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GCB RECEIVES \$200,000 TO IMPLEMENT HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

SAMHSA supplements original \$2 Million Grant for Primary/Mental Health Integration

CINCINNATI: Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCB) has been awarded nearly \$200,000 from The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The grant is a supplement to the \$2 Million grant GCB received in 2010 for its Holistic Health Integration Project, and will be used to implement Health Information Technologies (HIT) including electronic medical records. GCB's four-year Holistic Health Integration Project is designed to coordinate care to address both the physical and mental health care issues for clients with severe mental illnesses.

"In today's healthcare systems, you can only go so far with health integration without the support of health information technology. It allows providers and the client to share information for greater collaboration and ultimately to provide higher quality of care," says Jeff O'Neil, GCB's Community Support Services Director, who is also the project's administrator. "With this technology in place, we will be able to coordinate all the pertinent data that client providers involved need when considering their care."

The initial deliverable activities resulting from this grant include utilizing E-Prescribe for better consideration of medications and sharing of lab results with GCB's primary care collaborator, The Healthcare Connection. "This is great timing with respect to GCB's broader plans toward overall Electronic Health Records implementation," says O'Neil.

Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCB) is the most comprehensive mental health agency in Hamilton County serving adults with severe mental illness. It is a fully certified, nationally accredited, 501 (C) (3) nonprofit organization, and is recognized for the successful implementation of "Best Practice" programs and innovative services. GCB's mission is to assist persons with mental illness to lead productive and fulfilling lives.

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