

## Executive Director's Report- January 16, 2024

- Transportation Service Updates- December- Jackson County had 71 transports and Marshall County had 29 transports.
- Creekside Hospital Update- The hospital began accepting patients on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) required them to admit and treat 10-15 patients on a trial basis and then they will review their files and treatment processes to make sure everything is up to standards. Once this trial is completed, they will be allowed to go full steam ahead with further admissions. Jeremy Burrage has been a great help to assist them with admissions, treatment, and discharges until their full time social worker is on board (Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>).
- The City of Scottsboro notified us in December they would be providing us with \$30,000 in one-time funding to support our Jail Treatment program. We have received the check and these funds are a result of the City receiving them as part of opioid settlements. Mayor McCamy was very complimentary of our Jail treatment program and asked that I pass on his thanks and appreciation to the Board.
- Medicaid Contingency Management Program- We were recently selected by Alabama Medicaid and North Alabama Community Cares (NACC) to participate in this grant program. The grant will provide funding for contingency management for our outpatient clients in Jackson and Marshall Counties, who have a dual diagnosis of Mental Illness & Substance Use. Contingency Management is an evidence based practice and is a behavioral intervention that has been especially useful and effective in the treatment of substance use disorders (SUD). CM is based on behavioral theory and involves the provision of tangible incentives (i.e. gift cards) when clients demonstrate target behaviors. The target behaviors for this grant will be consecutive attendance/participation in counseling sessions and negative drug screens.
- Updates on JC BOE Property-
  - The JC BOE's attorney (John Porter) requested on 1/5/24 that we complete the closing on the property within 30 days.
  - Based on the information that was discussed with our real estate attorney (Graham Burgess) in tonight's executive session, we will need a motion and approval of such for the final decision on the property purchase question.