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Largest Public Behavioral Health Organization in State Looks to Partner with Medicaid Health Plans

DETROIT, MI – May 13, 2019 – The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (DWMHA) is soliciting a Request for Information (RFI) in which it would like to partner with one or more Medicaid Health Plans to begin work on an Integrated Healthcare Pilot Project for Wayne County.

“This is an opportunity for DWMHA to test new ideas and integration models when it comes to providing outstanding services and supports to the over 75,000 people it serves in Wayne County each day,” said CEO and President Willie Brooks. “We want a healthcare partnership that is based on the DWMHA model of care, core values and pilot goals.”

DWMHA is the largest Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan in Michigan with an overall budget of about \$780 million and is accredited by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). It is proud to provide quality programs and services to persons with serious mental illness, substance use disorder, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and children with serious emotional disturbances. It also works directly with over 500 Service Providers.

An Integrated Healthcare Pilot Project will help DWMHA improve and better integrate behavioral and physical health by implementing the Holistic Care Model which supports the people we serve in these five areas: Physical and Behavioral Health, Social and Economic Well-Being and Spiritual Care. This improvement must be reflected in an increase of behavioral and physical health outcome measures.

“Some of the goals of this partnership are to maximize efficiencies, minimize unnecessary costs and achieve material increases in behavioral health services **without** an increase in Medicaid spending,” said Brooks. “This will also allow us to achieve overall savings on the behavioral and physical health side by reducing emergency room visits, inpatient admissions and catastrophic care to those we serve. We are very much looking forward to this opportunity to implement a pilot project of this magnitude in Wayne County.”

The timeline for implementation of the Integrated Health Care Pilot is Fall 2019.

A copy of this RFI can be obtained from the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network (MITN) website at <http://www.mitn.info>

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The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (DWMHA) is the largest and most diverse Community Mental Health system in Michigan. It is a safety net organization that provides a full array of services and supports to adults with mental illness, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, children with serious emotional disturbances and substance use disorders. It provides services to over 75,000 people in Wayne County and works with over 500 Service Providers.