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Crestwood Behavioral Health Awarded Three-Year CARF Accreditation

Crestwood's Philosophies, Programs and Staff Continue to Uphold the Highest Values in Care and Service

SACRAMENTO, Calif., August 31, 2006 —Crestwood Behavioral Health is proud to announce that it has received a three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) for its mental health programs. This is the second accreditation that the international commission has awarded to Crestwood, and it includes the following: Crestwood's Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers in Angwin, Bakersfield, Eureka Pleasant Hill Sacramento, Solano and Vallejo and five Adult Residential Facilities in Bakersfield, Eureka, Fresno, Pleasant Hill and Solano.

This outcome represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows Crestwood's substantial conformance to the standards established by CARF. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation outcome has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality.

"Crestwood provides a broad array of services, proven experience, flexible programs and an innovative culture of caring, All of which contribute to upholding the highest values in care and service" said George Lytal, Crestwood President and CEO. "The three-year CARF accreditation recognized this and is a testament to our commitment to the people we serve, their families and their communities."

Crestwood offers a range of mental health services, from traditional programs for people with chronic and persistent psychological disorders, to more innovative programs focused on helping people transition from residential rehabilitation to independent community living, and the full range of mental health services in between.

Crestwood empowers its consumers through the Recovery model. Recovery is a supportive process where a person is encouraged to maximize his/her life and achieve a sense of balance and fulfillment. It is a deeply personal and self directed process built on hope, empowerment, meaningful roles and spirituality. High value is placed on consumer input by involving consumers in designing, planning, implementing and evaluating Crestwood's services. Recognizing that recovery is different for each consumer at every level of care, consumers are encouraged to make choices on a daily basis and are provided with the tools to support and validate those choices.

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About CARF

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

About Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc.

Crestwood Behavioral Health has been providing mental health care treatment and services in California communities since 1968. Crestwood currently serves 50 of California's 58 counties in facilities throughout the state. The company offers mental health consumers and their families a continuum of care and treatment, from traditional psychiatric services to innovative recovery programs geared towards community reintegration. Crestwood operates all of its facilities on the basic premise that most mental health issues are treatable and that recovery is not only possible, it is what Crestwood consumers and their families work towards.

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