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New Mental Health Crisis Residential Facility to Open in Fresno

FRESNO, CA – The Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health and Central Star Behavioral Health are hosting the grand opening of a new Crisis Residential Treatment (CRT) Center on **Tuesday, October 2, 2018** located at 496 South Barton Avenue in Fresno. The Fresno CRT opening celebration will take place from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, with Fresno County Third District Supervisor Sal Quintero and the County’s Behavioral Health Director Dawan Utecht. The facility is not expected to be open to accept clients until late fall.

The Fresno CRT (nicknamed The CRU, pronounced “Crew”) is a voluntary short term 16-bed recovery-based program for adults ages 18 to 59 with a duration of up to a 30-day stay. The CRT offers a home-like setting for adults experiencing serious psychotic episodes or intense emotional distress who might otherwise face hospitalization and/or incarceration. Residents practice real-world recovery by performing daily household activities, along with learning basic living skills, social/interpersonal skills, and the coping skills necessary to successfully transition back into the community.

Services are provided 24/7 and include assessment, physical and psychological evaluation, mental health and case management services, in addition to assistance locating permanent housing and linkage to other community resources.

For more information and referrals, call (559) 860-4422 or visit www.starsinc.com.

ABOUT CENTRAL STAR

Central Star Behavioral Health is a program of Stars Behavioral Health Group, a statewide organization founded 30 years ago that serves more than 25,000 children, youth, and families annually. Central Star provides various mental health programs in the Central Valley. For more information, please visit www.starsinc.com.

ABOUT THE COUNTY OF FRESNO DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health is dedicated to supporting the wellness of individuals, families and communities in Fresno County who are affected by, or are at risk of, mental illness and/or substance use disorders through cultivation of strengths of the persons we serve toward promoting recovery in the least restrictive environment.