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## **OCHN Hosts 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Recovery Celebration**

**OAKLAND COUNTY, MI (September 20, 2024)** – Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) hosted their 16<sup>th</sup> annual Recovery Celebration on September 20, 2024, at their administrative offices in Troy.

The event is held annually in recognition of September's national observance as Recovery Month for persons living with a substance use disorder (SUD) and to promote awareness about the agency's robust substance use treatment and prevention services.

OCHN's Chief Operating Officer, Trisha Zizumbo, kicked-off the event and welcomed 400+ participants and vendors. Megan Phillips, OCHN's Director of SUD Services, recognized the nominees and winner for the "Be the Voice" Award. This award highlights individuals who dedicate their work to the recovery community. Phillips had the pleasure of welcoming hip-hop artist, Colicchie, who joined the festivities.

Colicchie, a resident of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, spoke about his lived experience as a person in recovery. He concluded the event, by performing his original songs that highlight his experience with depression and SUD.

Join OCHN for its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Recovery Celebration next September!

For non-emergency Access 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 or substance use disorder services, visit [www.oaklandchn.org](http://www.oaklandchn.org).



Pictured (Left to right): “Be the Voice” Award Recipients Rondel Watson, Deputy Fagan, Tina Strimpel, Lonie Gray, Kayla Allen, and Deputy Hayes



Pictured: Colicchie

### **About OCHN**

OCHN is contracted by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to lead a provider service network and manage care for approximately 29,000 Oakland County citizens 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](http://www.oaklandchn.org).

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