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PEER RECOVERY

The Expansion and the Future

Fraser, Michigan— **August 2, 2017** — an exciting expansion has occurred within CARE's Peer Recovery program. CARE's Peer Recovery coaching program is unique in itself, the pairing and support that is provided to those who are entering treatment, in recovery, and even after their recovery journey, plays a crucial role in the growth and future of CARE. With a need to impact more people affected by substance use, CARE has become a driving force for recovery.

CARE Peer Recovery coaches can now be found at St. John Macomb and Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals, where three coaches are on staff for each hospital program, and one coach per shift. These coaches are now able to provide onsite care, and evaluations for those seeking treatment. In May alone, the first month that CARE began the emergency room expansion, 71 additional individuals were served. The program is expected to expand to St. John Moross within the next month.

To date, the expansion of Peer Recovery services has had a significant impact on those seeking treatment. There have been 318 referrals to both locations, with 254 individuals served. Of those, 136 individuals completed intervention with a follow up, and 81 individuals completed their intervention without a follow up. 37 individuals declined services, and coaches were unable to see 64 individuals due to over intoxication, already being admitted, or already having been discharged.

With an expected goal to expand into St. John Moross, CARE's team of peer recovery coaches will also expand. It's anticipated that CARE will have 11 coaches and two supervisors, as a fully staffed team, assigned to these emergency rooms. CARE is committed to reducing the stigma, and helping all individuals have a better quality of life.

For more information on CARE of Southeastern Michigan's Peer Recovery services, visit https://www.careofsem.com/personal-and-substance-abuse-help/recovery-and-treatment/peer-recovery-coach/

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