

Hegira Health Celebrates 40 Years in Crisis Services

State and local leaders attend the event at Burton Manor in Livonia, MI on Sept. 20, 2021

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EINPresswire.com/ -- [Hegira Health, Inc.](https://www.hegirahealth.com), a top behavioral healthcare provider in Wayne County, held a 40 Years in Crisis Services Celebration at Burton Manor in Livonia, Michigan, on Sept. 20. More than 80 community leaders and elected officials attended this in-person breakfast event.

Attendees included area judges, city leaders, mental health advocates, regional healthcare leaders, the executive team from the [Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network \(DWIHN\)](https://www.dwiHN.org) and their board of directors, law

enforcement representatives from the Wayne County communities of Canton, Dearborn, Northville Township, Northville, Wayne, Livonia, and Inkster.



Hegira Health Executive Director Carol Zuniga and Michigan Senator Dayna Polehanki at 40 Years in Crisis Services Celebration

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*Carol Zuniga, Hegira Health
Executive Director*

Hegira Health has been a leader in behavioral health crisis services for 40 years. The organization’s Community Outreach for Psychiatric Emergencies (COPE) Center is an essential program for Wayne County crisis services. The following options are included these services:

- ☐ 24/7 Walk-In Evaluation and Treatment
- ☐ 23-hour Extended Observation and Treatment
- ☐ Pre-Admission Review and Level of Care Determination
- ☐ Community Resource Coordination

☐ Mobile Crisis Stabilization

- oCommunity-based Stabilization Team
- oSuicide Prevention Team
- oPost-Overdose Rapid Response Team
- oLaw Enforcement Partnerships
- oCo-Response Teams
- oDiscrete Crisis Respite Services for First Responders
- oTraining and Wellness Checks
- oCritical Incident Stress Management
- oCrisis Residential Programs

Guest Speakers and Awards from the celebration event included the following:
 Speaker: Chief William T. Riley III, City of Inkster Chief of Police

Presentation of Outstanding Community Partner Award
 Honoree: Northville Township Police Department

Speaker: Kevin Fischer, Executive Director [NAMI-MI](#)

Presentation of Crisis Services Advocate Award

Honoree: Dr. Jennifer Peltzer-Jones, Asst. Medical Director of Emergency Behavioral Services, Henry Ford Health System

Speaker: Dr. William Beecroft, MD, DLFAPA, Medical Director BCBSM Behavioral Health, Strategy and Planning

Presentation of Service Longevity Award

Honoree: Dr. P.G. Vijayakumaran, MD, Senior Psychiatrist

Hegira Health - Community Outreach for Psychiatric Emergencies (COPE) Center

Hegira Health's Executive Director Carol Zuniga said, "42 years ago, with thousands of persons that had spent many if not most of their lives in state psychiatric institutions being discharged into community settings, and thousands more expected, the Psychiatric Intervention Center, now known as COPE, was founded. We started based on a need and our desire to be the solution." Zuniga added, "We are proud to be delivering the most comprehensive behavioral health crisis service array in Wayne County."

Hegira means JOURNEY, and we provide support along the journey of life. We believe life's pleasures and achievements are maximized after achieving WELLNESS FIRST. Our celebration was a great success, and we appreciate our law enforcement partners and other members of



our crisis service teams.

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