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**Luanne Convery and Laura S. Basili**  
**Join Putnam Family & Community Services Board of Directors**

**Carmel, NY** – Putnam Family and Community Services, Inc. (PFCS) has added two new members – one from each side of Putnam County - to its Board of Directors. Luanne Convery of Carmel, NY and Laura S. Basili of Cold Spring, NY are welcome additions to the governing body of the Carmel-based non-profit which provides mental, emotional and social health counseling services as well as substance use prevention and treatment services to 1 in 13 area residents.

“We are thrilled to welcome these individuals to our Board of Directors,” said PFCS Chief Executive Officer, Diane E. Russo. “Each brings unique skills, knowledge, and a passion for recovery that will help guide our organization and ensure that we continue providing quality services to the people in our communities across Putnam County and beyond.”

Luanne Convery, a 35 year resident of Carmel, NY, is the Vice President of Patient Care Services at the Putnam Hospital Center as well as their Director of Mental Health Services. Holding RN, BSN and MSN degrees, Ms. Convery brings 39 years of clinical experience and leadership in the health care field. “I believe that I will be able to leverage my many years of experience and education to assist PFCS in its mission to provide mental health services to the Putnam community and surrounding areas,” states Ms. Convery.

Laura S. Basili, a Reading Specialist with the Yorktown Central School District, brings a strong background in literacy, child development and technology to the PFCS Board. A 7 year resident of Cold Spring, NY, Ms. Basili is an Academic Advisor to the American Youth Literacy Foundation as well as a guest lecturer at New York Medical College. Ms. Basili states, “I have worked with many students who have faced emotional and family crisis issues, and seen first-hand how this impacts their readiness for learning. As a Board member, I am committed and passionate about carrying out the PFCS mission to foster hope, wellness and recovery.”

“The PFCS Board of Directors is a remarkable group of individuals who generously give their time and talent in support of PFCS and the clients we support. We are very glad to have Luanne and Laura join us in our on-going efforts to deliver affordable and accessible mental health and substance use treatment in the Lower Hudson Valley area,” said Chris Dillon, Board Chairperson, PFCS Board of Directors.

**About Putnam Family and Community Services, Inc.**

Putnam Family and Community Services, Inc. (PFCS) is the only private non-profit agency providing recovery-based mental health, chemical dependency treatment and prevention services in Putnam County, NY. PFCS offers hope and healing to people of all ages through a comprehensive range of services including individual and group counseling, care coordination, family advocacy, parenting education, community outreach, psychiatric rehabilitation, and medication management. For more information, visit [www.PFCSinc.org](http://www.PFCSinc.org) or [www.facebook.com/PFCSinc](https://www.facebook.com/PFCSinc).