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Spindletop Center Awarded \$750,000 Grant from the Episcopal Health Foundation to Strengthen Clinics

BEAUMONT, Texas — Spindletop Center has been awarded a two-year, \$750,000 grant from the Episcopal Health Foundation (EHF) to expand and strengthen its community-based clinics.

The grant will help aid the Center in increasing organizational capacity through qualification as a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC), expansion of substance use disorder services, and accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

“This incredible investment by Episcopal Health Foundation in the transformation and expansion of mental health services in our community will allow Spindletop Center to fast track enhancements in care to improve access and quality of care,” said Holly Borel, chief executive officer of Spindletop Center. “As a result, we expect improved health outcomes, recovery and quality of life for the persons we serve and their families. We are so grateful to EHF for their commitment to our community.”

As a CCBHC, Spindletop will join a national network of facilities committed to improving behavioral health using a high standard of care. The CCBHC model will ensure that this region capitalizes on evidence-based best practices currently regarded as providing the most significant outcomes for those in need of substance use and mental health support.

Spindletop Center plans to complete accreditation through CARF by June 2021. Accreditation through CARF is recognized internationally as the gold standard of accreditation for rehabilitation facilities. CARF also requires extensive quality improvement processes to ensure a high level of care for all consumers.

The Center, with generous support from EHF, is also working towards further combating substance use by expanding existing outpatient supports. Additional recovery coaches and licensed chemical dependency counselors will be employed to provide vital support to the community.

“Episcopal Health Foundation is committed to community-based approaches, especially those that consider the integration of primary care and behavioral health providers,” said Cindy Lucia, program officer at EHF. “This investment is part of a culture change across Texas that’s neces-

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sary for seamless communication between providers to help develop plans that are responsive to a patient's behavioral and physical needs.”

The implementation of these endeavors over the next two years will aid the Center in its goal of increasing access to evidence-based, outpatient behavioral healthcare across Jefferson, Hardin, Orange and Chambers counties to meet the needs of all citizens.

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Spindletop Center is a non-profit healthcare organization specializing in behavioral healthcare, programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and substance use services for each stage of life. Our Center serves more than 10,000 people annually throughout Jefferson, Hardin, Orange and Chambers counties and has campuses in Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange and Silsbee. We promote healthy living in our community through innovative and best-practice options that meet the unique needs of every family.

The mission of the Spindletop Center is to help people help themselves by providing resources and supports.

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