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## **OCHN Hosts Anniversary Celebration**

**OAKLAND COUNTY, MI (May 13, 2024)** – Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) hosted an anniversary celebration on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Resource & Crisis Center (RCC) to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of OCHN and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the RCC.

This celebration honored 60 years of serving the community, as well as 10 years of providing crisis services. It acknowledged the milestone of providing behavioral health services to Oakland County residents and honored May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

The celebration kicked off with OCHN's Chief of Staff, Christine Burk, who highlighted the historical aspects of the center and the great accomplishments made in partnership with its provider network. The RCC houses the Youth & Family Care Connection, Crisis Care Unit (CCU), the Sober Support Unit (SSU), The Recovery Information Support and Education (RISE) Center, and more.

Community partners Leigh Anne Stafford, Oakland County Director of Health and Human Services, and Representative Brenda Carter from District 53 also spoke about the important work OCHN does for the community.

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, visit [www.oaklandchn.org](http://www.oaklandchn.org).

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**Pictured (Left to Right):** Trisha Zizumbo; OCHN's Interim Chief Operations Officer, Leigh Ann Stafford; Oakland County Director of Health and Human Services, Representative Brenda Carter; District 53, Christine Burk; OCHN's Chief of Staff.



**Pictured:** Trisha Zizumbo, Representative Brenda Carter, Christine Burk, and Leigh Ann Stafford surrounded by various OCHN staff and community partners.

## **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](http://www.oaklandchn.org).

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