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**Merger Approved for Northeast Integrated Healthcare and CNS Healthcare:  
Collaboration to expand and enhance service delivery for Tri-County Area**

*Detroit, MI, October 30, 2020*—The Board of Directors for Northeast Integrated Health (NIH) and CNS Healthcare approved a merger of the two CMH providers at their respective board meetings this week, and announced by CNS president/CEO, Michael Garrett, who will remain in this position. NIH president/CEO Sherry McRill will become Chief Visionary Officer of CNS.

“NIH and CNS Healthcare serve similar target populations. In addition, we have a shared vision and set of values around person-centered integrated healthcare delivered in neighborhoods throughout the Tri-County area,” said Michael Garrett. “This merger allows us to share resources and expand services and expertise to our persons-served base. We are excited about the possibilities.”

The merger also extends CCBHC services to the City of Detroit where this programming had not previously been present.

“Our work continues, but now in a more robust capacity to meet growing needs,” said Sherry McRill. “This merger allows us to deliver enhanced services in a more efficient and effective capacity to our target population.”

Combined, the organization will employ 400+ and help an increased person-served population of over 10,000 per year. Both organizations are financially stable and in full compliance with all certification agencies. The merger represents a mutual desire to be more efficient and effective all-around. We do not anticipate that there will be any disruption to person-served services during the transition, and no positions are being immediately eliminated.

**About CNS Healthcare**

CNS Healthcare (CNS) is a leading, private, non-profit provider of comprehensive, integrated behavioral and physical health services and substance use disorder services in Southeast Michigan. Established in 2002, CNS focuses on being the source for exceptional wellness solutions through assessment, case management, psychiatric, therapy, peer support and recovery services. As a federally designated Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC), CNS provides expanded access to treatments and supports to uninsured, underinsured, and historically underserved populations throughout the community. With locations in Detroit, Novi, Pontiac, Southfield, and Waterford, CNS employs over 250 dedicated professionals, paraprofessionals and support staff who deliver compassionate care to more than 6,000 adults, youth (age 7 to 17), and their families, annually. [www.CNSHealthcare.org](http://www.CNSHealthcare.org)

**About Northeast Integrated Health:**

Northeast Integrated Health (NIH) is a comprehensive community health agency founded in 1963. It provides integrated healthcare to children, families and adults with serious mental illness to help them achieve maximum independence and health. NIH provides mental and primary healthcare, outreach, prevention and substance use treatment to over 5800 individuals annually in Wayne, Macomb and Oakland Counties. [www.NIHDetroit.org](http://www.NIHDetroit.org)

## Frequently Asked Questions – Persons Served

### Will my worker change?

Continuity of care for you (and your family) is important to us so we will try to minimize changes relative to the assignment of workers. There may be times however where this may be necessary to allow for better focus of staff time with each of you and to also maximize their talents and strengths for those served. Once a more defined plan is finalized, any changes that impact you will be shared.

### Will my services change?

No, your current services will remain the same. The merger of these two agencies will most likely allow for additional resources to be available for you as you will now have access to services provided from both agencies if so needed and desired.

### Do I have to complete all new paperwork?

As we evaluate NIH's CCBHC readiness, there may be additional paperwork needed to enhance service offerings. We will make this as easy as possible for you and explain the reasoning behind any new request(s) that may be needed.

### Do I have to travel farther for services?

No, you will continue to receive services from the clinics you currently do so changes in travel will not occur. Additionally, with the offering of telehealth services, the need to travel should overall be less for individuals and their families.

### Why did the agency merge? Is there trouble/a problem, do I need to go somewhere else for services?

No, there is no need to go anywhere else for services. Both agencies are in great standing and are merging to share resources, expand expertise and knowledge and become an even stronger presence in the community to make positive impacts for all of you!

### How will my medical records be impacted?

Medical records of those served will continue to be contained within Northeast Integrated Healthcare's electronic health record system. A transition plan will be developed and communicated to consumers. Rest assured individual's medical records will be treated with the highest security and confidentiality.



### **How will scheduling appointments be impacted?**

Appointments will continue as usual. No changes in appointment times, locations or clinician providing services. Individuals will be notified well in advance of any changes impacting this area.

### **How will my Medicaid/Medicare or insurance be impacted with services?**

Benefits of Medicaid/Medicare or insurance will continue to be accepted with existing services rendered. If any changes, individuals will be notified in advance.

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