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Youth Services System, Inc. Introduces Three New Board Members

WHEELING, W.Va.— Youth Services System, Inc. (YSS) is excited to welcome three new members to its volunteer Board of Directors: Chris Bucon, Melanee Sinclair and Michael Kuhn.

Chris Bucon is the current Vice President of Parea Insurance Group located in Wheeling. A Wheeling Central Catholic High School alumnus, he continued on to graduate from West Virginia University (WVU) in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a minor in Communication. He is entering his sixth season as Development Coordinator with the WLU women's basketball program. Previous coaching stints were served at John Marshall and Central Catholic. Bucon and his wife reside in Wheeling and just celebrated their son's, Colby, first birthday.

Melanee Sinclair is a Certified Mental Health Specialist through the Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGALA), a licensed certified social worker in West Virginia, and a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Social Welfare from West Virginia Wesleyan College and her MSW from West Virginia University. Currently serving as the Associate Provost of Academic Affairs and Program Director of the Social Work and Criminal Justice Department at Bethany College, Sinclair is also the founder of Team Moochie, a community educational organization providing a yearly scholarship to individuals seeking American Riding Instructor Association certification in stable management and recreational riding. Sinclair lives in Wheeling with her husband, Donald Sinclair II.

Attorney Michael Kuhn is a proud graduate of both West Virginia University (Master of Social Work) and the University of Pittsburgh (Juris Doctorate). Kuhn brings many unique experiences to the practice of law. Blue collar at heart, Kuhn worked underground as a coal miner before he returned to school to obtain his bachelor's degree. Prior to graduating law school, Kuhn worked extensively in the areas of child abuse and neglect as a social worker. Kuhn is also a former employee of YSS. He worked as a child protective service worker and supervisor, a child forensic interviewer, and therapist. Prior to opening his own firm, Kuhn was privileged to work at an aggressive litigation firm where he practiced in cities throughout the Mountain State to include some of the largest: Charleston, Huntington and Martinsburg. Kuhn made the difficult decision to open his own practice to focus primarily on local clients and local issues.

The current YSS Board of Directors Officers are Rod Lee, Chair; David Yaeger, Vice Chair; Zak Zatezalo, Secretary; Justin Pastorius, Treasurer.

Also serving on the Board are Emily Freeman-Waters, Amanda Welsch, Jennifer Rohrig, Penn Kurtz, Rick Davis, and Matt Porter.

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About Youth Services System, Inc.:

Youth Services System, Inc.'s mission is "to create better futures for children, families and our community." YSS is committed to responding to the complex needs of youth at serious risk. Since 1974, Youth Services System, Inc. has reached thousands of youths and their families with our shelter, residential, community-based and professional services. Together with youth and their families, we work to improve their physical and emotional well-being, to address the debilitating effects of abuse, substance use, and trauma, and to build the skills and connections they need to be successful. Accredited by CARF International, YSS is supported by our volunteer Board of Directors, dedicated staff and faithful community, allowing us to make a measurable impact in the lives of youth. For more information, visit www.youthservicessystem.org.