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Seasons Center Highlights Success with New Integrated Health Home (IHH) Services

Spencer, IA. – Seasons Center for Behavioral Health began enrolling individuals into their new Integrated Health Home (IHH) Services on June 6, 2014. Under the leadership of IHH Director Paul Hultquist, RN, Seasons has been conducting informational community events and individualized outreach efforts in an attempt to identify and enroll eligible individuals that have Iowa Plan coverage through Medicaid and have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness (for adults) or a serious emotional disturbance (for children).

An Integrated Health Home is not a physical location but rather a team of people working together to coordinate care. An IHH team includes nurses, social workers, and peer and family support specialists. In starting this new service, Seasons has twelve new positions representing an IHH Director, 6 Care Coordinators, 1 Nurse, 4 Peer/Family Advocates, and 1 IHH support staff

“I’m excited with the initial interest and support we have received for the IHH services,” says Paul Hultquist. “We knew there was a need for care coordination services for children, adults, and families and our initial enrollment numbers reflect this need. We have enrolled over 500 individuals from 9 counties.”

As an IHH provider, Seasons is providing care management and coordination using a wraparound approach, health promotion and wellness prevention activities, transitional care, individual and family support services, and referral to community and social support services. IHH is an *additional* service available to Medicaid members. Enrolled members can receive their IHH care coordination activities from the team at Seasons, while still receiving services from one or several other mental health and substance abuse services agencies.

“We know that behavioral health disorders and medical conditions often happen together and this can make treatment complicated,” says T.J. Thayer, Care Coordinator. “With IHH services, we work with individuals and their families to improve access to care and support services, manage medications, and unite behavioral health and medical providers.”

For more information on IHH services and other services provided by Seasons’ please visit our website at www.seasonscenter.org and Facebook page and Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SeasonsCenterForBehavioralHealth or call 1.800.242.5101.

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Founded in 1959, Seasons Center for Behavioral Health continues to be a leading, comprehensive behavioral health center in the northwest region of Iowa. Offering a broad range of behavioral health Services, Seasons recognizes that investing in behavioral health is investing in a community's economic, education, health and human services systems. Seasons strives to empower individuals so they might become active, contributing members of their communities. For more information on Seasons' services, please visit www.seasonscenter.org or call 1-800-242-501.

