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Neighborhood House receives \$2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

SEATTLE — Neighborhood House, a Seattle-based nonprofit social service agency, has been awarded a \$2 million grant to provide substance abuse prevention and mental counseling services to racially diverse, low-income populations in South King County.

The four-year, \$500,000 per year grant was given by SAMHSA, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and will support collaboration among Neighborhood House, Navos, and Public Health - Seattle & King County.

Neighborhood House will provide HIV testing and substance abuse prevention; Navos will provide mental health services and substance abuse treatment; and Public Health – Seattle & King County will offer hepatitis testing and HIV/hepatitis medical care. This triumvirate will be known as Project HANDLE@Navos and will be located at Navos' Mental Health and Wellness Center in Burien, Wash.

“We look forward to working together to integrate HIV services with substance abuse prevention and treatment services, mental health services and other resources under one roof,” said Warya Pothan, Neighborhood House’s Project HANDLE Director. “By working together we will be able to provide better services and better outcomes for our clients.”

Project HANDLE@Navos will integrate prevention, treatment, counseling, and care for substance abuse, mental health HIV, and hepatitis. Clients seeking care through Project HANDLE@Navos will also be offered a range of effective substance abuse and mental health treatment programs.

In 1992, SAMHSA was established by the federal government to improve the quality and availability of prevention, treatment, and rehabilitative services in order to reduce illness, death, disability, and cost to society resulting from substance abuse and mental illnesses.

About Navos

Since 1966 Navos has been responding to the needs of people with mental illness in King County. Navos offers a full spectrum of services to more than 11,000 low-income children, youth and adults from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

About Neighborhood House

From our earliest beginnings serving Jewish immigrants in the 1900s to our work today with people from numerous countries and cultures, Neighborhood House has helped generations of families fulfill the promise of America — an education for their children, self-sufficiency for their families and a meaningful place in a caring community. The mission of Neighborhood House is to help diverse communities of people with limited resources attain their goals for self-sufficiency, financial independence, health and community building.

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