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Clinton, MO (September 28, 2022) - Compass Health, Inc. was recently awarded a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Agency (SAMHSA) under the FY2022 Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Improvement and Advancement Grant (Short Title: CCBHC-IA). Per SAMHSA, "The purpose of this federal program is to help transform community behavioral systems and provide comprehensive, integrated, coordinated, and person-centered behavioral health care by enhancing and improving CCBHC's that currently meet the CCBHC Certification Criteria. The intent of the CCBHC-IA grant program is to improve access to community-based mental health and substance use disorder treatment and support, including 24/7 crisis services, to anyone in their service area who needs it, regardless of their ability to pay or place of residence." Targeted individuals of the program include any individual with a mental illness or substance use disorder who is seeking clinical care, including those individuals with serious mental illness (SMI), substance use disorder (SUD) including opioid use disorder (OUD); children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbance (SED); individuals with cooccurring mental illness and substance use disorders (COD); and individuals experiencing a mental health or substance userelated crisis.

In addition to all of the required CCBHC requirements of the program that will be delivered by Compass Health, Inc., our

comprehensive health care system will address: 1) expansion of crisis mental health services; 2) intensive community-based mental health care for members of the armed forces and veterans; 3) meaningful involvement of customers and/or family members in programming; 4) completion of regular needs assessments; 5) partnership development with other service providers and stakeholders; 6) cultural competency and implicit bias reduction training; and 7) implementation of a science pilot project. In addition to these activities, Compass Health will engage with local housing authorities and participate in state and national CCBHC learning collaboratives when available.

The program will officially begin on September 30, 2022 and will expire on September 29, 2026. In total, Compass Health, Inc. has been awarded \$4,000,000.00 to be allocated evenly across the four-year grant term. The project director for this federal initiative is Lori Davila, MSW, Senior Director of CCBHO Expansion Grants. If you have questions, she may be reached via email at ld22840@compasshn.org or mobile phone at 816-775-9369.

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Compass Health Network is a nonprofit health care organization that provides a full continuum of behavioral health services and support, as well as primary and dental health services throughout Missouri.

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