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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to inform you of a change in our pediatric providers. Beginning in September, we will be replacing the outside pediatric consultants with an in-house practitioner who knows our residents, families and staff. Tara McCarthy is a Nurse Practitioner who is dual certified in medicine and psychiatry. Tara has 14 yrs. of experience in medicine and has served as the pediatric provider in residential settings, outpatient settings and emergency rooms. Tara will also continue to serve as one of the Health Center's psychiatric staff.

We feel the flexibility and efficiency of having an in-house practitioner will benefit our residents and families. We will be able to have better follow-up when sending children to for outside consultations. In addition, Tara's daily presence in our Health Center will allow us to handle any pediatric emergencies in a timelier manner. While Tara will assume the day-to-day pediatric responsibilities, we continue to maintain a close working relationship with Westchester Medical Center in the event that their services are needed.

Tara's overall goal to establish wellness includes reduction of medication where possible, treatment of the individual not the symptom, working with diet when treating ailments such as asthma, allergies, or GI issues, and introducing integrative treatments where appropriate. As healthcare is ever evolving, Green Chimney's Health Center remains up to date with conventional medicine as well as welcoming advances in integrative medicine.

We hope you will join us in welcoming Tara to her new role at Green Chimneys. If you have any questions or concerns about this change please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Steven Klee, Ph.D

Associate Executive Director of Clinical & Medical Services

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