The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) is strengthening its consumer advocacy outreach with the appointment of Tony Stelter as director of recovery supports.

Stelter was recently named to the position after serving as assistant director of the Oklahoma County Crisis Intervention Center (OCCIC). Before that, he was director of operations at the crisis center and has been with ODMHSAS since 2011, holding a variety of direct care and administrative roles.

In his new role, Stelter will lead the planning, development and administrative aspects of consumer advocacy and recovery support services. The goal is to expand the agency’s efforts toward providing Oklahomans with a recovery oriented, holistic, consumer-driven behavioral health system.

Stelter holds a master’s degree in human relations from the University of Oklahoma and a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Central Oklahoma. He is a licensed professional counselor who also identifies as a person in recovery.

As director of recovery supports, he also will work with both state-operated and contracted mental health and substance abuse treatment agencies to advance consumer recovery support programs, with an emphasis on providing housing and supported employment programming.

Additionally, he will help state employees and their families connect with evidenced-based treatment options, community services and recovery supports through the Office of the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Stelter also will assist with the integration of proactive EAP services across all state agencies.

He and his 11-year-old son live in Moore.

For more information about ODMHSAS, visit the agency’s website at www.odmhsas.org.

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