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Dear Community Partner:

We are cordially inviting you and other key stakeholders and elected officials from the criminal justice and behavioral health systems to a Zoom video call with Retired Ohio Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton, Thom Craig from Peg's Foundation, the Ohio Stepping Up Team, and Jennifer Horstman, PCADAMHS Board, on **February 16, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

During this Zoom video call sponsored by the Ohio Stepping Up Initiative and Peg's Foundation, we invite you to participate in a discussion on how our community can better meet the needs of individuals with mental health issues who continuously cycle in and out of our local correctional facilities. As we all know, this trend is occurring throughout Ohio and nationally. In response, Retired Justice Evelyn Stratton along with Thom Craig and the Ohio Stepping Up Team are committed to collaborating and assisting Putnam County in addressing the needs of this fragile population and improving our local system through the Stepping Up Initiative.

Fortunately, Putnam County communities have a long history of helping to provide mental health services within the corrections system, which include assessments in the jail and intensive outpatient counseling for individuals with a diagnosable mental illness and often a co-occurring addiction. Unfortunately, we also know that these individuals continue to have difficulties finding adequate housing, employment, and timely access to services and making healthy connections with other recovering people. All of these elements are key to recovery. The Ohio Stepping Up Initiative provides opportunities to achieve tremendous outcomes for this target population, such as reducing bookings and length of stay in jails, connecting people with medication and treatment services, and decreasing recidivism.

Please RSVP for the Zoom call by e-mail: jhorstman@pathwaysputnam.org by February 10, 2023. The zoom link is included in this email.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Horstman
Executive Director
The Mental Health, Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Board of Putnam County

CC: Retired Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton
Thom Craig, Peg's Foundation



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Zoom Access Details

Join Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4841241882?pwd=elJuNUdHT2U2SUY0M0M2SmVZY3hYQT09>

Join by Phone: (301)715-8592

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