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SUMMIT POINTE RECEIVES GRANT TO EXPAND ACCESS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY

BATTLE CREEK - Summit Pointe has been awarded a \$3.9 million grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to improve the quality of mental health and substance use disorder treatment services by expanding access to treatment through a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) collaborative for Calhoun County. Summit Pointe secured this funding with community partners Bronson Battle Creek, Calhoun County Health Department, Grace Health, Oaklawn Hospital and the SHARE Center.

According to Jeannie Goodrich, Summit Pointe CEO, the goal of CCBHC funding is to improve the health of individuals in the county while advancing integration of behavioral health and physical health care, increasing use of evidence-based practices and expanding capacity, access and availability to high-quality care.

"Together with our collaborative partners, Summit Pointe is committed to improving access to behavioral health care in our community," Goodrich said. "We want to ensure that individuals are receiving the necessary care to enhance and improve behavioral and physical health."

In addition to increasing access to behavioral health services, Summit Pointe's goals are to deliver comprehensive and coordinated care that provides access to effective evidence based interventions for individuals with complex needs, and delivering integrated care for behavioral health and physical health risks and needs.

"We are excited to partner with Summit Pointe to provide integrated physical and mental health that will not only improve the wellbeing of our patients, but will also benefit our community," Dr. Peter Chang, Grace Health's President/CEO said. Grace Health has been serving Calhoun County residents for 34 years with the mission of providing patient-centered healthcare with excellence in quality, service, and access.

CCBHC enrollees will receive integrated care for behavioral health and physical health risks, including primary care screening and monitoring, and nurse care coordinators will be assigned to individuals identified with high behavioral and physical health risks.

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