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Minnesota Behavioral Health Providers Form Collaborative to Implement Qualifacts EHR
Members Look Forward to Sharing Data Across Southeast Minnesota

Rochester, Minn. – The Southern Minnesota Electronic Medical Record Consortium has selected Qualifacts Systems, Inc., to provide an integrated Electronic Health Record (EHR) and billing solution for the group’s four behavioral health provider members:

- Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center, Rochester, Minn.
- Family Service Rochester, Rochester, Minn.
- Goodhue County Mental Health Services, Red Wing, Minn.
- South Central Human Relations Center, Owatonna, Minn.

The search began for an EHR when the state issued a mandate for e-prescribing by 2011 and local county human services commenced restructuring of the mental health delivery system. Each agency knew a flexible EHR system would help them earn financial incentives, achieve compliance and gain clinical and business efficiencies.

“We needed a web-based system that allowed staff to easily access and report information while out in the field,” says Patricia Carlson, executive director for Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center. “And we wanted a secure, common platform to improve the sharing of client data both among our organizations and with other health care providers in our region.”

They opted to join forces to implement an EHR as a collaborative in order to take advantage of the group’s shared resources, according to Carlson.

“A shared electronic health record allows our organizations to integrate administrative and clinical resources, develop greater capacity and bring together care and support systems for children and adults with mental illness and substance abuse disorders across Southeast Minnesota,” says Carlson. “The ability to quickly and seamlessly share information across the region will significantly improve the flow of information and enhance the coordination of care.”

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“We are excited to continue our collaborative momentum in the state of Minnesota. By combining purchasing power and best practice sharing among multiple agencies, we are able to significantly reduce upfront investment for our customers and drive even greater efficiencies in our industry-leading implementation processes,” says Jason Medlin, vice president of sales for Qualifacts. “As this project demonstrates, it is truly synergistic when multiple agencies come together in such a meaningful way to enhance clinical outcomes for their clients and improve agency productivity.”

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 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.

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