL DIRECTOR

RICHMOND, VA – Today, DBHDS announced that Dr. Mary Clare Smith has been named as the new Director at Western State Hospital. She will start this new position on July 25, 2015. Since August 2014, she has been serving as the Acting Facility Director at Western State Hospital.

Dr. Smith has worked in Virginia's behavioral health system for over 20 years, and most of her career was built on her psychiatric experience at Western State Hospital. Throughout her time there, she served as Acting Facility Director, Chief of Staff, Medical Director, Co-Medical Director, Assistant Chief of Staff, and Attending Psychiatrist. Dr. Smith's extensive experience includes: program development, implementation, and evaluation; supervising department heads; diagnosing and administering effective treatment to patients; recruiting and retaining staff; and financial management. She also serves as an Assistant Professor at the University of Virginia's Department of Psychiatry and Neurobehavioral Sciences.

In addition to her professional experience, Dr. Smith has a B.A. from Stonehill College and a medical degree from the University of Mississippi.

DBHDS looks forward to Dr. Smith's leadership at Western State Hospital.

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