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Bay Clinic Gets Funding to Increase Access to Integrated Behavioral Health Services

HILO, HAWAII, August 8, 2019 – The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) granted $167,000 to Bay Clinic to increase access to high quality, integrated mental health and/or substance use disorders (SUD) services, including opioid use disorder through the Integrated Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) program. Nationally, HRSA is awarding more than $200 million to 1,208 health centers in all states through the IBHS program.

“Health centers and behavioral health providers are on the front lines of the fight against the opioid crisis and substance abuse, especially in rural communities,” said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. “With our evidence-based strategy, HHS is working to support local communities in fighting back against substance abuse, and our united efforts are yielding results. Together, we can end our country’s opioid crisis and lay a foundation for a healthier country where every American can access the mental healthcare they need.”

The IBHS funding will support Bay Clinic’s expansion of high quality integrated behavioral health services through such activities as workforce expansion, professional development and training, clinical workflow and practice transformation, opioid prevention, pain management, and advancement of telehealth and other health information technologies. These workforce investments help clinicians to provide integrated behavioral health care and treatment services in underserved communities.

Call 333.3600 to make an appointment with one of our behavioral health providers. To learn more about HRSA’s work combatting the opioid crisis, visit HRSA’s Opioid Crisis page at https://www.hrsa.gov/opioids.

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About Bay Clinic, Inc.:
Bay Clinic, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) Federally Qualified Health Center with 180 employees in 9 sites. Serving over 21,000 patients, Bay Clinic is a community-directed healthcare organization that provides quality primary and preventive care services to the people of East Hawai‘i. Bay Clinic will ensure that patient-centered, culturally responsive, and affordable healthcare services are locally accessible in our communities. Learn more about Bay Clinic, Inc. at www.bayclinic.org.

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