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**DMHAS Partners with Charter Oak College to Launch New Career Advancement Program for Licensed Practical Nurses**

**Hartford, CT (12/01/24)** – The Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) is excited to share the successful launch of its latest educational initiative for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), developed in partnership with Charter Oak College. This innovative program will provide 22 LPNs the opportunity to take prerequisite courses required to pursue a nursing degree, completely free of charge.

This program highlights DMHAS’s ongoing investment in its healthcare workforce by offering accessible pathways for professional growth. With this new initiative, DMHAS not only empowers its LPNs to pursue higher qualifications but also strengthens the department’s capacity to provide the highest standard of care across Connecticut.

“The launch of this educational program is a testament to the dedication we have to our staff,” said Commissioner Nancy Navarretta. “By offering LPNs the opportunity to advance their careers without the burden of additional costs, we are investing in both their futures and the future of the care we provide.”

This initiative is part of DMHAS’s broader strategy to invest in its workforce and ensure its healthcare professionals are well-prepared to meet the evolving needs of behavioral health services. By fostering education and growth, DMHAS continues to prioritize both the well-being of its staff and clients.

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