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Health Care District of Palm Beach County Funding to Expand Services Offered by Jerome Golden Center for Behavioral Health

Grant supports care for underserved with substance use disorders and severe mental illness.

West Palm Beach, Fla. – March 6, 2019—[The Health Care District of Palm Beach County](#) has awarded the Jerome Golden Center for Behavioral Health in West Palm Beach, FL a grant of up to \$200,000 to expand services for underserved individuals suffering from substance use disorders and severe and persistent mental illness. The funding aligns with the 2017 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), a collaborative effort by a diverse group of community leaders, stakeholders, Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County and the Health Care District of Palm Beach County for improving the health and quality of life of Palm Beach County residents.

The funding will enable the Jerome Golden Center to expand services for two programs that are in need of expansion due to high demand and limited resources: its Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) designed to prevent at-risk individuals from inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations and its Co-Occurring Residential Program to treat adults who have been diagnosed with concurrent mental health and substance use disorders.

“The Jerome Golden Center’s behavioral health programs, along with the work of our other local grantees, aligns with the Health Care District’s safety net mission to care for the most vulnerable in our community,” said Darcy J. Davis, CEO of the Health Care District of Palm Beach County.

With Health Care District funding, the Jerome Golden Center will be able to expand its PHP program beyond individuals with Medicare as their primary insurance. These individuals who suffer from diseases such as schizophrenia and bi-polar disorder will receive intensive care as outpatients five days per week, reducing their risk of hospitalization and increasing their ability to remain functioning in the community.

Health Care District funding will also enable the Jerome Golden Center to expand its residential co-occurring treatment program for the underserved in Palm Beach County. The licensed Level II program offers a 30-90 day treatment for men and women who have been diagnosed with concurrent mental health and substance use disorders. While the program is licensed to operate 16 beds, prior funding

limited services to only 12. The Health Care District's funding will allow the center to operate at full capacity to promote wellness, recovery and reintegration into the community.

"The Health Care District has made it possible for us to serve more people who deeply need our care and aid them in their recovery," said Dr. Linda De Piano, CEO of the Jerome Golden Center for Behavioral Health. "Thanks to their support, we will be able to improve, and in some cases, save the lives of people who have nowhere else to turn."

About the Jerome Golden Center for Behavioral Health

The Jerome Golden Center for Behavioral Health, a 501(c)3 organization, is a large safety net mental health provider, serving over 8,000 individuals annually in Palm Beach County. Their mission is to help people achieve and sustain their recovery and wellness and build meaningful lives in their communities. Their focus is to promote hope and recovery through evidence-based and best clinical practices for mental health and substance use challenges and foster independence and quality of life through housing, employment, and other supportive services. For more information, call (561) 383-5841 or visit www.goldenctr.org.

About the Health Care District of Palm Beach County

The [Health Care District of Palm Beach County](#) is a public, safety net health care system that provides primary medical, behavioral health and dental care for adults and children at the C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics, health coverage programs for eligible uninsured residents, a pharmacy operation, a nationally-recognized Trauma System, registered nurses in nearly 170 public schools, short and long-term skilled nursing at the Edward J. Healey Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Riviera Beach, and acute care at its teaching hospital, Lakeside Medical Center, which is accredited by The Joint Commission and serves the rural Glades' communities. The Health Care District also offers a structured grant process to agencies with compatible missions that serve county residents in need.

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