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EASTPOINTE AND ROBESON COUNTY BRIDGES PROGRAM WIN 2016 PROGRAMS OF EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR PREVENTION, OUTREACH AND WELLNESS

Pinehurst, NC (December 8, 2016) ... Eastpointe’s Robeson County’s Bridges program was recently recognized with a Programs of Excellence Award for Prevention, Outreach and Wellness.

The award was presented by the North Carolina Council of Community Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse (MH/DD/SA) Programs on December 8, 2016 at a special reception honoring the winners during the annual Conference & Exhibition in Pinehurst, NC.

Robeson County Bridges for Families (RCBF) is funded by a Regional Partnership Grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children and Families. The primary clients served by the program are substance-involved families referred from the Robeson County Department of Social Services (DSS), Family Drug Treatment Court (FDTC), and/or from a range of parenting support, mental health, and substance abuse treatment services. In addition to the necessary legal, substance abuse, and mental health services for client families, the RCBF program provides or arranges for gender-specific and family-focused wrap-around services that address related issues such as parenting skills, safety and domestic violence, poverty, transportation, social support, and child care. The collaborative efforts of RCBF are through the united efforts of Family Treatment Court Staff, Robeson County DSS, Southeastern Family Violence Center (Domestic Violence), Vocational Rehabilitation, Grace Court, Guardian Ad-Litem, Eastpointe MCO, Local mental health and substance abuse providers, Public Schools of Robeson County, and others, in order to address legal, MH/SA, and overall family needs. The Robeson County Family Treatment Court and its key partners believe that families struggling with substance use disorders in Robeson County have benefitted tremendously from the collaborative work with this program.

Each year the North Carolina Council of Community Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Programs seeks to identify innovative and effective community programs that have been instrumental in serving persons with disabilities in North Carolina. Winners are selected by a committee which includes directors and board members of Local Management Entities for MH/DD/SA services. NC Council represents the Medicaid public managers of MH/DD/SA services.

Other 2016 Programs of Excellence Award winners included: Excellence in Care Integration – UNC ACTT Team Primary Care Integration – Alliance Behavioral Healthcare; Excellence in Best Practice – Child First Program – Trillium Health Resources; Partnership to Improve Services – C3356 – Vaya Health; Crisis Response – Cleveland Crisis and Recovery Center – Partners Behavioral Health Management; Consumer Directed Supports – Bitty and Beau’s Coffee – Trillium Health Resources; and Public Awareness and Advocacy – The Sandhills Partnerships - Sandhills Center.

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