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Integrity Partners Awarded Nearly \$2 Million to Implement Zero Suicide Across Rural New York

BATAVIA, N.Y. — [DATE] — Integrity Partners for Behavioral Health IPA has been awarded the full five-year grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to implement the Zero Suicide framework across rural New York.

The initiative will begin with a phased demonstration in 10 outpatient behavioral health organizations and expand training and learning opportunities across a network reaching all 44 rural counties in New York State. The project will strengthen suicide-risk identification, evidence-based treatment, safety planning, follow-up, care transitions, workforce training, and continuous quality improvement for adults at risk for suicide.

NORC at the University of Chicago will serve as Integrity Partners' principal Zero Suicide training, implementation, and evaluation partner. NORC will train participating organizations, provide ongoing implementation assistance, manage the project evaluation, and use findings to support continuous improvement throughout the five-year initiative.

"This award gives rural behavioral health providers the resources, training, and infrastructure needed to create a more consistent and effective system of suicide care," said Steven J. Harvey, Ph.D., CEO of Integrity Partners. "Our partnership with NORC brings nationally recognized expertise to this work and significantly strengthens our ability to produce meaningful and sustainable results."

Brett Harris, DrPH, of NORC at the University of Chicago, added, "This project represents an important opportunity to bring evidence-based suicide prevention practices to rural communities while generating practical lessons that can strengthen implementation across diverse healthcare settings."

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