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Resiliency After Disaster

Tested by Fire

After a fire occurred in the Warren County Administration/Outpatient building on Thursday, February 23, 2017, staff members quickly set in motion tasks to have the center operational by the next Monday. Disaster planning helped in responding more effectively by determining what needs be done, who needs to do it, and how it can get done. Key staff assessed the situation and developed a plan to move staff and programs so that services were not interrupted. Prior continuity planning was key in restoring critical business operations and work processes.

A few offices and hallways were destroyed, however, the entire building experienced heavy smoke and water damage. The exterior of the building was damaged at the ignition point a surrounding area. None of our employees had any external injuries. The staff was able to recover all of our medical records and computer operating systems. Forty-five employees were relocated to satellite buildings on our campus.

The damaged parts have been removed from the building and we hope to start reconstruction very soon. We appreciate the patience of our consumers while they are seen by therapists and medical staff at another on-site building.

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Staff Accomplishments

Certified Peer Support Specialists, **Thomas Carson** and **Beverly Pettigrew**, taught a NAMI Peer to Peer Mentor class in July 2017 at Eagle Ridge Conference Center. Seven participants completed the course. Beverly was also awarded three Inspiring Hope awards at the Peer Summit.



Thomas Carson, WYBH Certified Peer Support Specialist, is shown with Monica Walters. Thomas and Monica facilitated the NAMI Peer-to-Peer training, a 10-week course, provided at The Church Triumphant Global.

NAMI Peer-to-Peer is a recovery-focused educational program for adults who wish to establish and maintain wellness in response to mental health challenges. The course provides critical information and strategies related to living with mental illness.

What You Should Expect:

**Ten 2-hour sessions, at no charge
Designed for individuals (18 and over) living with mental illness
Taught by a trained team of individuals living in recovery from mental illness
Incorporates presentations, discussion, and exercises.**

For more information call 1-800-357-0388



Local agencies partner for Annual Medication Take-Back Event

The GATEWAY MAP COALITION teamed up with local and state law enforcement agencies - Yazoo City Police Department, Yazoo County Sheriff Department and Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics in partnership with the National Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) sponsoring its 11th Annual PRESCRIPTION DRUG ROUND-UP EVENT. The event was held on Friday, April 28, 2017 at the Plaza Shopping Center. The group collected unused, unwanted and expired medications to help program families, the community, and the environment by safely disposing of prescription and over-the-counter medications.

Drug Enforcement Agency Drug Take Back Program



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The Impact of Opioids in Your Community

A town hall meeting was held in Vicksburg on September 26 to address the growing impact of opioids in communities across the state. The meeting was hosted in a partnership with the Department of Mental Health, the Mississippi Targeted Opioid Project, the Department of Public Safety, the Bureau of Narcotics, the Board of Pharmacy, and the Mississippi offices of the FBI.

Speakers for the event included Steve Parker, Deputy Director of the MS Board of Pharmacy; an agent with MS Bureau of Narcotics; Martin Pace, Sheriff of Warren County; Ann Rodio, Project Director for the State Targeted Response Opioid Grant; and Marshall Fisher, Mississippi Department of Public Safety Commissioner.

Understanding addiction and strong prevention efforts can be key to keeping Mississippi families safe. While prescription opioids can be obtained from doctors for legitimate needs, they can also carry their own dangers. Misuse of those drugs can lead to physical dependence and, eventually, to full-scale mental addiction when people lose the ability to stop their misuse on sheer willpower alone.

Prescription drug abuse has surged 400% in the past decade, and many teens now say it is easier to acquire prescription drugs than it is to buy beer. According to the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, for the past three years there were 486 reported drug overdoses in Mississippi. Of those reported, 394 were opioid related.

In 2016, there were 3,574,662 prescriptions written and 201,224,298 dosage units dispensed for opioids in Mississippi. That equals to roughly 70 pills for every man, woman, and child in Mississippi.

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Warren Yazoo employees Millicent Ledbetter, Bridgette Owens, Birchel Washington, and Bobby Barton were among the Yazoo County community members who attended the ribbon cutting for the Willie Morris Parkway on June 30, 2017.

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