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NARBHA is awarded the State Contract for Behavioral Health Services

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) today awarded the behavioral health service contract for northern Arizona to Northern Arizona Regional Behavioral Health Authority (NARBHA). The contract for Geographic Service Area 1 (GSA 1) includes services in; Coconino, Apache, Mohave, Navajo, and Yavapai counties.

NARBHA, a private non-profit organization, has made a difference for more than 16,000 members in this region since 1967. NARBHA has been managing behavioral healthcare services in northern Arizona for over forty years in such specialties as: child and family services, psychiatric services, crisis stabilization services, and a wide variety of substance abuse programs. "I believe that this award shows the State's confidence in the work we have all done over the years" reported Mick Pattinson, Chief Executive Officer of NARBHA.

ADHS also announced contracts for five Geographical Service Areas (GSAs) outside Maricopa County. The "contracts strengthen the state's ability to increase transparency in contractor performance and provider accountability as well as continue to reflect our commitment to consumer choice and recovery," said Dr. Laura Nelson, Acting Deputy Director for the Division of Behavioral Health Services. ADHS chose these companies through a competitive bidding process in accordance with Arizona Procurement law.

The new contracts take effect July 1, 2010.

For the ADHS/Announcement, go to <http://www.azdhs.gov/news/2010-AIII/100317%20%20BHS%20Contract%20Anmt.pdf>

About NARBHA

NARBHA was founded in 1967. It is a private, not-for-profit managed care corporation with deep roots in the communities of northern Arizona. The Board of Directors is made of up individuals, consumers, and family members representing the geographic region.

NARBHA serves a total population served of over 700,000 people and 62,000 square miles (or ½ of the state of Arizona), including the Hopi Reservation with ten additional Native American tribes of northern Arizona. NARBHA subcontracts with ten Responsible Agencies (RAs) and over 70 additional behavioral health providers, offering choice of services to members throughout northern Arizona.

NARBHA offers a variety of behavioral healthcare services, including: psychiatric inpatient treatment in Flagstaff, Kingman, Prescott, Cottonwood and Show Low; chemical dependency residential programs in Prescott and Flagstaff; and, crisis stabilization (detoxification) centers in Winslow, Holbrook, Page and Flagstaff. NARBHA provides a special focus on Child and Family/Adult Teams which support individualized, person-centered service planning and collaboration. Focus on service provision and programming in-line with the Arizona Children's Vision and 12 Principles, and the Principles for Persons with Serious Mental Illness

NARBHA continues to invest into the behavioral health community for special programs and capital support for projects offering significant impact such as integration & collaboration between primary health care and behavioral health care, and scholarship money for workforce development. NARBHA also contributes computers annually to behavioral health providers to place in their lobbies for consumers to access the NARBHA and provider websites, behavioral health resources, and other related information.

NARBHA's nationally recognized and award-winning telemedicine network was recently honored with the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare as the winner of the 2010 Award of Excellence in Health Information Technology.

NARBHA websites are www.narbha.org and www.narbha.networkofcare.org

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