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THRIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND CODAC PARTNER TO LAUNCH MAT PROGRAM

WARWICK, RI (April 15, 2021) – Thrive Behavioral Health and CODAC Behavioral Healthcare have partnered to provide medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorder in Kent County. The program, which recently launched at Thrive’s 50 Health Lane location adjacent to Kent Hospital, will increase treatment options for adults seeking support for substance use disorders.

As a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC), Thrive provides a comprehensive range of services that increase access, stabilize individuals in crisis, and treat children, adults and families facing serious, complex mental illnesses and substance use disorders. CCBHCs integrate additional services to ensure its approach to healthcare emphasizes recovery, wellness, trauma-informed care and physical-behavioral health integration. Thrive has partnered with CODAC, a leader in medication-assisted treatment (MAT), to better serve individuals in the Kent County area who are living with a substance use disorder.

“When Thrive applied for the CCBHC grant, we were charged with identifying gaps in services and creating solutions to those gaps that would break down treatment barriers,” stated Dawn Allen, CCBHC Project Director. “We determined that there was a need for medication-assisted treatment in Kent County. Together with CODAC, we are connecting our community members to high quality treatment, decreasing their risk of experiencing a fatal overdose, expediting their transitions into long-term recovery, and providing support for them to live healthy, fulfilling lives.”

“We wanted to partner with CODAC not just because they are a statewide leader in the field of opioid use disorder treatment, but because their staff employ a service model that seeks to provide both follow-up and multiple avenues of support to better ensure the longevity of recovery,” stated Dan Kubas-Meyer, President & CEO of Thrive.

CODAC’s President and CEO Linda Hurley stated, “We are proud to partner with Thrive Behavioral Health on this important initiative. Together, we are moving forward in treating individuals struggling with addiction as patients, just like those facing diabetes or cancer, and

offering them the most comprehensive, evidence-based therapeutic approaches available.” Founded in 1971, CODAC has provided MAT services in Rhode Island for more than 40 years, and is the state’s longest-running not-for-profit outpatient opioid use disorder treatment provider.

While CODAC will administer the MAT Program, additional clinical support will be offered to participants through Thrive’s Adult Outpatient Program. It offers wraparound services including individual, group, and family counseling; psychiatric medication evaluation and management; case management services, and an Intensive Outpatient Program for substance use and co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.

About Thrive Behavioral Health

Thrive Behavioral Health has provided services in Rhode Island since 1976. It offers comprehensive behavioral healthcare programs and services annually to over 3,700 children, adolescents, adults, and seniors. Thrive is committed to improving its clients’ quality of life through an extensive range of community-based and outpatient mental health services, substance use treatment, educational programs and housing services that are recovery-oriented, trauma-informed, and family-focused.

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, Thrive’s programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). It is a nationally recognized Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic and a founding member of Horizon Healthcare Partners (HHP), comprised of three Community Mental Health Centers (Community Care Alliance, Newport Mental Health, and Thrive), CODAC Behavioral Healthcare, and Tides Family Services, a community-based service organization for youth and families. For more information on its programs and services, visit www.ThriveBHRI.org or follow its social media @ThriveBHRI.

About CODAC Behavioral Healthcare

CODAC Behavioral Healthcare, a non-profit organization founded in 1971, is Rhode Island’s oldest and largest provider of outpatient services for opioid use disorder, other substance use disorders, and concurrent behavioral health challenges. With eight locations across Rhode Island, CODAC has attained Center of Excellence designations for each of its treatment sites. CODAC has extensive experience working with individuals involved in the criminal justice system and, in 2016, launched a program with the Rhode Island Department of Corrections (RIDOC) that was the first of its kind in the United States to screen all inmates for opioid use disorder and provide medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for those in need.

Results from CODAC’s RIDOC program have been studied and published, and the program has been recognized as “a model for all 50 states” by the Department of Justice, SAMHSA and multiple other national agencies. In addition, CODAC is now licensed in Massachusetts as an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) providing MAT in the Hampden County Sheriff’s Department. For more information about CODAC, visit: www.codacinc.org.

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