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Resolution commending: Progress Foundation, Innovation Behavioral Health Services

Date: January 25, 2025

Subject: Commitment to Our Mission and Values of Rehabilitation and Recovery

WHEREAS, the Progress Foundation is dedicated to promoting rehabilitation and recovery for individuals with mental health conditions, fostering the highest possible level of independence and self-determination for those we serve;

WHEREAS, the foundation has a rich history, established in 1969 amidst the de-institutionalization movement, with consistent leadership under Executive Director Steve Fields, focusing on supporting individuals transitioning from state psychiatric hospitals into community settings;

WHEREAS, the foundation recognizes that local treatment systems have historically been ill-equipped to support individuals with mental illness, and therefore, it has committed itself to developing supportive, community-based programs that prevent individuals from returning to institutions or correctional facilities;

WHEREAS, our commitment to social rehabilitation includes utilizing relationships and environment as fundamental components of treatment to decrease alienation and provide a supportive community;

WHEREAS, our recovery model emphasizes connectedness, hope, identity, empowerment, and the importance of treating all individuals with respect and dignity, ensuring that we make conscious efforts to eliminate labeling and discrimination;

WHEREAS, the principles of social rehabilitation that guide our work include:

1. Promoting a normalizing, homelike environment that supports wellness and therapeutic engagement;
2. Implementing multidisciplinary staffing, where genuine interest and compassion are prioritized over formal qualifications;
3. Involving clients in decision-making, recognizing their expertise in defining their own treatment needs;
4. Providing program flexibility and individualized treatment to cater to each client's unique challenges;
5. Embracing a willingness to take risks, empowering clients to make their own choices about safety and personal goals;

WHEREAS, our crisis stabilization units, acute diversion units, residential treatment facilities, year-long transitional housing, supported and independent living options, and referral systems are critical components of our comprehensive approach to mental health care;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Progress Foundation reaffirms its commitment to enhancing the quality and accessibility of mental health services in the community, continually striving for improvement and innovation in our programs and practices, and upholding our mission to empower individuals on their path to recovery and independence.

FURTHER RESOLVED that all staff and stakeholders of the Progress Foundation will dedicate themselves to embodying these principles in their daily work, ensuring that our services reflect our core values of respect, dignity, and empowerment for every individual we serve.

Approved and adopted on this date, **January 25, 2025**