

Joseph Harding/bio – January 2009

Mr. Harding serves as Director of the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services (BDAS) at the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). In this capacity he also serves as the Executive Director of the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment. He currently serves on a number of Boards including for the Addiction Technology Center of New England, based out of Brown University, the New England Institute of Addiction Studies and the NH Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Professionals. Mr. Harding has been directly involved in a number alcohol and drug related policy initiatives over the past decade within the State of New Hampshire, the New England region and nationally.

Prior to coming to DHHS, Mr. Harding had served as the Executive Director of Friends of Recovery, New Hampshire (FOR NH). FOR NH is a consumer advocacy organization that also provides peer recovery support services to individuals with alcohol and other drug problems and their families. Prior joining FOR NH, Mr. Harding had been employed for several years as the program director of an acute care residential treatment program for adolescents. He is a Licensed Master Alcohol and Drug Counselor and a Licensed Clinical Supervisor in the area of addiction counseling. He holds a Masters degree in Social Work from the University of New Hampshire, with a "macro" concentration in administration and community organization.

Mr. Harding resides in New Hampshire with his wife and two children.