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### **Community Healing Centers announces closure of Inpatient Withdrawal Management and Residential Services**

For decades, Community Healing Centers has been proud to provide Withdrawal Management (Detox) and Residential Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment at the Gilmore inpatient facility, located at 1910 Shaffer Street in Kalamazoo. These services have been a vital part of their mission to heal individuals from the traumas of addiction, child abuse, and mental health disorders. Together with their dedicated staff, partners, and supporters, they have helped thousands of individuals take important steps toward recovery from alcohol, opioids, and other drugs.

Today, the financial reality faced by the organization compels the difficult but necessary decision that **effective immediately, Community Healing Centers will no longer provide Withdrawal Management or Residential SUD treatment.** This unfortunate reality comes despite our best efforts to save this critical programming. We regret the negative impact these funding cuts will have on those who continue to struggle with addiction in our community. Any clients currently in treatment will be supported in completing their program with Community Healing Centers or will be transferred to another facility of their choosing.

“This decision was not made lightly,” said Alisa Otto, CEO. “In recent years—especially in the changing nonprofit funding landscape since COVID—many organizations have had to evaluate sustainability. Despite every effort to bridge the gap, the reimbursement rates for these services cover only about half the true cost of providing care. The current funding climate also means that our community cannot sustain services in this space, and we are grateful that other trusted organizations will continue to offer these services locally.”

“Community Healing Centers celebrates and honors the Gilmore inpatient treatment program, the lives it has touched, and the incredible dedication of their staff over the years,” says Board President, Lori Foor. While this chapter closes, Community Healing Centers’ commitment to the health and well-being of the community remains strong. By stepping away from services that are financially unsustainable, they will bring stability to the organization while focusing resources where they can have the most lasting impact: The Children’s Advocacy Center, Infant Mental Health, case management, outpatient services, afterschool and summer programs, substance use and violence prevention, and recovery housing and engagement services.

Community Healing Centers remains deeply committed to serving children, families, and individuals across Southwest Michigan. By focusing on the programs that are sustainable and most impactful, the organization will continue to provide hope, health, and healing for generations to come.

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