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(Lafayette, LA, March 10, 2010) -- The OASIS Certificate & Competency Board, the nationally recognized OASIS credentialing organization for home health professionals, is pleased to announce the appointment of Benjamin Dietrich to the role of Chief Operations Officer. Ben officially joined the OCCB family on February 1, 2010.

In his new role Ben is responsible for furthering the mission of the OCCB by streamlining operations while focusing on promoting and growing the visibility of the COS-C designation. He will also manage all exam partnerships as well as oversee all financial activity by the non-profit organization.

Most recently Ben was employed by the HomeCare Association of Louisiana as the Vice President of Operations. While with HCLA he was responsible for many activities including the management of the home care association's daily operations. Ben coordinated HCLA's educational events, from small meetings to large multi-state conferences while overseeing all association staff. In his three plus years with HCLA, Ben helped expand the organization's staff by three-fold, while successfully generating three consecutive years of financial growth. During this period Mr. Dietrich also assisted in the general operations and IT management of OCCB. Prior to working with HCLA, Ben assisted with adolescent psychiatry research at Johns Hopkins Medical Center under the supervision of John T. Walkup, M.D. and Mark Riddle, M.D. Ben received his BA in Psychology from the University of Richmond, in Richmond, VA.

"We are pleased to have Ben join us as Chief Operations Officer", says OCCB President Linda Krulish. "His demonstrated commitment to excellence, along with his organizational and people skills, will strengthen the OCCB and benefit our COS-C community."

To learn more about the OASIS Certificate & Competency Board and opportunities to earn the Certificate for OASIS-Specialist (COS-C) designation, please contact Ben at ben@oasiscertificate.org or 337.231.6981.

The OASIS Certificate and Competency Board, Inc. (OCCB) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting greater reliability in OASIS data, through consistent application of guidelines provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The OCCB will facilitate this goal by offering a voluntary certificate examination which home care providers may take in order to demonstrate and establish their expertise and commitment to OASIS data accuracy. Candidates who successfully complete the examination will be awarded the Certificate OASIS Specialist - Clinical (COS-C) designation. To learn more about the OCCB visit us at www.oasiscertificate.org or call us at 337-231-6981.

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