



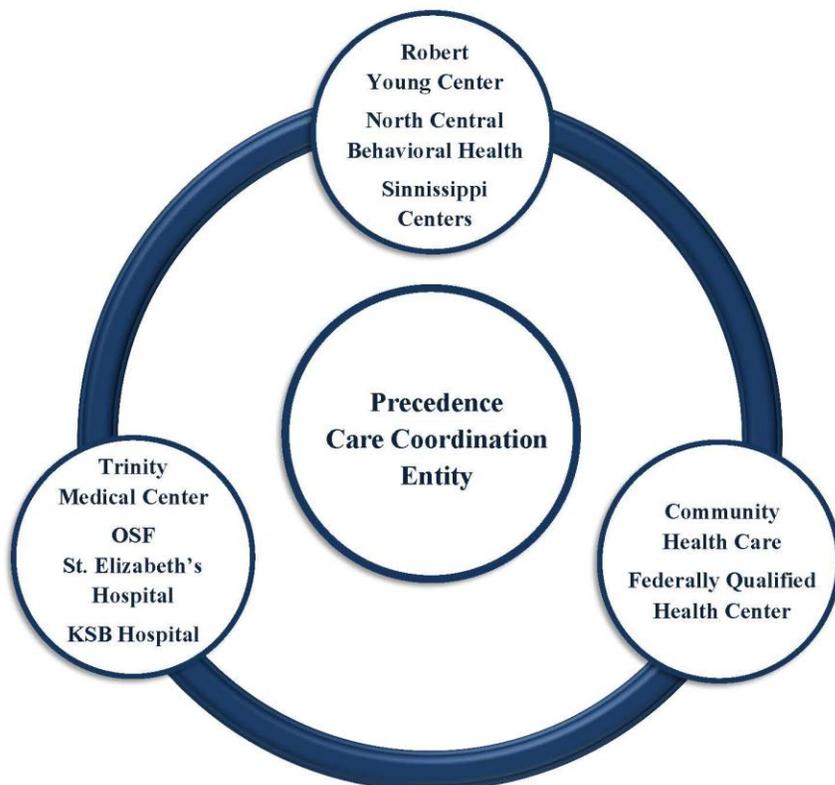
## **Illinois Department of Health & Family Services Innovations: A Model for the Bi-Direction Coordination of Primary & Behavioral Health for Medicaid Behavioral Population**

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) named six healthcare networks last week that have been chosen initially to launch the state’s transition to greatly expanded coordinated care by 2015. We were one of only two selected outside of Cook County, with the other being Macon County Mental Health Board in Decatur. The six awarded provider groups applied to be part of the “Care Coordination Innovations Project” led by HFS Director Julie Hamos. Seventy Letters of Intent were originally submitted with twenty actual proposals sent to HFS. The awardees were selected based on their demonstrated ability to offer a holistic approach to delivering coordinated care for special populations including seniors and adults with disabilities. The Department plans to work with the other provider organizations not selected in the first round to explore possible enhancements to the project proposals.

The Innovations Project is one of several initiatives the state is employing to meet the requirements of the state’s 2011 Medicaid reform law to enroll 50% of clients into care coordination. The goal is to redesign the healthcare delivery system so that is more patient-centered, with a focus on improved health outcomes and evidence-based treatments, enhanced patient access, and patient safety. Care coordination is also the key strategy to contain the Medicaid budget.

Under a solicitation released in January, HFS sought proposals that would form provider-based networks to provide the care coordination services to seniors and adults with disabilities who have the most complex health and behavioral health conditions, and are therefore the most expensive to serve. The state required that these partners would include participation from hospitals, primary care providers, and mental health and substance abuse providers. The role of care coordination is to facilitate the delivery of appropriate health care and other services, and to manage needed transitions in care among providers and community agencies.

The proposal developed by our system created an LLC named Precedence Care Coordination Entity and it is described below:



Precedence Care Coordination – As a CCE, the proposed care coordination model will be led by Precedence CCE which represents a newly established collaboration of providers and community organizations including hospitals, substance abuse entities, clinics and three established community mental health centers. The CCE is proposing to serve adults with disabilities, including adults with serious mental illness and/or substance abuse disorders across a nine-county region in Northwest and Central Illinois. The regions include Whiteside, Lee, Rock Island, Bureau, Henry, Mercer, Stark, Marshall, Putnam and LaSalle counties and combine both rural and urban demographics. The Innovations Project tests a model organized through a major hospital system, featuring integration of primary and behavioral care with community health agencies located in three (3) sub-regions, or health home hubs: Quad Cities (Robert Young Center, Trinity Medical Center, Riverside and Community Health Care); (2) Dixon (Sinnissippi Centers, KSB and local primary care); and, the Ottawa / LaSalle-Peru (North Central Behavioral Health, OSF St. Elizabeth’s Hospital and a Primary Care practice).



## Team Psyched

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, Robert Young Center (RYC) employees, families, friends and consumers participated in the 2012 NAMI Walks at Centennial Park in Davenport. RYC's Team Psyched had 48 walkers present to take part in the walk and the festivities which included activities for children, live music and plenty of snacks and food. Through Team Psyched's fundraising efforts, \$2,725 was raised to assist NAMI in its mission. Part of the NAMI Walks preparations included Kori Hildreth and District 22 members baking over 1,000 cookies for the after-walk treat table! In addition, the NAMI Candlelight Dinner was held on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Sandra Moens, Amy Holmquist, Brian Moens, Larry Moens, Sarah Malaise, Sharon Hirst and Petra Campos donated their time and baking skills to bake several cakes for the dinner.

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## PTSD/TBI in the Church

Pastor Scott Fluegel will present "PTSD/TBI in the Church" on January 9, 2013 from 1-3 p.m. at Trinity Rock Island Jardine Center, 2701 17<sup>th</sup> Street Rock Island, IL. For additional information about this event, please visit [www.jasonsbox.com](http://www.jasonsbox.com).



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## Election Awareness For CSP Consumers

During the month of October, Kathy Doherty and Amy Holmquist organized "election awareness" for consumers at the Community Support Program (CSP) in Rock Island. Kathy assisted 12 consumers with registering to vote,

several of whom decided to cast an early vote. In addition, Amy assisted CSP consumers in researching the local and national candidates and facilitated an election-themed trivia game on October 31<sup>st</sup> where two teams of consumers tested each other's knowledge of the current issues.





## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Recovery Month Celebration

The month of September is recognized as National Recovery Month. This year, Riverside Chemical Dependency Program along with the Rock Island County Drug Court Program, held the Fourth Annual Recovery Month Celebration at Sunset Park in Rock Island, Illinois. The celebration included three Riverside Continuum of Care Program clients that shared their stories of recovery. The second half of the celebration included a game of volleyball and a picnic. This year's celebration was attended by 137 clients and their families, members of the Drug Court Team, Dennis Duke and Arthur Gillen. A great time was had by all!

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## Heritage Church Members Volunteer at Group Homes

Church members from Heritage Church in Rock Island held a volunteer project and picked Robert Young Center group homes as their project recipients. Three teams of church volunteers arrived at the group homes on the morning of Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> ready to work. Volunteers raked leaves, planted flower bulbs, trimmed bushes, and cleaned and organized the kitchens. They even brought donuts for the staff and residents of the group homes. Thank you to the organizer of the volunteer event, Sheryl Darrell, and to all the church members that volunteered their time to help spruce up RYC group homes.

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## Precedence Update

As part of the quality assurance program, active participating providers are asked to review and score the Precedence quality improvement yearly plan. This year, the providers scored the plan as 'excellent'.

## EAP Update

\*Bryan Cook conducted a Stress Management program for 60 staff members at the Abilities Plus annual retreat in Kewanee, IL. The presentation included information about identifying symptoms of stress and offered practical tips on how to manage daily stressors at work and home. Abilities Plus contracts with EAP to provide assessment, counseling, management consultation and training.

\*Sally Dirks and Bryan Cook distributed Robert Young Center informational brochures at the annual Alcoa wellness and benefits fair on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.