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KENT, Ohio (September 24, 2010) Coleman Professional Services will begin providing services for adults with mental health and substance abuse issues for Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties (AAH) of Ohio by April 1, 2011.. The Mental Health Recovery Services Board for AAH voted last week to switch the provider for those services from Lutheran Social Services to Coleman Professional Services. Currently, Lutheran provides services for 3,400 adults with mental health and substance abuse issues in that region for the board.

Nelson Burns, President and CEO of Coleman Professional Services said, “We are honored and appreciative of the AAH Mental Health and Recovery Services Board’s confidence in Coleman Professional Services and assure we will provide the best quality of care to those persons served. I would like to express my appreciation to Lutheran Social Services for their gracious cooperation in the coordination of care for clients during the transition period. The contract for mental health and addiction services includes an approximate annual operating revenue of five million dollars from Medicaid and Non-Medicaid sources.

Phil Atkins, Associate Director for the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize and Hardin Counties, said “We look forward to working with Coleman. They have been a consultant for our board since 2003. They are leaders in Ohio in using Electronic Health Records, which is important to providing efficient care for the adults served.”

Coleman Professional Services is a nationally recognized, not-for-profit provider of behavioral health and rehabilitation programs that improve the lives of individuals, families and businesses in Ohio. The company relies on an Enterprise Business Model to diversify its funding. Coleman Foundation and three enterprise companies produce more than 25 percent of the company’s funding for its award winning programs.

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