

## **Executive Director's Report – February 17, 2026**

### **Transportation Services Update**

- **Jackson County (January):** 39 transports
- **Marshall County (January):** 216 transports
  - Of these, 189 transports supported Day Program participation, reinforcing the importance of transportation as a key access and engagement support.

### **Crisis Residential Unit (CRU) & Claysville Campus Development**

The CRU floor plan and building location have been finalized in coordination with the architect. We are currently in the process of completing:

- **A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment**
- **A Geotechnical Engineering Study**

Upcoming phases will include:

- Engineering design of building systems
- Review and selection of cabinetry and finishes
- Planning for door access controls
- Review of security features and anti-ligature provisions

We are proceeding deliberately and methodically and are working toward having full bid documents and specifications ready to solicit construction bids in the near future.

### **Billboard Acquisition Opportunity**

The current owner has offered to sell both billboard structures to Mountain Lakes Behavioral Healthcare for a total of \$100,000. The offer includes:

- One year of rent-free use of two existing signs (Special Touch Restoration and American Dumpster Company)
- First right of refusal to rent those signs following the initial year

Additional details are provided in the attached information sheet for Board review.

### **Funding Updates**

- A proposal was submitted to ADMH Commissioner Boswell requesting approval to use the first year of CRU operational funds (\$2.2 million) for capital expenditures. This request has been approved.
  - We will begin quarterly invoicing to ADMH for CapEx reimbursements, reducing total CRU capital costs by \$2,200,000.
- A proposal has also been submitted to the Marshall County Opioid Committee / County Commission requesting \$950,000 to support facility-related capital expenses.
  - Additional funding opportunities are expected as opioid settlement funds are distributed over future years.
  - A similar request is planned for Jackson County to further offset CRU construction costs.
- I also plan to request CRU capital funding through our Federal Legislative Delegation.
  - A meeting is scheduled tomorrow with a representative from Congressman Aderholt's office to discuss the project and the appropriations process.
  - Information requests have also been submitted to Senator Britt's and Senator Tuberville's offices.

## **Highlands Hospital – Mental Health Consults**

We are currently working with Highlands Hospital to develop a contract for:

- Mental health consults for emergency department and admitted patients
- Coordination of placement and follow-up care when needed

The contract structure and operational process are being designed to mirror our existing agreement with Marshall Medical Center.

## **Stepping Up Initiative – Jackson County**

Sheriff Harnen has agreed to partner with Mountain Lakes Behavioral Healthcare to implement the Stepping Up initiative in the Jackson County Jail.

- ADMH will provide \$60,000 annually to support the hiring of a Case Manager
- The Case Manager will evaluate inmates and coordinate follow-up care and community-based services as appropriate

## **CCBHC Board Education Training Series**

“Care Coordination & Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) Oversight”