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Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority Welcomes New Health Home and Integrated Care Director

SAGINAW, MI – Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority (SCCMHA) recently welcomed Colleen Sproul as the new director of Health Home and Integrated Care. Sproul will be responsible for the development and oversight of the Health Home program for adults with serious mental illness, and integrating the health care priorities of SCCMHA.

Health Home is an optional Medicaid State Plan benefit created by the Affordable Care Act of 2010 to coordinate care for people with Medicaid who have chronic conditions such as mental health, substance abuse, asthma, diabetes, heart disease, and weight challenges. Health Home providers integrate and coordinate all primary, acute, behavioral health, and long-term services and supports to treat the whole person. Services provided by Health Homes range from comprehensive care management, care coordination, and health promotion to comprehensive transitional care and follow-up, patient and family support, and referrals to community and social support services.

“SCCMHA’s commitment to ensure the coordination of medical and behavioral health care in the Saginaw community has been under development for several years,” Sproul explained. “I will assume the implementation and administration of a program that will establish health homes, in partnership with medical and behavioral health providers and community based social services and supports, to improve the experience and quality of care for individuals in our county.”

Sproul, a lifelong resident of Saginaw County, holds a Licensed Master of Social Work (LMSW) with the state of Michigan and a Master of Science in Administration, is an active board member of the Special Needs Vision Clinic and the City of Saginaw’s Human Planning Commission, and functions as the chairperson to the Commission. Starting in 1997, she has held a succession of medical case management, referral management and Medicaid service positions with HealthPlus of Michigan in Flint. Throughout her time with the health care coverage provider, Sproul was responsible for the planning, organizing and successful administration of the County Health Plans that included directing the coordination of relevant HealthPlus functional areas to provide appropriate support to the County Health Plans. Additionally, she was responsible for the administration of HealthPlus’ government relations strategy and community relations, including the HealthPlus Rainmaker grant award program and numerous community sponsorships.

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“I am excited for the opportunity and challenge to focus on leading the launch of a coordinated, person-centered care model that will facilitate access to medical and behavioral health care,” Sproul said. “As a life-long resident of Saginaw County, I am very fortunate to return to Saginaw to work with an outstanding organization that is dedicated to improving the health outcomes of its residents. In many respects, joining SCCHMHA is the culmination of all that I have been privileged to learn along the way.”

For more information on the Health Home program in Saginaw and to determine eligibility, contact Colleen Sproul at 989-272-0259 or csproul@sccmha.org.

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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.