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Governor Shumlin, Commissioner Pallito announce first statewide Director of Pretrial Services Ramniceanu to spearhead key piece of Governor's anti-opiate agenda

MONTPELIER - Gov. Peter Shumlin and Corrections Commissioner Andrew Pallito today announced that Annie Ramniceanu (Rahm-nis-ee-an-new) has been selected as the first statewide Director of Pretrial Services, charged with developing and implementing Vermont's new program to enable more opiate and heroin addicts to access critical treatment programs and avoid criminal charges.

"Addiction is a health care issue, and we need to make every effort to help Vermonters with substance abuse problems get healthy and back on the right track," Gov. Shumlin said. He initially called for Pretrial Services in his State of the State address in January, and it was approved by the Legislature.

From an office at the Department of Corrections, Ramniceanu will supervise the regional pretrial monitors who contract with Corrections. She will work closely with criminal justice professionals and treatment providers to develop effective methods of intervening early to address the substance abuse and mental health needs of alleged offenders.

Ramniceanu is a graduate of Columbia University and holds a Masters' Degree in Counseling. She is a licensed Clinical Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Counselor. She has worked at Spectrum Youth Services in Burlington for the past 17 years, serving as the Associate Executive Director for the final three years. Ms. Ramniceanu was a 2011 recipient of a Woman of Achievement Award from the Burlington Business and Professional Women Organization.