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Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center Receives CARF Accreditation

Rochester, Minn. – Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center announced that it has received the maximum three-year accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Rehabilitative Facilities (CARF). The organization’s performance throughout the rigorous accreditation process and its compliance with stringent CARF regulations demonstrated a pattern of practice excellence.

The accreditation was awarded to Zumbro Valley’s community employment services, the third consecutive Three-Year Accreditation for the program. Designed to assist people with a mental illness, the program connects local employers with clients to secure employment in the community.

“Our focus has always been on how we can best serve our clients and meet their individual needs,” said Tina Nunemacher-Tews, community support programs director. “The CARF accreditation is a reflection of both the high quality of the services provided and the staff that work to assist clients to achieve their employment goals.”

Though the accreditation was awarded to the community employment program, the process included quality measures undertaken agency-wide. For instance, risk and emergency management plans, policy formalization and fiscal accountability compliance are required for accreditation.

About Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center

Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center enhances the quality of life for residents in southeastern Minnesota by serving as a community resource for the understanding and treatment of behavioral health and substance use disorders. The organization collaborates with government agencies, schools, non-profit groups and others to provide programs dedicated to improving the mental health of adults, adolescents and children. Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center is a

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private, non-profit organization serving Olmsted and Fillmore counties. For more information, visit our Web site at www.zumbromhc.org or call 507-289-2089.

About CARF

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

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