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Mental Health Association of Frederick County Awarded Mobile Crisis Services Contract

FREDERICK, MD —The Frederick County Health Department is happy to announce that the Mental Health Association (MHA) of Frederick County has been given the Mobile Crisis Services contract. This means that county residents will continue to get 24/7 help when in crisis.

The Mobile Crisis program is very important for helping people with mental health issues and keeping the community safe. Mobile Crisis Teams go to homes, schools, and other places in the community to calm down situations, connect people to care, and decrease the need for emergency rooms and police.

"Mobile crisis is a key part of our mental health crisis system," said Andrea Walker, Director of Behavioral Health Services. "MHA is a trusted partner in providing this important service, ensuring that people in crisis get immediate, compassionate care in the community. This contract ensures that 24/7 mobile response will continue, saving lives, calming situations, and connecting residents to long-term support."

MHA's Mobile Crisis Team will keep working closely with law enforcement, 911, 988 crisis systems, and community partners. This contract ensures that services continue without interruption, including teams specifically for children and ongoing coordination across Frederick County's crisis response network.

"We are honored to continue serving our community through Mobile Crisis Services," said Suzi Borg, Interim CEO of the Mental Health Association of Frederick County. "It is exciting to add Mobile Crisis to our existing crisis services. We believe Mobile Crisis is essential to providing crisis support in any community and we are thrilled to ensure this service remains available in Frederick County."

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MHA also thanks Sheppard Pratt for their years of service providing this critical program to Frederick County. Their dedication has been key in establishing strong crisis care in our community.

The Frederick County Health Department remains committed to building and supporting a crisis response system that reduces unnecessary hospital visits and jail time while increasing access to timely mental health care for all residents.

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