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Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Grant Proposal Selections and Updates

Rockford, IL — Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board (WCCMHB) has made award selections for its Grant Program Year 2021 - 2022 proposals. Funding totaling \$8.8 Million will support priority areas of mental health treatment, case management, crisis response services, and family and community support. The target populations are infant and early childhood mental health, severe emotional disturbances in children, serious mental illness in adults, and substance abuse disorder in all ages.

WCCMHB will fully-fund the following proposals totaling \$6,202,864.22, contingent upon the execution of funding agreements and work plans:

- Children's Home & Aid: Winnebago County Doula Program
- Children's Home & Aid: Early Prevention in the Community (EPIC)
- Crusader Community Health: Crusader Behavioral Health Service Expansion
- Family Counseling Services of Northern Illinois: Expansion of Therapists, additional training and office space
- Remedies Renewing Lives: Remedies Renewing Lives Domestic Violence Program Therapy & Advocacy Project
- Remedies Renewing Lives: Position to provide mental health/case management services for substance abuse clients
- Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling: Outreach Therapist
- Rosecrance, Inc.: Rosecrance Access to Care
- Stepping Stones of Rockford, Inc.: Stepping Stones Counseling Center
- Winnebago County Sheriff's Office: Winnebago County Jail Behavioral Health Program - Enhanced
- Youth Services Network, Inc.: Youth Trauma Clinic (YTC)

WCCMHB will partially fund the following proposals totaling \$2,592,358.74 contingent upon the execution of funding agreements, work plans, and updated budgets:

- City of Rockford: Mental Health Co-Responder Program
- Regional Access & Mobilization Project: Independent Living Services and Training
- Shelter Care Ministries: Jubilee Member Care Coordination
- University of Illinois College of Medicine: The CARE Program – Compassionate Appreciation for Recovery for Everyone

The process of finalizing the funding agreements, work plans, and updated budgets for the proposals receiving funding will occur this month, leading up to the commencement of Program Year 2021-2022.

Board President Mary Ann Abate says, “Since we started reviewing applications, we were thrilled with the quality and innovation we saw across the board. It was difficult to make funding decisions because there were so many high-quality applications. However, we feel confident that the programs that are being funded are those that best fit with the priorities and target populations outlined in our three-year strategic plan that was informed by research and community input.”

A special event providing additional details will be scheduled in June after funding agreements and work plans have been finalized. At that time, a description of each program will be read, and there will be an opportunity for board members to answer questions.

For more information, visit <http://r1planning.org/wccmhb>.

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