

In 2015, the McLean County Board enlisted the assistance of stakeholders from across the community to develop the McLean County Mental Health Action Plan and to step up to the challenge of addressing behavioral health needs within the community. As a part of the Action Plan, the McLean County Behavioral Health Coordinating Council(BHCC) was formed.

On Thursday, May 18th, 2017, the McLean County Behavioral Health Coordinating Council will host its first Community Behavioral Health Forum. The Forum will take place from 1:00 PM-6:30 PM at the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts at 600 N. East St. Admission to the event is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

This event will include breakout sessions developed by a number of community organizations including the McLean County Board, the McLean County Board of Health, the Regional Office of Education, Advocate BroMenn Medical Center,

OSF Healthcare, the McLean Co. League of Women Voters, and NAMI of Livingston/McLean Counties. These sessions will address and inform the public on a variety of activities occurring in McLean County. Breakout sessions will run from 1:00 PM – 5:30 PM, followed by a National Alliance on Mental Illness(NAMI) recognition ceremony and keynote address by John Fallon from the Corporation for Supportive Housing taking place from 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM. Individuals that may not be able to attend the afternoon breakout sessions are encouraged

to attend the NAMI recognition portion of the forum and hear the featured speaker, John Fallon who will discuss housing as an alternative to hospital emergency departments and jails.

John Fallon, is a Senior Program Manager in Illinois at the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) John has 35 years of experience in the mental health field which includes providing residential and outreach services to adolescents, children, persons who are homeless, as well as persons in correctional and health care settings with a wide range of co-occurring barriers in addition to these individuals being diagnosed with a wide variety of specific psychiatric disorders. John has spoken at dozens of national conferences about housing, public safety, homelessness, mental health, intellectual and developmental disabilities and the need to increase the options for community housing as an alternative to expensive emergency services.

Presentation of the Forum would not be possible without the assistance of our sponsors including State Farm, Country Financial, The Pantagraph, WJBC/WBNQ/B104, The Normalite, WGLT, the City of Bloomington, and the Town of Normal.

Registration for the event is encouraged, but not required and additional information on the event is available

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