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Mental Health Agency keeps focus on consumers and services while working with MCPN

Detroit, Michigan –The Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency continues to make the health and services of consumers a top priority as the Agency works to ensure they are not impacted by a 120-day notice issue of contract termination to Synergy Partners LLC, one of five Managers of Comprehensive Provider Networks (MCPNs) for the Detroit-Wayne County system.

“Our consumers are always our first priority,” said Veda Sharp, LMSW, Acting Executive Director. “We continue to work to ensure the provision of services to our consumers. As part of our commitment, we have given Synergy 30 days to develop a viable business plan to continue as an MCPN.”

At a board meeting Wednesday, the Board of Directors set a July 1, 2009 study session on Synergy, which serves about 1,800 consumers.

The Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency serves more than 60,600 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 –