

## **Stephan Tomlinson to lead PBH Provider Network Department**



PBH is pleased to announce that Stephan Tomlinson has been appointed to the position of Director of PBH Provider Network Operations. He will assume these responsibilities on May 1, 2009. Steve will continue to direct the Department of Community Relations in addition to his role as Director of Network Operations.

Steve has been the Director of PBH's Community Relations Department for the past 5 years. His primary responsibilities have included: developing community prevention, education and outreach programs; establishing collaborative relationships with community service agencies, network providers and disability advocacy organizations; and working closely with PBH's Consumer Family Advisory Committee. He has also directed a host of special programs including cultural competence, affordable housing development, system of care for children, crisis intervention for law enforcement, and geriatric adult specialty services for nursing homes. In addition, Steve has represented PBH on numerous community boards and advisory councils. He has had extensive clinical experience in mental health, substance abuse and crisis services. For the past 2 years Steve has been the chairman of the North Carolina Council of Community Mental Health Program's Clinical Services and Supports Workgroup.

Prior to becoming the director of Community Relations Steve was the Cabarrus County Emergency Mental Health Services Coordinator for 7 years. Before joining PBH Steve was a law enforcement officer in New York City and served as commanding officer of a specialized unit that offered counseling to police officers with mental health needs and those involved in critical incidents. During his tenure with the police department he was the chairman of New York City's Municipal Employees Assistance Consortium and was a member of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on managed care. Steve received a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from John Jay College, a master's degree in Special Education and Rehabilitation from Hofstra University, and a master's degree in Social Work from Hunter College in New York. Steve is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist.