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Mental Health Authority Undergoes Name Change

Sept. 3, 2019-DETROIT, MI- The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority is changing its name to the *Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network* in an effort to more accurately reflect the direction of the organization, which is taking a more holistic approach to the care it provides to the 75,000 children and adults it serves in Wayne County.

“We are moving more toward the intersection of behavioral and physical health to provide a fully integrated system of care to the people we serve and we wanted our name to reflect the change as well,” said President and CEO Willie E. Brooks, Jr. “We want people to know we provide services and supports to a wide range of populations including children with serious emotional disturbance, those with intellectual and developmental disabilities and individuals with substance use disorder and mental illness.”

Changing the name of the organization will not affect the citizens or the services that DWMHA offers. They will continue receiving services by their Providers, in the locations they are accustomed to and they will still be able to contact any staff at the Authority, as their contact information will remain the same.

The DWIHN Board of Directors approved the name change several months ago and believes it will fully encompass all of the services and supports offered by its provider network which include ensuring quality of care, treatment and consistency to the people we serve. In addition, the organization will continue to focus on establishing itself as a national leader that improves the behavioral and overall health of the communities it serves.

“The timing is right for this change as we are in the midst of a system transformation where we are changing the way we do business by working directly with our Service Providers and offering a more holistic approach to care,” said Brooks. “We are also beginning a pilot project, partnering with one or more Medicaid Health Plans to truly integrate mental and physical health so we can provide the best possible services and supports to people.”

The name change is effective October 1, 2019. Please follow the link to a short video.

<https://youtu.be/lKWRbo7v6h8>

The Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) is the largest and most diverse Community Mental Health system in Michigan. It is a safety net organization serving 75,000 people in Wayne County. It supports children with serious emotional disturbance, people with mental illness, intellectual and developmental disabilities and those with substance use disorder. It works directly with almost 400 Service Providers.