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VHQC Awarded Contract to Support EHR Use among Virginia's Public Psychiatric Hospitals

[Richmond, VA] – VHQC, a nonprofit health quality consulting company, has been awarded a one-year contract by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to support Virginia's public inpatient psychiatric hospitals and training centers for individuals with intellectual disability.

"As Virginia's regional extension center, VHIT is supporting more than 3,200 physicians as they implement an EHR and integrate it into the patient care process in practices across the Commonwealth," said VHQC President and CEO Donald A. Glozer, MHA, FACHE. "The DBHDS contract gives us the opportunity to expand our services to benefit some of Virginia's most vulnerable citizens. By optimizing the use of its EHR system, DBHDS can improve care for patients while enhancing the efficiency of its operations."

Currently, DBHDS is installing an integrated EHR system in nine inpatient psychiatric hospitals, three training centers for individuals with intellectual disability, a medical center, and a behavioral rehabilitation center. VHIT's team of EHR experts will provide guidance on a variety of topics such as meeting privacy and security requirements, redesigning workflows to improve efficiency, selecting clinical quality measures that meet the needs of patients, and more.

About VHQC & VHIT

For more than 25 years, VHQC has been leading the way to better health care for providers and other clients by offering expertise in quality improvement, utilization management, analytic services and health information technology support that improves patient outcomes — and often results in cost savings. For more information, please visit www.vhqc.org.

As Virginia's statewide health IT regional extension center, VHIT's goal is to help practices attain EHR meaningful use, which may qualify them for Medicare or Medicaid incentives. We offer expert consultation that bridges the clinical and technical; and exclusive resources on topics that include change management and privacy and security. VHIT is federally designated to serve primary care practices who treat disadvantaged populations, and can help other providers as well. For more information on VHIT, please visit www.vhitrec.org

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