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LifeSpring Receives Funding for Outreach to Homeless

(NEW ALBANY, IN)—LifeSpring Health Systems announced a grant award from the Indiana Family and Social Services Agency for funding of the Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Program.

The PATH Program funding will allow LifeSpring to hire an Outreach Care Manager who will conduct outreach to the homeless population through visits to homeless shelters, soup kitchens, as well as on the streets. The Care Manager will then connect individuals with housing providers and available area services, such as behavior therapy, alcohol and drug treatment, primary care services, and assistance in applying for benefits such as Social Security and Medicaid/Medicare. Individuals will continue to meet with the Care Manager to determine their needs, strengths, and challenges and form a service plan where the Care Manager will serve as the link between individual and needed resources.

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LifeSpring President/CEO, Dr. Terry L. Stawar, said, “We are very excited to receive this funding for the PATH Program. Homelessness is an issue our board cares deeply about and being able to go directly to the source to offer services opens a whole new support system for individuals struggling. I see great potential for this program to make a real difference in our community.”

The PATH Program will serve approximately 200 individuals in Floyd and Clark counties in its first year. Information about how to refer individuals to the program will be posted on our website in early September. The program will begin operation on October 1, 2014.

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