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Horizon Addresses Opioid Epidemic with Expansion of Residential Recovery Services *State Representatives to attend ribbon cutting*

Lynchburg, VA – Horizon Behavioral Health is responding to the statewide effort to address the opioid epidemic by doubling bed capacity in its detoxification and crisis stabilization programs and opening a recovery residence for women with co-occurring disorders. The new Virginia Medicaid Addiction and Recovery Treatment Services (ARTS) Benefit, under the direction of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, will provide a new funding stream to support Virginian’s seeking recovery from addiction.

“The opioid epidemic and accompanying health issues are of great concern,” commented Damien Cabezas, CEO, Horizon Behavioral Health. “Being able to expand our continuum of care in Central Virginia will allow us to empower people with addiction into recovery, offering them evidenced-based residential substance use treatment and peer support services focused not only on recovery but also on whole person health.”

The Horizon detoxification and crisis stabilization programs will be accepting referrals beginning April 3, 2017, at the Wellness Center located at 620 Court Street in downtown Lynchburg. The recovery residence for women will be accepting referrals starting May 1, 2017, and is located in downtown Lynchburg as well. To access services, please contact Admissions at 434-477-5000 (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or 434-522-8191 (after hours emergency).

A ribbon cutting ceremony will commemorate the expansion on Thursday, March 30, 2017, 12:00-1:00 p.m. at the Horizon Wellness Center located at 620 Court Street, Lynchburg, VA. Clinical staff will provide tours of the facilities.

Guest Speakers:

- Senator Steve Newman, District 23
- Delegate T. Scott Garrett, District 23
- Katherine Neuhausen, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer, Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services

The media are welcome to attend the event.

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Horizon Behavioral Health has been the primary public behavioral healthcare provider in the Region 2000 area for more than 47 years. In the last year, Horizon provided services to approximately 16,000 adults and children, addressing problems with mental health, substance use and intellectual disabilities. Horizon is accredited by CARF International. This represents the highest level of accreditation that can be given to a behavioral health organization.