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Re: ARTS Haven Program

Dear ARTS Community,

Addiction Research and Treatment Services (ARTS) has made the difficult decision to phase out the Haven's long-term Therapeutic Community program. This program is the residential treatment program for adult women with substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders who are referred through the Community Corrections system. The Haven program opened in 1992 and has saved countless lives, restored families, communities, and futures. The Haven program has been recognized for the quality services it has provided to women for over 30 years. Despite the program's successes, the behavioral health and community corrections landscape has experienced significant changes. These changes have resulted in reduced referrals, increased operational costs, and insufficient reimbursement.

ARTS and Haven staff will work closely with the women in our program and stakeholders to ensure appropriate transitions within the continuum of care, which includes ongoing treatment at Reflections for Women, ARTS' short-term residential treatment program. Reflections for Women was opened in 2021 in response to the changing behavioral health environment and recently received a Center of Excellence award regarding our clinical work from our largest partner in the Medicaid system. We will maintain all agency oversight standards for all women in treatment until they clinically transition to an outpatient level of care. ARTS is committed to providing the highest quality services throughout this process.

ARTS remains committed to serving women in recovery, including pregnant women, children, and families through our Reflections for Women program. We are also aware of new emerging treatment needs and gaps because of the system funding changes colliding with the fentanyl crisis. We will continue to tailor our outreach strategies, wrap around services, and continuum of care to address the gender responsive treatment needs of these vulnerable populations.

It has been our pleasure to serve the women of Colorado at the Haven program in collaboration with the Community Corrections system and it is with a heavy heart that we must discontinue our long-term residential treatment program. We value your partnership and look forward to working together to serve women at Reflections for Women as well as our outpatient treatment programs.

Please feel free to contact Daniele Wolff at 303-734-3346 if you have further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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