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OCHN Acknowledges the Findings of Mental Health Americas' National Survey

OAKLAND COUNTY, MI (August 14, 2024) – Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) recognizes Mental Health Americas' (MHA) findings on the state of Mental Health in America. MHA is dedicated to promoting mental health, well-being and illness prevention, and aims to create a world where everyone has equitable access to mental health resources. MHA utilizes a national survey which seeks to provide data, track changes, document the impact of legislation, and improve dialogue, for mental illness.

This year, MHA released significant findings through their national survey. Some highlights of the findings include:

- 13% of youth ages 12-17 reported experiencing serious thoughts of suicide
- 10% of adults with mental illness are uninsured
- In 2021-2022, 23% of adults experienced mental illness in the past year, which equates to nearly 60 million individuals
- There are 340 people for every 1 mental health provider in the United States
- Most individuals with a substance use disorder in the United States are not receiving treatment

In addition, MHA released state specific findings. Michigan ranked 11th in the nation for the lowest prevalence of mental illness, and highest rates of care. Furthermore, Michigan ranked 3rd in the nation for the least number of youths that consider suicide. To read the remainder of the findings, and about MHA's mission click here: [Mental Health America National Survey Findings](#).

OCHN acknowledges the prevalence of mental illness in the United States and is committed to providing Oakland County with a variety of mental health services. OCHN develops a Strategic Plan every three years that provides the framework for OCHN's Annual Plan and Budget, which is developed for each year of the three-year plan. OCHN's FY23-25 priorities and goals are centered around key areas that are critical to the OCHN mission and include staffing and retention, quality systems of care, administration and service delivery, integrated healthcare, and partnerships, advocacy, and outreach.

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On Tuesday, September 20, 2024, OCHN is hosting an Annual Plan Community Forum to discuss the Draft Fiscal Year 2025 Plan and receive feedback. To learn more about the Community Forum, click [here](#).

For non-emergency Access to services, call (248) 464-6363. If you or someone you know needs immediate assistance, call or text the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988. For more information on OCHN, visit www.oaklandchn.org.

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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