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GENESEE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER RECEIVES GRANT FROM HRSA

Genesee County, Michigan – Genesee County Community Mental Health has received a grant from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to support the creation of a health center with two sites in Flint. The grant will support the beginning of a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in Flint that is called Genesee Community Health Center (www.genchc.org).

The grant was awarded in the amount of \$608,333; with non-governmental sources of \$590,337 for a total budget of \$1,198,670.

In Flint, over 55,000 low-income residents are unserved by a primary health care provider. According to a recent estimate by HRSA, Flint needs at least 50 more full-time doctors to meet the needs of the current unserved population in the city which includes a large number of women and children. The Genesee Community Health Center will focus on the health care needs of the homeless and those in public housing that are currently not being served. One clinic will be located in the Center for Hope – a one stop center for community services that includes a warming center for the homeless; the other will be housed within a public housing complex. The expectation is that these sites will serve an additional 3,700 people within two years.

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This still leaves many without care, but will increase the availability of care for those unserved individuals within the city. “We are very excited to bring additional resources to our community,” says Danis Russell, CEO of GCCMH. “We often see the great need of our citizens, and will be able to provide a great many people with additional care.”

Genesee County CMH provides services and supports to Genesee County residents who are adults and children with developmental disabilities, adults with serious mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbances, and adults and children with substance use disorders. For more information call Customer Services at (810) 257-3705.

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