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University mental health program adds clinician

AMHERST, Mass. – Christopher Shanky, L.I.C.S.W., has joined the mental health staff of University Health Services (UHS), the campus health center at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

A psychiatric social worker with more than 25 years' experience, Shanky's background includes individual and group therapy, crisis intervention, substance abuse services and student outreach. He most recently served as clinic director for an outpatient mental health clinic in western Massachusetts and coordinated field work for Smith College's Graduate School for Social Work. Previously, his work included university and adolescent mental health programs; corporate training and consultation; and private practice.

Shanky received his master's degree from the Wurzweiler School of Social Work at Yeshiva University, New York, NY; completed psychology studies at Long Island University and Hunter College, NY; and earned a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

UHS' Mental Health Services department serves the UMass Amherst community with confidential counseling for individuals, couples and families; crisis intervention; support and therapy groups; behavioral medicine; an eating disorders clinic; and more. For more information on Mental Health Services or UHS, visit www.umass.edu/uhs.