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NEW MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY SET TO OPEN ON OCTOBER 1st

Carson City—Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Director Mike Willden and Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services Administrator Dr. Carlos Brandenburg announced today that a new outpatient mental health care facility that will include patient services, a pharmacy, and a clinic will open in Las Vegas on October 1, 2007.

The new Mid-Cities Clinic, located at 720 South 7th Street, will provide outpatient counseling, psychiatric services, urgent care services, a medication clinic, and a pharmacy. The clinic will also house mental health court staff, Programs for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) teams, and an intensive care management team.

The facility will be open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Office hours may be extended to include weekends and evenings in the near future. A staff of about 45 professionals will be working at the Mid-Cities Clinic.

“The Mid-Cities clinic will provide services for a maximum of 1400 patients, who will have a multitude of mental health professionals available to assist them in a wide variety of areas, along with providing on-site pharmaceutical needs,” Dr. Brandenburg said.

Working in partnership with consumers, families, advocacy groups, agencies, and diverse communities, the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services provides responsive services and informed leadership to ensure quality outcomes. This mission includes treatment in the least restrictive environment, prevention, education, habitation, and rehabilitation for Nevadans challenged with mental illness or mental retardation. These services shall maximize each individual's degree of independence, functioning, and satisfaction.

For more information about the Division of Mental health and Developmental Services, including available programs and service locations, go to <http://mhds.state.nv.us>.

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