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Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Board of Directors Meet in Fort Supply

The State's Board of Directors who oversee operations at the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services today held their regularly scheduled meeting in Fort Supply at the Northwest Center for Behavioral Health (formerly Western State Psychiatric Center). The board meets throughout the year to address business issues related to the Department, and make decisions directing department operations. The ODMHSAS provides services in the areas of mental health, substance abuse, and domestic violence and sexual assault to the entire state.

The NCBH provides inpatient, outpatient and residential mental health services to all of northwest Oklahoma.

In addition to regular business, the board members were afforded an opportunity to attend the opening of the new Heartland House, a permanent supportive housing unit for consumers opening in Woodward. The project was made possible through the support of local agencies and a grant from HUD.

"Heartland House is a tremendous addition to the community," notes department spokesperson Jeff Dismukes. "Community partnership has been a key to making the process a reality."

“These types of community-based efforts are needed to help build a healthier Oklahoma.”

For additional information regarding services or for questions about programs, logon to the department’s website at www.odmhsas.org. You may also contact the department at 405/522-3908 or call the Reachout hotline from anywhere in the state toll-free at 1/800/522-9054. Area residents can also contact the NCBH directly at 580/571-3233 for up to date information about local resources.

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Editors Note: Contact Steve Norwood at 580/571-3233 for more information about the NCBH and its ongoing program efforts.