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DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL AWARD RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED

Mt. Pleasant, MI November 17, 2015 – Community Mental Health for Central Michigan (CMHCM) is pleased to announce Pat Burdanowicz has been selected to receive the Direct Support Professional recognition award. Pat is a strong advocate for consumer independence and self-reliance. She has also shown determination and consistency in helping individuals who reside in the Adult Foster Care (AFC) home as they work on self esteem, self-improvement, accountability, and preparing to move from the AFC to apartments in the community. Ms. Burdanowicz works for Kirby’s AFC in Harrison, MI as a DSP and Home Manager and has been in the direct support field for several years.

The Direct Support Professionals (DSP) Recognition Program is a quarterly award program to recognize DSPs who “go the extra mile” in their support of individuals with a mental illness or developmental disability. An awards panel comprised of individuals with disabilities determines the quarterly winner.

CMHCM serves a six-county area: Clare, Isabella, Gladwin, Mecosta, Midland, and Osceola. The mission of CMHCM is to promote community inclusion and optimal recovery through provision of comprehensive and quality integrated services to individuals with a mental illness, developmental disability, and/or substance use disorder.

For further information or to nominate someone for this award, contact Karen Bressette at 989-772-5938 x1469

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