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## For Immediate Release

### North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA)

Re: NTBHA is Approved as a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC)

**Dallas, TX, August 5, 2022:** The North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) has achieved a coveted certification.

Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) is a federal program established by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The purpose of this program is to help transform community behavioral health systems and provide comprehensive, coordinated behavioral health care by establishing new CCBHC programs. CCBHCs provides person- and family-centered integrated services. The Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) supports the project, and the Texas CCBHC Initiative utilizes the CCBHC framework as a model to transform service delivery to improve the lives and health outcomes of vulnerable populations by creating a more efficient and coordinated system. NTBHA received certification effective July 1, 2022.

Texas HHS offered NTBHA, as the Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA), and its collaborating partners the opportunity to pursue CCBHC status after all Texas community centers were approved. As a result, and after a rigorous process, NTBHA, in partnership with Child and Family Guidance Center, Homeward Bound, Inc. and Southern Area Behavioral Healthcare, received approval and is the newest CCBHC in Texas. This national-level certification recognizes NTBHA's place on the cutting edge of coordinated, comprehensive behavioral healthcare.

NTBHA provides services in six North Texas counties, Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Navarro, and Rockwall. The results of the new certification for NTBHA's six-county catchment are an enhancement to the robust network of mental health and substance use providers. NTBHA's commitment to open access, collaboration, no-wrong-door, and comprehensive top-quality services enabled us to receive this certification within seven months. Going forward, NTBHA intends to pursue Designated Collaborating Organization agreements as well as maintaining other network relationships as appropriate.

This accomplishment was made possible through the support of NTBHA's Board of Directors, County Officials, and stakeholders throughout the certification process, and NTBHA is looking forward to the system enhancements this status will bring.

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