

# Legacy Stronger Together

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 2023



## LEGACY COMMUNITY CONNECTION



### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND THE LAW CONFERENCE



#### **Legacy BHS Awarded CCBHC Grant**

LBHS is pleased to announce that we have been awarded the SAMSHA FY23 Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Planning, Development, and Implementation Grant to establish a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) in Lowndes County.

The CCBHC model is an outpatient, integrated care model that incorporates care coordination and utilizes a cost-based payment methodology. CCBHC clinics are required to provide a set of nine comprehensive services, in accordance with the federal criteria provided by SAMHSA. The CCBHC model integrates primary care screenings and substance use disorder care into mental health care settings clinically, financially, and administratively. CCBHCs are required to serve anyone who requests care for mental health or substance use, regardless of their ability to pay, place of residence, or age.

During this process to become certified CCBHC, LBHS will create new relationships as well as strengthen and formalize our existing relationships with the social service agencies and other providers within our community. This formal structure created by the CCBHC provider model will effectively lead community change efforts for improve care for individuals with mental health and substance use disorders.

**Message from our COO**  
Paivi Parssinen

Mallory Sims, Legacy's Chief Clinical Officer, attended the conference hosted by DBHDD. This was a gathering of health care professionals, law enforcement, and legal experts from around the state to explore the latest initiatives to enhance our public behavioral health care system.

### MOBILIZE RECOVERY

During September, National Recovery Month, The Clinton Foundation's Overdose Response Network launched a traveling bus tour to bring awareness to the more than 800,000 Georgians living in long-term recovery from a substance use disorder and to celebrate recovery. Legacy was well represented on the 5th and 6th as it made stops in Valdosta and Tifton. Legacy believes recovery is real and always look for opportunities to celebrate and support those living in recovery!



# Georgia Collaborative Administrative Services Organization (ASO) Review

August 14-17, 2023

The Georgia Collaborative ASO facilitates the delivery of whole-health, person-centered and culturally sensitive supports and services to individual and their families throughout the state. The results of the reviews done represent the dedication of LBHS as an organization and its employees to our community.

Legacy Behavioral Health Services Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) underwent the ASO Review in August. The CSU provides non-hospital emergency services 24/7/365 or persons served of 18 and older with mental health, substance abuse (drug and alcohol), and co-occurring disorders. Services include assessment, triage, 24-hour temporary observations, and short-term crisis stabilization.

BHS of South Georgia dba Legacy Behavioral Health  
Overall Scores



The Crisis Stabilization Unit Quality Review included the following:

- Crisis Stabilization Unit
- Crisis Service Center (Walk-In Services)

## Community Partners

Susan Nebel and Michael Smith of Greater Valdosta United Way delivered lunch and dinner to Legacy's BHCC staff as they worked through the challenges of Hurricane Idalia. Thank you for supporting us through the tough time and your dedication to make our communities better every day!

*Thank you!*

