To Whom it May Concern:

In January of 2023, Helping Bloomington Monroe (HBM) announced to the Monroe County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) committees that it would be posting program listings for substance use disorder and mental health treatment programs and providers who accepted Medicaid and Medicare. This new policy strays slightly from the guidelines of FindHelp (Helping Bloomington Monroe’s creator), but was given the green light by the company when it became clear that many people looking for social services on HBM were also looking for serves related to substance use disorder treatment and mental health care. For the month of December 2022, “mental health care” ranked second in the list of top search terms typed into the site.

The Monroe County CHIP Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health subcommittee on Connections would like to ask for your help in identifying 20 free or reduced cost programs, serving Monroe County (but not limited geographically to Monroe County), that support or treat folks experiencing substance use disorder or mental illness. This includes in-patient and out-patient programs, and individual or group therapy programs which accept Medicare and Medicaid. Programs can serve any age group.

Once we have identified these 20 programs, we want to connect with each program’s staff to create an accurate listing on Helping Bloomington Monroe. After these listings are made, each program manager or medical provider can claim and update their listing as often as needed. Helping Bloomington Monroe’s manager, Aubrey Seader, is available as a resource to anyone managing a program listing on the website.

Once again, the criteria for programs on this list is:

* Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment care providers
* Can be a program that serves groups in a community setting, or an individual provider that does individual or group sessions with clients.
* Where insurance is required, the provider/program must accept Medicare or Medicaid.
* Where insurance is not required, must be free or low cost.
* Can serve any age group.
* Must serve Monroe County residents, but does not have to be located in Monroe County.

If you have programs or providers you would like to recommend for this list, please contact Aubrey Seader ([Aubrey.seader@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:Aubrey.seader@bloomington.in.gov)) with the program or provider’s name, contact details, and a short description of their work.

Thank you so much for your help.

Best regards,

Members of the Connections Subcommittee for the Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health CHIP Group

For more on Helping Bloomington Monroe, visit: helpingbloomingtonmonroe.findhelp.com

For more on the Monroe County CHIP for 2022-2023, visit: <https://www.co.monroe.in.us/topic/index.php?topicid=304&structureid=12>