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**Dr. Laura Bokar: Elected to Serve on the Board of Illinois Association for  
Marriage and Family Therapy**

(Naperville, IL – April 5, 2017) Illinois Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (IAMFT) 2017 welcomes Dr. Laura Bokar to serve her first term on the Board of Directors.

Dr. Laura Bokar brings her energy, wisdom, passion, and experience to IAMFT. As a member on the Board of Directors, Dr. Bokar will assist in decisions as to where IAMFT envisions to be, set goals for those selected to accomplish the objectives, effectively evaluate the achievability of these objectives, as well as market the organization.

The Illinois Association for Marriage and Family Therapy is a division of the AAMFT, where their main purpose is to promote the well-being of couples, marriages and families in Illinois. They also strive to promote the profession of Marriage and Family Therapy in Illinois. IAMFT seeks to meet these goals in numerous ways, such as advocating for Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT's) with the Illinois State Legislature. Additionally, IAMFT aids in networking opportunities for LMFT's located in the state of Illinois. Derek Ball, PhD, Executive Director of IAMFT has stated *"We are very happy to welcome Dr. Laura Bokar to the IAMFT Board of Directors. She brings a wealth of experience both clinically and administratively to our organization, and I look forward to the positive impact she will have as a volunteer leader of IAMFT on the field of marriage and family therapy in the State of Illinois."*

As a director, Dr. Laura Bokar's love for the field of Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT), will aid her in being an advocate for MFT, a mentor for those involved in IAMFT, and will allow her to share her passion with her colleagues, supervisees, students and other MFT's. Her commitment to IAMFT is shown through her commitment to attend every board meeting, discuss and vote on motions made during board meetings regarding how IAMFT functions, and set the vision for the association. Additionally, Dr. Laura will also be taking part in the 2017 IAMFT Annual Conference, which takes place April 6th, 7th, and 8th.

Fox Valley Institute congratulates Dr. Laura Bokar on her election to the IAMFT Board of Directors. We know she will bring her love and commitment for Marriage and Family Therapy to every aspect of IAMFT's Board of Directors, as she does every day at Fox Valley Institute.

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