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Seasons Center signs Partners in Health Agreement with Avera Health and Avera McKennan

Spencer, IA. – Seasons Center for Behavioral Health is pleased to announce that, effective October 1, 2014, the Seasons Board of Directors has voted to partner with Avera Health and Avera McKennan Hospital & University Health Center in a Partners in Health Agreement.

Seasons Center will remain a not-for-profit organization governed by the same Board of Directors with the ability to utilize the experience and expertise of the Avera Health system to strengthen the evidence based services for the individuals and families we serve.

"This partnership will grant us the opportunity to develop a deeper integration of patient care with a holistic approach to services," says Kim Scorza, Executive Director.

This partnership will further expand our services, including Primary Care and Behavioral Health. Through the Iowa Primary Care Association and in partnership with Avera Medical Group Spencer, Seasons Center is currently placing Behavioral Health Consultants into the Primary Care Systems to work with medical providers to integrate behavioral health and specialty care into care delivery.

"We are excited for this opportunity to formalize our partnership with Seasons Center," says Steve Lindquist, Assistant Vice President for Behavioral Health, Avera McKennan. "We have been working with Seasons Center for years and now will be able to strategically align services to best meet the needs of our patients.

Seasons will begin the process to update all marketing materials indicating the Avera partnership. For more information on Seasons' services, please visit www.seasonscenter.org 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.

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