## CRISIS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO CHANGE IN ADAMS COUNTY Community Reach Center continues providing urgent behavioral health care

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Effective July 1, Signal Behavioral Health Network will contract with Community Reach Center to provide mobile crisis services as a provider member of the Colorado Crisis Services network. Community Reach will continue to provide the same high-quality emergency services and hospital alternatives for people with urgent behavioral health issues as it has for nearly five decades, as an independent provider.

Community Reach Center's Walk-In Crisis Center has been renamed Behavioral Health Urgent Care, adjacent to its Center for Detox Services at the 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue Neighborhood Health Center in Westminster. Their Crisis Stabilization Unit has been renamed the Hospital Alternative Program. The program provides more intensive levels of residential care at Community Reach Center's Margaret Carpenter Center in Thornton, co-located with the Intensive Residential Treatment and Medication Assisted Treatment programs.

According to Community Reach Center CEO Rick Doucet, the transition to an independent provider outside the Colorado Crisis Services network is expected to be seamless. "When the Office of Behavioral Health rebid for crisis services in Colorado in 2018, it established significant changes to the state's crisis system and specifically our region. The RFP essentially created under-funded mandates for care that Community Reach Center could not fiscally accommodate, so we chose not to submit a bid. Community Reach Center is committed to continue providing the same excellent responsive emergency behavioral health services that we have since the 1970's. The bottom line is this: if you're in the Adams or Broomfield County area and are experiencing an emergency such as depression, acute anxiety, thoughts of suicide or an emergency related to substance use, come to the Behavioral Health Urgent Care in Westminster and let us get you the support and resources you need," said Doucet.

Anyone experiencing immediate crisis such as suicidal thoughts is encouraged to call the state crisis hotline at 1-844-493-8255 or text TALK to 38255. Counselors are standing by.

## **About Community Reach Center**

Community Reach Center is a top-tier behavioral health and wellness provider serving people of all ages at seven outpatient offices and more than 100 community-based sites throughout Adams County, Colorado. The Center has worked diligently to preserve and promote a commitment to excellence, professionalism and integrity within our community healthcare system for nearly 60

years – currently serving more than 22,000 individuals annually. We employ more than 500 highly trained professionals committed to health and wellness.

Community Reach Center is a leading integrated care partner in Colorado – meaning that mental healthcare, primary medical care and dental services are provided in one location at dozens of clinics throughout the north Denver metro area. Additionally, Mountainland Pediatrics, Inc., an affiliate of Community Reach Center, provides primary pediatric care for children from birth through age 21, and is co-located with Community Reach Center's Child Development Center.