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Southwestern and Youth Service Bureau Complete Merger

(Evansville, IN – July 1, 2013) Southwestern Healthcare, Inc. (Southwestern) and Youth Service Bureau (YSB) announced today that they have successfully completed the merger of YSB into Southwestern’s corporate healthcare system effective July 1, 2013.

Southwestern Healthcare, Inc. and its affiliate corporations of Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., Hillcrest Washington Youth Home, Inc., Mulberry Center, Inc. and the Southwestern Foundation, Inc., are the largest providers of community-based behavioral healthcare in Southwestern Indiana, offering a full range of mental health and addictions treatment and related educational services. Annually, over 12,000 individuals and families receive services at Southwestern’s 14 facilities in Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh and Warrick counties.

Hillcrest Washington Youth Home, Inc. (Hillcrest), an affiliated company of Southwestern, is the corporate entity responsible for managing the majority of YSB’s overall operations and programs that are provided to the community. YSB’s offices are now currently located at 414 S.E. Fourth Street in Mulberry Plaza, which also houses Mulberry Center, Inc.

In existence since 1973, the mission of Youth Service Bureau is to promote positive youth development and strengthen families. YSB’s Healthy Families program is its largest program, providing support and education in the areas of proper care during pregnancy, nutrition for children, creation of a secure relationship with a child, child abuse prevention, properly caring for a child and promoting healthy child development. Other programs offered by the organization include aggression replacement, substance abuse treatment, court ordered school attendance, theft intervention, a 24-hour crisis line and counseling.

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The merger has allowed for six dedicated Board members from Youth Service Bureau to be successfully incorporated into the Board of Directors at three of Southwestern's affiliated corporations.

Youth Service Bureau Board members Jarrod Luigs, David Shaw, and Steve Schmitt have joined Southwestern Healthcare, Inc.'s Board of Directors. Jarrod Luigs is an Advisor with Sperry Van Ness/Martin Commercial Group. He has been a member of the Board since 2008, and most recently served as President. David Shaw, a local Attorney, has been a member of the Board since 1976, and most recently served as Vice President. David is also a member of numerous other reputable boards and associations, and has served in multiple roles. Steve Schmitt, owner and Chief Executive Officer of Don's Cleaners, has been a Board member since 2004, serving in various capacities. Steve also serves as a Board member for the Better Business Bureau and Water for the People, and is a member of the Rotary Club of Evansville.

Youth Service Bureau Board members Brenda Schaefer and Bernie Faraone have joined the Board of Directors of Hillcrest Washington Youth Home, Inc. Brenda Schaefer is a Senior Financial Advisor with Fifth Third Securities. She has served as a Board member since 2005, in addition to being a member of the Junior League of Evansville and the Women's Network. Bernie Faraone is an Administrative Supervisor/Probation Officer with the Juvenile Division of Vanderburgh Superior Court. A Board member since 2010, Bernie most recently served as Secretary, and is a Board member for various other organizations in the region.

Youth Service Bureau Board member Joe Hardesty has joined the Board of Directors at Mulberry Center, Inc.. Joe has been a member of the Board since 2012 and was most recently voted into the 'At Large' position. He is currently an Agent with Commerce Insurance Group, LLC. and is a Rotary Club of Evansville Board member.

Southwestern is committed to the importance of making services affordable, available and accessible. This successful merger with Youth Service Bureau is beneficial for professionals from both organizations and will assist them in their goals to meet the many needs of the children of our community for years to come.

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