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ELLIOT HOSPITAL RECEIVES GRANT FUNDING FROM THE FOUNDATION FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT PROJECTS

Manchester, NH: The Foundation for Healthy Communities has provided Elliot Hospital with two year-long grants to fund both a Substance Use Disorder -Medication Assisted Treatment Project (SUD MAT) in the amount of \$150,000 and a Substance Use Disorder Emergency Department Project (SUD ED) in the amount of \$123,625. The funding will add to Elliot's unique position in Manchester, providing the vast majority of evaluations of our citizens who are in crisis. Elliot has the only hospital inpatient behavioral health beds in Manchester (Elliot is a designated receiving facility, has 29 geriatric behavioral health inpatient beds and another 12 adult beds on a dedicated unit for behavioral health patients). The funding will also be impactful in the outpatient behavioral health setting with new strategies being formed between Elliot and Serenity Place to address this burgeoning crisis.

"There is no greater need currently than resources to support care for patients with substance misuse disorder," said Doug Dean, Chief Executive Officer, Elliot Health System. "All of our patients deserve the best care possible and here at Elliot Hospital, we want to bring the intricacies of caring for people with addiction issues and mental health issues to the forefront and use the funding to make a real difference in their lives through well-crafted care coordination," added Dean.

Meghan Baston, Director of Elliot Behavioral Health Services explains, "As a result of these grants, we are working closely with Serenity Place to develop a new care coordination program allowing us to target those patients who are identified by our Elliot staff as having opioid substance misuse. Serenity Place experts will then work closely with our care coordinators and behavioral health experts to administer the treatment needed to change these patients' lives." Baston further states, "The grant funding from the Foundation for Healthy Communities is recognition of our efforts at Elliot to remain committed to providing quality care to substance misuse patients when they are acute, and helps us in turn find the innovative approaches to support care treatment and recovery with a partner like Serenity Place. We are extremely grateful for this needed funding."

"The mission of Serenity Place is to provide opportunities for the chemically dependent person to become free of those chemicals, to maintain that freedom and to return to the community

as a contributing member,” said Stephanie Bergeron, Executive Director. Partnering with Elliot Hospital and particularly the emergency department, behavioral health experts and care coordinators, we feel we a great opportunity in this partnership to really address this critical need in the community.”

Elliot Hospital and Serenity Place representatives are finalizing the details of the care coordination and how everything will work, but anticipation is high for both grants to have a critical and immediate impact.

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About Elliot Health System - Elliot Health System is a non-profit organization serving the healthcare needs of the community since 1890. The largest provider of comprehensive healthcare services in Southern New Hampshire, Elliot Hospital, a 296-bed acute care facility and the first community hospital in the state, serves as the cornerstone of the health system. Elliot is home to Manchester’s designated Regional Trauma Center, Elliot Behavioral Health Services, Elliot Breast Health Center, Elliot Urgent Care, a Level 3 Newborn Intensive Care Unit, Elliot Physician Network, Elliot Regional Cancer Center, Elliot Senior Health Center, Visiting Nurse Association of Manchester and Southern New Hampshire, Elliot 1-Day Surgery Center, Elliot Memory & Mobility Center, NH Arthritis Center, Elliot Retail Pharmacy, Elliot Medical Centers in Londonderry and Hooksett, and The Elliot at River’s Edge. For more information about any of Elliot’s services visit www.elliotohospital.org.

About Serenity Place- Serenity Place is a non-profit community based behavioral health treatment agency offering inpatient and outpatient substance use disorder treatment services in downtown Manchester since 1977. Serenity Place’s approach to treatment is based on the belief that addiction is a chronic disease that should be treated in a safe and caring clinical environment. As a collaborative community partner, Serenity Place focuses on providing a full spectrum of care for each individual through direct service and/or referral, regardless of the client’s ability to pay. Serenity Place Services include: High Intensity Residential Treatment, Low Intensity Residential Treatment, Transitional Living, Ambulatory Withdrawal Management, Intensive Outpatient, Outpatient Counseling, Impaired Driver Care Management Program, and Wrap Around Services. Serenity Place is also the treatment provider for Hillsborough County North Drug Court and for the City of Manchester Safe Station program. For more information about Serenity Place please visit www.serenityplace.org.

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