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Southwestern and Youth Service Bureau Announce Merger

(Evansville, IN – May 15, 2013) Southwestern Healthcare, Inc. (Southwestern) and Youth Service Bureau (YSB) announced today that they have reached an agreement to merge YSB into Southwestern's corporate healthcare system beginning June 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, will be 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 currently housed at 734 W. Delaware, Ste. 206. Effective, July 1, 2013 YSB's offices will be located at 414 S.E. Fourth Street in the existing Mulberry Center, Inc. facility.

In existence since 1973, the mission of Youth Service Bureau is to promote positive youth development and strengthen families, which aligns with Hillcrest's core mission and values. YSB's Healthy Families program is its largest program and provides 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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“We are excited about adding the programs and staff of Youth Service Bureau to our existing service lines,” said Michael B. Carroll, President and Chief Executive Officer of Southwestern. “Youth Service Bureau’s Healthy Families program is a nationally recognized, evidence-based program that provides expectant or new parents with support and education that help prevent issues that often result in the need for other services we provide after issues occur. The benefits of early intervention with at-risk situations that results in improvement in the quality of home environments and positive parent-child interaction and ultimately help prevent problems are impactful. We look forward to combining the talents of our many staff who work with youth at Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare, Hillcrest Washington Youth Home and Mulberry Center with those from the team at Youth Service Bureau to make a greater positive impact on children’s lives,” added Carroll.

“This merger will combine two long-standing organizations that have a proven history of providing quality services in the Evansville area,” said Lisa Bosley, Executive Director of YSB. “These actions will allow both agencies to enhance and expand their scope of services, provide a larger operating platform and achieve business efficiencies. The blending of similar missions, visions and agency cultures is a best practice approach to recognizing and addressing the ever changing needs of the individuals we serve, the agencies and the community,” added Bosley.

Southwestern is committed to the importance of making services affordable, available and accessible. The merger with Youth Service Bureau is expected to help professionals from both organizations work together to help meet the many needs of the children of our community for many more years to come.

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