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Helping Hands Hawaii Hires Margaret Gavigan as Team Leader/Qualified Mental Health Professional of Hawaii Pathways Project

HONOLULU—Helping Hands Hawaii (HHH) hired Margaret “Meg” Gavigan as Team Leader/Qualified Mental Health Professional of the Hawaii Pathways Project (HIPP). As Team Leader, Gavigan will serve as the field-based supervisor of the multi-disciplinary team, oversee clinical operations and coordinate with HIPP sub-contractor Catholic Charities Hawaii. She will provide direct intervention, including case management, crisis intervention, counseling, individual or group psycho-education or other interventions, intake assessment and recovery plan development for clients.

Gavigan will also contribute to recovery planning with treatment providers and serve as a liaison with coverage providers and funders. She is responsible for the hiring, training and supervising HIPP staff as well as ensuring that HIPP is effective, financially stable and complies with contractual mandates.

Gavigan earned a BS in psychology with a minor in English from Regis University in Colorado and an MS in social work from Hunter College in New York. She is a licensed clinical social worker in the state of Hawaii as of August 2015.

About Helping Hands Hawaii

Helping Hands Hawaii (HHH) was founded in 1974 and connects individuals, families and organizations with essential human and material resources. Through our variety of programs, we provide a full continuum of care and help people overcome obstacles, like homelessness, mental illness, substance abuse and language access. Our strong partnerships with local social service providers and innovative approaches strengthen our community by helping people to help themselves.

The Hawaii Pathways Project is based on a Pathways Housing First model providing permanent supportive housing to chronically homeless individuals struggling with substance use or substance use with mental illness. This pilot project is conducted in partnership with Catholic Charities Hawaii and is funded by the Hawaii Department of Health’s Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division through a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. To learn more, visit www.HelpingHandsHawaii.org.

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