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Endeavor Health Services Calls for Expanding Access to Community-Based Treatment

CHEEKTOWAGA, NEW YORK, March 18, 2020 — New York is one of eight states selected for a federal demonstration to pilot a new model for community-based services to assist individuals needing access to care for severe mental illness or addiction, called Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs). Regarding extension and expansion of the CCBHC model, currently set to expire on May 22:

“It is time to act... Congress needs to work together and take the next step by expanding [CCBHCs’] highly successful services to people in communities across our country.” — ***Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)***

“Given the demonstrated success of the Excellence program so far, now is the time to keep building on the progress that’s been made by extending and expanding funding for CCBHCs.” — ***Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO)***

“As a result of the CCBHC demonstration, we have been able to partner with local police and embed clinical behavioral health staff to ride along with police, and de-escalate situations as part of Crisis Intervention Teams. This helps to divert from jail and ER’s while providing linkage and clinical support” — ***Elizabeth L. Mauro, LCSW-R, Chief Executive Officer of Endeavor Health Services.***

Our Future is at Risk

Please support a two-year extension and 11-state expansion of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic demonstration, as part of the health care extenders package under consideration in Congress.

Serving the community of Western New York since 1972, Endeavor Health Services is a private, not for profit, behavioral health organization that serves individuals challenged by mental health and addiction. Our mission is to collaborate with clients, children, adults, families, and communities to promote wellness and recovery through a variety of mental health and chemical dependency treatment, education, and support services. For referrals or appointments, contact Central Intake at (716) 895-6701. Visit our website at www.ehsny.org for more information.