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**Mulberry Center, Inc. Names Timothy B. Tharp as Executive Director**

(Evansville, IN – June 28, 2011) Mulberry Center, Inc. (Mulberry), a local mental health and addiction treatment provider, has named Timothy B. Tharp, MS, NCC, LCPC as the new Executive Director of the organization. Mr. Tharp will begin working at Mulberry on June 30, 2011.

Mr. Tharp most recently was employed as the Executive Director of Youth Service Bureau and has also worked as a Director of a Methamphetamine Treatment Facility in Benton, IL and Director of a Baptist Children’s Home and Family Service in Carmi, IL.

Mr. Tharp has a bachelors degree in Psychology and a masters degree in Educational Psychology from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL. He is licensed in Illinois as a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and is a Nationally Certified Counselor.

Mulberry Center, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation providing individual, marital, family, and addictions counseling to our communities. As an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provider to over 40 area companies, Mulberry extends these counseling services to thousands through their employment benefits.

Mulberry has a long history of service in our community. In 1985, Mulberry was first established as a psychiatric facility that was operated by Welborn Hospital. Eventually, Welborn Hospital sold parts of their downtown campus facility, which included Mulberry to St. Mary's Medical Center. In 2003, Southwestern Healthcare purchased property from St. Mary's, which included the Mulberry Center, and continued operating the quality services that had been provided by Mulberry through the years.

Today, with a veteran team of clinicians that serve over 2,400 patients annually, Mulberry is committed to its mission of providing *Solutions For Life* for its patients. Mulberry has a strong commitment to upholding a standard of excellence that has always been associated with the name, Mulberry Center.

“We are very pleased to welcome Mr. Tharp and look forward to the continued progress of Mulberry Center under his leadership. Timothy comes to us with excellent qualifications and a strong record of accomplishments. Just as importantly, he has established great relationships with the local courts and the social services community and he will be a great fit in representing Mulberry Center in our community,” said Mark R. Owen, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Mulberry Center, Inc.

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