

News for Immediate Release

COLEMAN RECEIVES \$437,000 GRANT FROM ODMH

KENT, Ohio (October, 2007) –Coleman Professional Services recently received formal approval of a \$437,000 capital project grant from the Ohio Department of Mental Health. The capital grant award will be used to cover half of the estimated \$874,000 total project cost associated with the construction of a new residential facility for Coleman Professional Services' clients.

The new facility will be located on State Route 59 in close proximity to Coleman Professional Services' Rhodes Road facility. Coleman Professional Services plans to demolish two of its residential properties, which are in need of substantial upgrades and improvements to make way for construction of the new property.

This new facility will be a two-story building with 11 separate single-occupancy apartments with a common laundry facility located on the first floor. The nine residents currently living in the two residential facilities that are scheduled for demolition will be temporarily relocated to other Coleman-owned housing until the new facility is complete.

Initial building plans are currently underway and construction is expected to begin in March of 2008.

The Mental Health & Recovery Board of Portage County endorsed Coleman's request to ODMH for the capital funds and will fund services provided by Coleman at the facility. The construction project is part of the county board's long range planning, which is updated annually, so when opportunities arise to acquire state funds, the county has plans in place. Coleman is a contract agency in the board's county network of services.

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“Having a home is a key success factor for people working on recovery from mental illness,” said Hal Farrier, interim executive director of the Mental Health & Recovery Board. “Coleman is a leader in providing safe housing as part of the treatment and support that are needed to help people return to full and productive lives.”

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 Northeast Ohio. The company relies on an Enterprise Business Model to diversify its funding. Coleman’s foundation and four enterprise companies produce more than 40 percent of the company’s funding for its award-winning programs.

For more information on Coleman Professional Services or the services it offers, visit www.coleman-professional.com or call 330-673-1347.

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