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14th Annual “Walk-a-Mile in My Shoes” Rally to Highlight Need for Accountability, Diligence as Privatization Plans Continue

Nearly 4,500 mental health supporters and advocates, including those who use services provided by Macomb County Community Mental Health, will gather for the 14th annual “Walk-a-Mile in My Shoes” Rally at the State Capitol in Lansing on Wednesday, May 2nd.



2017 Walk A Mile Rally

The rally is organized by the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan (formerly, the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards) – the advocacy organization for community mental health organizations for behavioral health and developmental disability advocates from around Michigan.

Rally participants seek to remind legislators to prioritize people first in the ongoing discussions to privatize parts of Michigan’s behavioral health system and to keep public behavioral healthcare as the center of political dialogue.

"This event offers the opportunity for people with mental illness, to show their pride and self-respect, to show the Legislature that the attendees do indeed have a powerful voice, that they have a need for a viable mental health services delivery system," said John Kinch, executive director of Macomb County Community Mental Health.

The event will feature an activist walk around the Capitol and stories from citizens who have experienced disruption of services from budget cuts, focusing on the personal experiences of those who use community mental health services.

For more information, visit macmh.org/about-us/walk-mile-rally.

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