



## Washington Psychiatric Society

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Joanne E. Dunne, CAE Appointed Executive Director of Washington Psychiatric Society

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Washington, DC, January 18, 2017 – The Washington Psychiatric Society has announced the appointment of Joanne E. Dunne, CAE as their new Executive Director. Ms. Dunne assumed her responsibilities on November 1, 2016.

“The WPS Board of Directors met recently to develop an updated Strategic Plan. A priority goal was to engage a full-time, dedicated executive director to help lead WPS to become a stronger, more vibrant organization in the years ahead,” said WPS President, Dr. Joseph Collins, DO, FAPA. Collins noted, “We are very excited to have Joanne join us and we are confident she will help us achieve our strategic initiatives. She has the background and experience to help raise the profile of WPS in the metropolitan Washington, DC mental health community.”

Joanne Dunne is President of her own firm, The Lyons Consulting Group, LLC, which she formed in 2005. She recently served a 16-month assignment as interim executive director for the National PTA in Alexandria, VA and previously was interim executive director of the National Council of Catholic Women in Arlington, VA for several years where she led a successful turnaround. Before founding her own firm, she served as executive director of the Private Practice Section of the American Physical Therapy Association and the Institute of Management Consultants. Ms. Dunne is a member of the American Society of Association Executives and a Certified Association Executive. She is a founding member of the Washington CEO Group, an exclusive, invitation-only group for association CEOs in the Washington, DC area. She is a member of the University Club of Washington, DC and currently serves on the Board of Admissions. Joanne attended Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY and has a BA in English literature.

The Washington Psychiatric Society (WPS) is a medical specialty organization composed of approximately 1,000 physicians who specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of mental illnesses, including substance abuse disorders. WPS covers the National Capital Area with regional chapters representing the District of Columbia, Suburban Maryland (Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties) and Northern Virginia (Alexandria City, Arlington, Fairfax, Fairfax City and Falls Church Counties), and is affiliated with the internationally recognized American Psychiatric Association (APA).

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