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COLEMAN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES NAMES DABBS NEW VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

KENT, Ohio (October 8, 2007) – Ben R. Dabbs III, CPA, CITP, CBM, has been named the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Coleman Professional Services located in Kent, Ohio. Dabbs will function as the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and will oversee all fiscal and managed care functions as well as have oversight of contractual and vendor functions. He will also be intimately involved in the integration of administrative operations with programs and services. Dabbs’ personal goals include helping to increase Coleman’s bottom line in order to produce more services, sustain the organization as a whole and keep it growing for the future.

“We’re thrilled to have Ben Dabbs on board as our Vice President and Chief Financial Officer,” said President and Chief Executive of Coleman Professional Services, Nelson Burns. “With his diverse experiences and well-rounded financial expertise, we plan to incorporate his entrepreneurship talents with our vision of helping people in our local communities improve their lives.”

He also has the experience of 20 years of military service in the U.S. Navy including serving as a Command Drug and Alcohol Advisor.

“I never had to give an order in all my years of service. I really don’t ask people to do things I wouldn’t do myself. I need to understand what people do, and to accomplish that understanding, I ask a lot of questions and make the situation a team effort. I am more interested in the thought processes used vice just the correct answer.”

Dabbs is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of an accounting firm called Abacus Consulting, Inc. of Brecksville, Ohio. He plans to remain with Abacus in an advisory capacity. He is also a Board Member on the Medina County MRDD. “I find it very rewarding to work in the mental health and MRDD fields. The bottom line is I like to help people,” Dabbs said.

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Coleman Professional Services is a nationally recognized not-for-profit provider of behavioral health and rehabilitation programs that improve the lives of individuals, families and businesses in Northeast Ohio. The company relies on an enterprise business model to diversify its funding. Coleman's foundation and four enterprise companies produce more than 40 percent of the company's funding for its award-winning programs.

For more information on Coleman Professional Services or the services it offers, visit www.coleman-professional.com or call 330-673-1347.

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