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OCHN Celebrates Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

OAKLAND COUNTY, MI (January 9, 2024) – On Tuesday, January 9, 2024, Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) celebrated local law enforcement partners by hosting a Law Enforcement Appreciation Breakfast.



Nearly 40 Oakland County law enforcements agencies and organizations were acknowledged at the event and the program highlighted Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, local partnerships, OCHN's Co-Responder program, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), Oakland County's Crisis Response Unit (CRU), and substance use disorder (SUD) prevention.

"Today's event affirmed OCHN's commitment to support and collaborate with law enforcement in unified efforts to best serve people during behavioral health crises," said Dana Lasenby, OCHN's Executive Director and CEO.

Community resources like the CRU, Co-responder program, and organizational connections help people navigate the behavioral health system and have fundamentally changed how behavioral health entities and law enforcement interact in a positive way.

The event also recognized Officer Chris Solimano of the Bloomfield Township Police Department as the 2024 CIT Officer of the Year, and Captain Todd Hill of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office as the 2024 CIT Executive of the Year for their excellence and commitment to crisis response.

"It's an honor to receive this award and I accept it on behalf of all first responders at the Sherriff's Office and County wide that bring community collaboration together." said Captain Todd Hill of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

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Pictured left to right: Dana Lasenby (OCHN Executive Director & CEO), Captain Todd Hill (Oakland County Sheriff's Office), Trisha Zizumbo (OCHN Director of Training & Justice Initiatives), Dan Holloway (OCHN CIT Coordinator)



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About OCHN

OCHN is contracted by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to lead a provider service network and manage care for approximately 29,000 Oakland County residents at more than 400 service sites across the county. People who receive public behavioral health services through OCHN's provider network include those who have an intellectual or developmental disability, mental health concerns, or substance use disorder. Most of these individuals have Medicaid insurance coverage.

OCHN's goal is to ensure these individuals are aware of and have access to services and supports that will improve their health and quality of life, as well as ensure their engagement in full community participation. Its mission to "inspire hope, empower people, and strengthen communities" reflects an unyielding belief in a "Valuable System for Valued People." Programs and supports provided by OCHN's service network are available at www.oaklandchn.org.

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