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Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority Announces Two New Case Management and Supports Coordination Contract Providers

SAGINAW, MI – Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority (SCCMHA) is pleased to announce the addition of two new provider service contracts for adult case management and supports coordination services in Saginaw County. Through a public procurement process conducted by SCCMHA, Saginaw Valley Rehabilitation Services, Inc. and Hope Network Behavioral Health Services were selected to provide new supports coordination and case management team services, respectively, beginning this year. "The need for added providers was based on the growing demand for these core programs," states Sandra Lindsey, CEO. "We are also pleased to now offer the persons we serve additional choices of providers to meet their needs."

Current contracted providers for these services include Training and Treatment Innovations, Inc. and Saginaw Psychological Services, Inc., who both offer adult case management services, and Disability Network of Mid-Michigan, who offers supports coordination services in Saginaw County for SCCMHA. SCCMHA also delivers some services directly, including two adult case management teams and two supports coordination teams. The capacity for services through these two new teams has been expanded to accommodate an additional 300 persons annually.

Supports coordination and case management services are key components of the delivery of mental health services statewide in Michigan. These Medicaid funded services for persons eligible for and in need of specialty mental health services and supports, include assessing, monitoring, linking, coordinating, and planning supports. Persons served by SCCMHA include those with serious mental health conditions as well as persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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SVRC, based in Saginaw, will be offering these services starting in February. Hope Network, based in Pontiac and headquartered Grand Rapids, will be opening a new Saginaw office base for these services. Both providers are current contractors of SCCMHA for other types of services, including skill building and residential programs. Hope Network currently provides case management services for other CMHSPs in Michigan. "We are pleased that these two current providers in good standing with us are going to be providing these new team services in Saginaw," commented Ginny Reed, Director of Network Services & Public Policy at SCCMHA. "There is much to do for them to gear up to begin delivering these services for us, and they have both developed strong start-up plans to hire and train staff and be ready to accept referrals from us very soon."

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Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority is the local, separate governmental unit serving Saginaw County, a Community Mental Health Services Program (CMHSP), which provides and manages publicly funded specialty mental health and substance use disorder services. SCCMHA is part of the Mid-State Health Network 21 county region.

SCCMHA is headquartered at 500 Hancock Street in Saginaw and provides numerous services including evaluations, screenings, treatments and referrals. SCCMHA assists approximately 5,000 Saginaw County citizens each year.