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### **Mental Health Board approves continuation plan for MCPN**

Detroit, Michigan –The Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Board voted Wednesday to allow Synergy Partners LLC to continue as a manager of comprehensive provider networks (MCPN).

Through its action, the Board also rescinded a 120-day notice of contract termination that was given to Synergy last month.

Services to consumers and system stability were major factors in the decision. Synergy is one of five MCPNs for the Detroit-Wayne County system and serves about 1,800 consumers with developmental disabilities.

The members of the Board of Directors are John Barden, Janifer Binion, Gary Burtka, Cindy Dingell (Chairperson), Dorothy Doyley, David Esper, George Gaines, Dr. Mouhanad Hammami, Frank J. Ross (Treasurer), Constance Rowley, (Secretary), Noel Saleh (Vice-Chairperson) and Dr. Herbert Smitherman.

The Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency serves more than 60,000 residents with mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, developmental disabilities and substance use disorders. The Agency, a division of the Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services, operates a toll-free 24-Hour Help Line for crisis intervention, suicide prevention, and mental health information and referral, 800-241-4949 or TTY 866-870-2599. – end –