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Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority Awarded Three-Year CARF Accreditation

SAGINAW, MI – Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority (SCCMHA) received notice that they were awarded another Three-Year Accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) after their site visit on August 17-19. This is the fifth accreditation that the international accrediting body has awarded to SCCMHA.

This accreditation outcome represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the standards established by CARF. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process. It has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit its commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality.

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF International, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

"We are very pleased with the results of the accreditation process," says SCCMHA CEO Sandra Lindsey. "The real winners here are consumers we serve. This accreditation means that consumers can be confident that SCCMHA has made, and will continue to make, a commitment to enhancing the quality of our services and programs."

As quoted on the CARF Survey Report "Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority has accomplished a great deal in its pursuit and maintenance of international accreditation. It has demonstrated substantial conformance to the CARF standards. The organization provides unique and quality care in a safe and supportive environment, and persons served and other stakeholders are pleased with services."

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Also noted in the report was SCCMHA staff's commitment to treating each consumer and family with respect and care. "Staff exhibits compassion, understanding, and enthusiasm for the mission and philosophy of the organization and for the provision of its services."

Programs and services surveyed included Assessment and Referral: Mental Health (Adults, Children and Adolescents), Case Management/Services Coordination: Mental Health (Adults, Children and Adolescents), Crisis Intervention: Mental Health (Adults, Children and Adolescents), Intensive Family-Based Services: Mental Health (Adults, Children and Adolescents), and Outpatient Treatment: Mental Health (Adults, Children and Adolescents).

For a complete copy of the survey report, contact SCCMHA at (989) 797-3400.

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Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority is headquartered at 500 Hancock Street in Saginaw. SCCMHA provides numerous services including evaluations, screenings, treatments and referrals. SCCMHA assists approximately 5,000 Saginaw County citizens each year.