



**William A. "Bill" Nelson**  
**appointed Chief Executive Officer**  
**effective July 1, 2015**

Nelson began his career with Spoon River Center (which later merged with McDonough County Rehabilitation Center and Harrington Family Services to become Bridgeway ) in 1988 as a mental health and substance abuse counselor. During his tenure at Bridgeway he has also served as Vice President of Family Services Division, followed by his promotion to Sr Vice President in 2000. He assumed the duties of Chief Operating Officer in April 2005 and in July 2008 became the Corporate Compliance Officer and Director of Quality Management. Bill has been serving as Bridgeway's clinical services division President since October 2013.

Originally from Elmhurst, Illinois, he received his M.S.Ed. in Agency Counseling from Western Illinois University in 1988. Nelson is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) and Licensed Child Welfare Professional in the State of Illinois. He is also credentialed as a Mental Health First Aid trainer.

In his professional career, Bill has served on numerous state wide committees and work groups with the Illinois Department of Human Services and Department of Children and Family Services, and also with the Community Behavioral Healthcare Association and IARF (Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities). He has also served on the Board of Directors and as Treasurer of the Supportive Housing Providers Association.

As an active member of the national association, ACCSES (American Congress of Community Supports and Employment Services) Bill was elected in April 2011 to serve as ACCSES' appointee to the CARF International Advisory Council (IAC).

Bill, most recently, teamed with fellow Illinois colleagues to develop and incorporate the Illinois Behavioral Health Home Coalition, LLC to proactively engage the emerging managed care system in Illinois in the development of behavioral health homes and system re-design.

Locally Bill has served on the Board of Directors for Triumph Service Inc. (Camp Kidz) since 1999 to the present. He has held the offices of Secretary and Chairman.

According to Nelson, "I feel deeply honored to be entrusted with this responsibility and I am excited about continuing to serve Bridgeway and our valued mission. I have been fortunate over the past 27 years to work alongside many tremendously talented people. The level of unwavering dedication displayed by our team members at Bridgeway is beyond impressive and one of the things that uniquely binds us together. Without a doubt our common experiences, care & compassion, commitment to fully serve others, and our belief we can greatly impact the lives of people, draws us together - much like a family. I am very proud to work with and to serve those who work in our organization for the benefit of others".

Bridgeway is a non-profit human service provider serving individuals in over 25 counties in Illinois and southeast Iowa with offices in Macomb, Monmouth, Galesburg, Kewanee, Loves Park, Normal and Pekin IL and Keokuk and W Burlington IA.

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