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Middletown – Valerie Longfellow has been elected to the Board of Directors of Crystal Run Village Inc., a provider of services for the integration and empowerment of people with disabilities. She is a Registered Nurse in Obstetrics (OB) at St. Anthony Community Hospital in Warwick.

Her work history includes nursing in high-risk labor and delivery, antepartum and postpartum care, and pediatric care at hospitals in Port Jervis, Rochester and Williamsville. She was a childbirth education coordinator in Franklin County, VT where she was responsible for making home visits to high risk OB patients and mother-baby visits for early discharge. Longfellow's Bachelors of Science degree in nursing is from Niagara University in Niagara Falls, NY.

Longfellow, the parent of a child with a disability, has been an advocate and active participant in the development of services and opportunities for young people. She lives in Warwick with husband Carl and their 3 children. By being a board member she feels she can make a connection with other families that can benefit from her contribution. "As the parent of a disabled child, you know that support from community service organizations is essential," Longfellow said. "Knowing that other families exist who share your experience and can offer practical help is invaluable." Eight of the thirteen members of the Crystal Run Village, Inc. board of directors are either parents or siblings of people receiving services from the agency.

Crystal Run Village, Inc. is a non-profit, independent provider of a broad range of residential and habilitation services to more than 700 people with intellectual and physical disabilities living in Orange, Sullivan and Rockland Counties. The human services agency headquartered in Middletown employs approximately 840 people and has an operating budget of over \$29-million.

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