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Tele-Health Network Helps Opens Access To Mental Health Services

Clinton, MO: Pathways Community Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. opened a new chapter in the delivery of community mental health services three years ago through the use of tele-health. Tele-health is the use of communications technology to support mental health care. These services speed-up healthcare service delivery as well as save patient and professional time and travel costs.

"The many wonderful opportunities presented by tele-health include flexibility for our service providers as well as the clients we serve. Telehealth enables us to make psychiatry services available when and where they are needed without the added costs of time and travel, resulting in greater access for clients and their families," stated Linda Grgurich, Pathways President.

Approximately 900 services per month are currently being provided by Pathways, utilizing all 34 of their office locations which are equipped to provide tele-health services. Internal client satisfaction surveys have shown positive feedback from individuals receiving tele-health services. Research indicates no differences in diagnosis or treatment plans when comparing face-to-face vs. tele-health services.

Pathways is a not-for-profit community mental health center offering mental health programs and alcohol/drug use services to individuals across the state. For more information about Pathways or the services and programs it provides contact the corporate office at 660-885-8131 or visit them online at www.pathwaysonline.org.

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