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Lakeview Center is Awarded Grant for HIV and Addictions

Pensacola, Fla. (October 30, 2017) – Lakeview Center Behavioral Health Services was awarded a competitive grant in the amount of \$2.48 million. The funding will support HIV and addictions programs for a span of five years for continuation of the Personalized HIV & Addictions Services Expansion Program, better known as PHASE. Services include: counseling, outreach, assessment, treatment aftercare/case management and community support provided with a special emphasis on African American men, women, and families as well individuals addicted to opioids.

“This funding makes possible essential services to the local community that would otherwise not be available,” said Irvin Williams, Ph.D., director of specialty services at Lakeview Center. “It comes at a critical time to help address the disparate impact of addiction and other health conditions on minority populations.”

Grants are funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to address the issues of addiction and HIV in communities across the nation. All total SAMHSA awarded grants totaling \$166 million over five years through its Targeted Capacity Expansion-HIV (TCE-HIV) Program and its Prevention Navigator Program.

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About Lakeview Center, Inc. Behavioral Health

The Mission of Lakeview Behavioral Health is to help people throughout life's journey. We specialize in providing effective, research-based services for children and adults with mental illnesses, drug and alcohol dependencies, and intellectual disabilities. Our services range from inpatient and residential treatment to outpatient counseling, psychiatry, case management, day treatment, and round-the-clock support for those with serious mental illnesses. Additionally, Lakeview Behavioral Health provides specialized trauma services, medication-assisted treatment for opiate dependency, and medically supervised drug and alcohol detoxification. In all, Lakeview Behavioral Health offers more than 60 programs and services for people in the northwest Florida area. To learn more, go online to eLakeviewCenter.org.

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