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## **OCHN Transitions to Provide Services for the RISE Center**

**OAKLAND COUNTY, MI (March 29, 2024)** – Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) launched The Recovery Information Support and Education or RISE Center in 2017 to promote recovery for individuals by connecting them to community-based services. Since then, more than 16,000 people have taken advantage of this important community benefit originally intended for those in recovery but now available to the entire community.

Since the inception of the RISE Center, Personalized Nursing LIGHT House (PNLH) has been the contracted provider and a trusted partner in ensuring individuals in recovery are equipped with resources to succeed. OCHN is thankful for PNLH's service, however, beginning March 31, 2024, OCHN is assuming the provider role for these community supports.

"We are proud to have partnered with OCHN to help launch and staff The RISE Center. For nearly a decade, we provided case management services at the RISE Center to help connect persons in need with available community resources", stated Joseph Paliwoda, CEO of PNLH.

The RISE Center is an important resource for individuals in recovery. Services at the RISE Center are free and available to all Oakland County residents who need support during their recovery journey. This includes offering intervention options for people at risk of relapse.

"Personalized Nursing LIGHT House (PNLH) has been integral in breaking down barriers for those in recovery and connecting people to valuable community resources throughout the years." states Dana Lasenby, OCHN's Executive Director and CEO. "We are grateful for this longstanding collaboration and for the essential services PNLH has provided to the individuals OCHN serves," added Lasenby.

For more information, or to schedule a virtual appointment with a RISE Center mental health expert, call, 248-464-6055 or 734-772-5035. To learn more about OCHN, visit [www.oaklandchn.org](http://www.oaklandchn.org). Non-emergency Access services can be reached at (248) 464-6363. If you or someone you know needs immediate assistance, call, or text the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988.

## **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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