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Senator Franken Visiting Zumbro Valley Health Center to Discuss Integration of Care

Rochester, Minn. – Senator Al Franken will tour Zumbro Valley Health Center today and participate in a round-table discussion about integrating mental, chemical, medical and other key services. The discussion will include participants from Zumbro Valley Health Center, Wilder Research, Mayo Clinic, Olmsted County, Apple Tree Dental and Genoa, a QoL healthcare company.

“This visit provides an opportunity for Senator Franken to get a first-hand look at the various elements in our integrated, 360 degree approach to clients’ needs,” said Chief Executive Officer Dave Cook, LICSW, MSW. “The partnerships we’ve developed with other providers such as Mayo Clinic, Apple Tree Dental and Genoa Pharmacy have been critical to improving the delivery of care for our clients.”

Zumbro Valley Health Center recently completed a study with Wilder Research which demonstrated significant savings and improved outcomes through an integrated model of care. The study found a \$2.63 return on investment for every dollar spent.

“A key aspect of the care model is coordinating the various services for clients,” said Cook. “Through this approach, the report concluded that the integration of services within a 30-day period results in a significant reduction in charges when compared to providing the two services separately.”

Senator Franken will visit the facility from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

About Zumbro Valley Health Center

Restoring hope...one life at a time. For the past 50 years, Zumbro Valley Health Center has worked to improve the health of people in SE Minnesota regardless of their ability to pay. Our organization enhances the quality of life for individuals through an integrated model of care providing behavioral health, medical, dental and community support services. Last year, staff served 4,500 people, the overwhelming majority of whom are from under-served populations. The services we provide all have the same goal – helping people with an addiction disorder, a mental illness or a co-occurring condition lead more healthy, productive and self-sufficient lives. Zumbro Valley Health Center is a private, non-profit organization serving Olmsted and Fillmore counties. For more information, visit our Web site at www.zvhc.org or call 507-289-2089.

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