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LAKE COUNTY AGENCY NAMED SATELLITE OFFICE OF OHIO WELLNESS NETWORK

Painesville, OH -- Bridges, a Lake County recovery and empowerment agency for consumers of mental health services, has been named a satellite office of the Ohio Wellness Network (OWN).

OWN is a statewide network of peer-operated service providers. The member agencies share programming ideas, technical support, and operational strategies to strengthen their ability to deliver quality mental health recovery services efficiently.

Bridges receives funding and support from the Lake County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board. Established by Ohio Statute, the ADAMHS Board is responsible for planning, funding and evaluating area mental health and recovery initiatives. ADAMHS Executive Director Kim Fraser said she's enthusiastic

about the new connection between Bridges and the Ohio Wellness Network. “Bridges is a valuable resource for area residents who are recovering from a severe mental illness,” Fraser said. “We applaud their new affiliation with the Ohio Wellness Network because we believe it can help foster even more positive impacts from this agency.”

Fraser adds that the new partnership may also spawn system-wide benefits locally. “One of the reasons that our Lake County ADAMHS system is viewed as among Ohio’s best is that we vigorously solicit and value input from consumers and family members,” Fraser noted. “Bridges already plays a key role in that process, and this partnership has the potential to facilitate more of that vital information flowing through our decision-making channels.”

Damir Pavicic, Executive Director at Bridges, says his staff will work closely with an on-site OWN consultant to synchronize agency and network goals and strategies. “Our focus will continue to be where it has always been — on providing solid programming that helps local mental health consumers pursue recovery and wellness,” Pavicic said. “This new partnership will open new opportunities for us to do that even more effectively.”

More information about the Lake County ADAMHS Board and its network of service providers is available at www.HelpThatWorks.us.

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