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NAVAC Welcomes New Executive Director

The North Area Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc. (NAVAC) is proud to announce that Ms. Debra Gallagher has been hired as Executive Director.

Debra comes to NAVAC with a diverse background in the healthcare industry and non-profit sector. A native of Buffalo, NY she is a graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology and holds a Masters degree in Social Work/Administration from Syracuse University. She has held high-level management positions with agencies in both Onondaga and Oswego counties including SBH, Arc of Onondaga, and Oswego Industries.

Outside of work Debra has served on the Boards of Syracuse Behavioral Healthcare and Connections, participates as a panel member for the Surrogate Decision Making Committee, and volunteers at Syracuse Stage.

President Bill Cifaratta said "we are pleased to welcome Debra to NAVAC. We are excited about the experience that she brings and believe that it will be valuable as we, and the entire EMS delivery system, continue to evolve and improve the services that we provide."

Debra began work with NAVAC on October 3, 2011, taking over the position from Mari Piagentini who was interim Executive Director after the departure of Chris Bitner.

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