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Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare and Evansville Rescue Mission Collaborate to Bring Primary Care Services to Local Shelter Clients

(Evansville, IN – Friday, February 17, 2023) For years, Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare (SBH) and the Evansville Rescue Mission (ERM) have worked collaboratively to provide a multitude of services to those who reside at the local shelter. Services include case management, skills training, crisis services, and mental health and/or addiction treatment.

NEW this week is the addition of primary care services. Starting on Friday, February 17, 2023, SBH will begin offering primary care services that address comprehensive physical health needs such as diabetes, high blood pressure, COPD/breathing concerns, and much more. In addition, health education, physical exams, medication management and post hospital follow-up will be offered to clients at ERM.

“Southwestern is committed to providing comprehensive care for our community and recognizes that often primary care services, like mental health and addiction services, need to begin in the individual’s environment. Assuring health equity and access for services is our priority,” said Katy Adams, President and CEO of Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare.

“Having quality healthcare is often one of the biggest and most detrimental barriers that many homeless individuals face. This new partnership with Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare will provide an opportunity for our clients and guests to receive healthcare services they so desperately need,” said Tracy L. Gorman, President and CEO of Evansville Rescue Mission.

The primary care clinic will be housed at the 500 East Walnut Street location in downtown Evansville. The clinic will be open on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Staff at the clinic will include a Family Nurse Practitioner and a Certified Medical Assistant.

Providing primary care services to clients at ERM will help ensure that these individuals are taking care of their overall health. One of the benefits of this partnership is that it removes barriers to accessing care and builds relationships with those needing chronic disease management. It is the hope of the clinic that individuals will continue to use SBH primary care services after they leave the shelter and are living in permanent housing.

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SBH and ERM Collaboration Continued

To learn more about primary care services at Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare, visit <https://www.southwestern.org/vanderburgh-co-primary-care-services>.

We invite the media to contact us for more information on this story. Contact Becky Glines at 812.436.4221 or glinesb@southwestern.org directly to schedule an interview.

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About Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare

With over 240 employees, Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare operates in 13 locations in Gibson, Posey, Warrick and Vanderburgh counties. Our commitment, since 1971, is to provide a wide range of programs and services to meet the mental health and addiction needs of our communities. Our mission is simple, improving lives together through community, excellence and integrity.

About Evansville Rescue Mission

Since 1917, Evansville Rescue Mission is our community's oldest and largest ministry of its kind. ERM seeks to restore dignity, health, and hope through sharing the love of Jesus Christ with those in need. Their programs include a residential center, Camp Reveal, the Thrift Store, Mission Grounds Coffee Shop, donation center and truck, Youth Care Center and Centennial Center.