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Community Health Centers of Central Wyoming Wins National Recognition

Organization has made noteworthy progress in integrating behavioral health with primary care

[Casper]--- The Community Health Centers of Central Wyoming (CHCCW), a non-profit health care provider in Casper, was recently informed they are to be recognized for their work on an IMPACT grant they received in 2013. This grant provided nearly one million dollars over a three year project period with the goal to treat 550 patients diagnosed with depression by implementing cutting edge evidence based depression treatment services integrated in a primary health care setting.



Wendy Spencer, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will come to CHCCW on Friday, September 16, from 2-3pm to recognize CHCCW's success with the IMPACT program. CNCS is a federal agency that administers AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, the Social Innovation Fund, and other programs that engage millions of Americans in national service and volunteering to solve problems for communities.

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COO of CHCCW

Last year, Spencer recognized CHCCW for their achievements with the IMPACT services at the National Convening event in Washington, D.C., "The Community Health Centers of Central Wyoming increased the number of active patients in depression treatment from 18 in February 2014 to 135 in April 2015, and nearly 400 patients had received depression treatment in some form or another. That's the kind of scale we want to continue to see." To date, over 650 patients have been treated for depression using the IMPACT depression care model.

Ms. Spencer will be joined by representatives from the Kinskey Family Foundation and community partners who helped drive the success of the program. Additionally, elected officials and community representatives have been invited to the event including, members of City Council and County Commissioners, Director of the Wyoming Department of Health, as well as Governor Matt Mead.

"This recognition is such an honor and we are proud of what we were able to accomplish with the help of our partners," said Cole White, Interim CEO of CHCCW. "This gives us a chance to let the community know about our efforts in both primary care and behavioral health. We are working to be a leader for the health care needs of our community." he continued.

"Prior to this grant and vital partnerships, we had behavioral health and primary care in our facility but the patient had to receive a referral from primary care to receive behavioral health services. After implementation and guidance, we have achieved true integration. Now if a patient is showing depression

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symptoms during their medical appointment, a Behavioral Health Care Manager comes to their exam room to begin a depression treatment process immediately. The success of how we provide depression treatment at CHCCW has had a dramatic and significant impact on our patients and the community” said Ryan Bair, LCSW, COO and principal investigator for the funding. “This dramatically increases the chances that the patient will continue to seek behavioral health care while still a patient at CHCCW.”

Where: Community Health Center of Central Wyoming, 5000 Blackmore Road

When: September 16 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Who: Speakers including Wendy Spencer, CEO of Corporation for National and Community Service; Cole White, Interim CEO of CHCCW; Community Funders and Partners; as well as City/State/National official.

To learn more about CHCCW IMPACT services and the convening please visit the following links: www.CHCCW.org, The Corporation for National and Community Service and 2015 Social Innovation Fund Grantee Convening, www.NationalService.gov. John A. Hartford Foundation, www.jhartfound.org, University of Washington’s AIMS Center, www.aims.uw.edu.

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It is the mission of CHCCW to provide compassionate, affordable and high-quality patient care with a comprehensive range of health care services for residents of Central Wyoming, regardless, of their income, treating all patients with dignity and respect.

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