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History Celebrated at Mental Health Agency's New Administration Building

DETROIT, MI – March 8, 2024 – The Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) is opening an exciting new chapter in holistic care in Wayne County with a new workspace for administrative staff. The new building is tailor-made for the community with a board room, meeting space and training room that are open to the public.

“DWIHN has experienced exponential growth and continues to deliver quality behavioral healthcare services in Detroit and Wayne County,” said DWIHN President/CEO Eric Doeh, “The work and community spaces must accommodate and complement our efforts to meet the ever-increasing needs of those we serve.”

The DWIHN workforce, with over 600 employees, has seen steady growth in recent years and continues to provide quality behavioral healthcare services throughout Wayne County.

“Detroit residents deserve access to quality mental health resources and now they can be connected to services, right here on Detroit’s North End,” said Mayor Mike Duggan. “DWIHN’s commitment to behavioral healthcare will now be supported by a beautiful administrative building with the capacity to house their team and provide community members with a safe space to learn about important resources.”

In 2022, DWIHN began a \$14 million renovation project on its new Administration Building, taking time, consideration and gathering input from neighborhood partners and staff to ensure the space would be beneficial to all while honoring the integrity of the historic structure.

“As the county commissioner representing the area where the new administration building is located and a proud member of DWIHN's Board of Directors, I am thrilled to see this innovative space come to life. This new workspace will not only enhance the delivery of quality behavioral healthcare services, but also serve as a symbol of our commitment to meeting the evolving needs of our 43 communities. DWIHN's dedication to holistic care is truly commendable, and I look forward to the positive impact it will have on the residents we serve,” according to Jonathan C. Kinloch, Wayne County Commissioner - District 2

The former Utley Branch Library, built in 1913, is filled with heritage and history. The design team took great care to preserve the charm of the space, restoring period-specific architectural features, from copper cornices to terrazzo flooring. DWIHN is excited to be a mainstay in Detroit’s North End, revitalizing this building and expanding our footprint with jobs and offering community services for years to come.

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“DWIHN will endeavor to be a good neighbor and partner as our offices will host trainings from Mental Health First Aid, Suicide Prevention to critical Narcan trainings to reverse overdoses and as the opioid crisis continues to ravage our communities,” said Doeh.

“This expansion will, undoubtedly, transform the lives of those in need of mental and behavioral health services resulting in improved quality of life outcomes,” said Detroit City Council President, Mary Sheffield. “DWIHN and its work continues to serve as a shining example of the benefits collaborations between community partners, the City of Detroit, and Wayne County yield through the critical services we are, collectively, able to provide to our residents.”

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The Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network is the largest and most diverse Community Mental Health system offering integrated health care in Michigan. Through programs and services that utilize promising best practices we promote a community that is supportive and embraces people with mental illness, intellectual and developmental disabilities and substance use disorder. We offer help with Infant Mental Health, Supportive Housing, and Recovery to support self-determination and improve the health, safety, and quality of life for nearly 123,000 people and their families. For more information, download the myDWIHN mobile app, www.dwihn.org or contact our 24/7 Access Helpline, 800-241-4949.