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**The MetroHealth System and Recovery Resources
Reach Definitive Acquisition Agreement**
Partnership to Provide Behavioral Health and Addiction Services for Patients

(Cleveland) – The MetroHealth System and Recovery Resources have agreed that MetroHealth will acquire Recovery Resources to enable both parties to collaborate on behavioral health and addiction services. The partnership expands services for the community, allowing current Recovery Resources’ clients and MetroHealth patients to receive coordinated care for mental illness, alcoholism, drug and other addictions.

MetroHealth patients will be able to receive specialized care for behavioral health and addiction disorders from Recovery Resources professionals. Clients under the care of Recovery Resources will have access to MetroHealth services, linking them to additional primary care and preventive care options.

MetroHealth and Recovery Resources share similar missions serving Cuyahoga County’s most vulnerable residents. In 2017, MetroHealth created an Office of Opioid Safety, to address the growing opioid addiction problem. Recovery Resources has been serving clients with mental illness, alcohol and drug addictions since 1955.

“Partnering with Recovery Resources will help us expand our reach and breadth into Cuyahoga County to our region’s most disenfranchised community. There is no time in our history where the need has been greater to battle addiction. The expertise and experience of Recovery Resources, coupled with MetroHealth’s superior health care services for at-risk populations will enable us to connect with patients in ways that will impact our community for generations to come,” said Akram Boutros, MD, President and CEO, The MetroHealth System.

“With the leadership and support of a strong Board of Trustees, Recovery Resources is committed to ensuring that individuals and families affected by mental health and addiction disorders are embraced by a care continuum that addresses both behavioral and physical health needs,” said Pamela Gill, RN, MA, President and Chief Executive Officer, Recovery

Resources. “We are excited to join with MetroHealth to build upon our existing primary care partnership and together create a comprehensive and holistic model for those we serve.”

Recovery Resources will maintain its separate nonprofit status and operating structure under the MetroHealth umbrella. Under the agreement, Recovery Resources Board of Directors will include some current members of Recovery Resources as well as those nominated by MetroHealth.

About The MetroHealth System

The MetroHealth System, Cuyahoga County’s public health system, is honoring its commitment to create a healthier community by building a new hospital on its main campus in Cleveland. The buildings, and the 25 acres of green space around them, are catalyzing the revitalization of MetroHealth’s West Side neighborhood.

MetroHealth will break ground on the new hospital in late 2018, using nearly \$1 billion it borrowed on its own credit after dramatically improving its finances. In the past five years, MetroHealth’s operating revenue has increased by 44.5 percent and its number of employees by 21 percent. Today, its staff of 7,600 provides care at MetroHealth’s four hospitals, four emergency departments and more than 20 health centers and 40 additional sites throughout Cuyahoga County.

In the past year, MetroHealth has served 300,000 patients at more than 1.4 million visits in its hospitals and health centers, 75 percent of whom are uninsured or covered by Medicare or Medicaid. The health system is home to Cuyahoga County’s most experienced Level I Adult Trauma Center, verified since 1992, and one of two adult and pediatric burn centers in the state of Ohio.

As an academic medical center, MetroHealth is committed to teaching and research. Each active staff physician holds a faculty appointment at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and its main campus hospital houses a Cleveland Metropolitan School District high school of science and health.

For more information, visit metrohealth.org.

About Recovery Resources:

Since 1955, Recovery Resources has provided community-based outpatient behavioral health services with a mission to help people triumph over mental illness, alcoholism, drug and other addictions. Offering a full continuum of programs from prevention, treatment, employment and housing, Recovery Resources is a trusted partner in health and hope in Northeast Ohio serving 10,000 people annually. With three office locations and 200 employees, Recovery Resources has a strong history of collaborating with community agencies and the criminal justice system to provide care for those in need.

For more information, visit recres.org.