



HORIZON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOSTS GRAND OPENING CEREMONY AND OPEN HOUSE FOR TWO NEW WELLNESS CENTERS IN THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG

New Wellness Centers providing medication-assisted Office Based Addiction Treatment (OBAT) and supportive care to pregnant and postpartum women.

WHAT: Horizon is hosting an Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at their new Wellness Centers on Friday, October 14th, 2022. The event will begin at 10:00 a.m. with opening remarks from Melissa Lucy, Horizon's Chief Executive Officer, followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony, light refreshments, and a self-guided tour of the Horizon Wellness Treatment Center and the Horizon Wellness Center at Lansdown.

These centers are now providing services to individuals affected by the disease of addiction through medication-assisted Office Based Addiction Treatment (OBAT) and supportive care to pregnant and postpartum women, as well as their families, whose lives have been affected by substance use.

According to the Centers for Disease Control ([CDC](#)), one in seven Americans ages 12 or older reports experiencing a substance use disorder (SUD). Meanwhile, studies show an increasing prevalence of opioid use disorders among pregnant and postpartum women which has generated a need for greater availability of specialized programs offering evidence-based and comprehensive substance use disorder treatment services ([PubMed, 2020](#)).

WHO: Delegate Wendell Walker, Virginia's 23rd House District
Melissa Lucy, CEO, Horizon Behavioral Health
Matthew Hartsook, CFO, Horizon Behavioral Health
Theresa McCaskill, Talent Management Director, Horizon Behavioral Health
Alva Harold, Portfolio Director, Horizon Behavioral Health
Sherri Walker-Thacker, Portfolio Director, Horizon Behavioral Health
Gary Marple, Horizon Board Treasurer, Horizon Behavioral Health
Abe Loper, Horizon Board Member, Horizon Behavioral Health
Rob Merryman, Horizon Board Member, Horizon Behavioral Health

WHERE: Horizon Wellness Treatment Center
2225 Langhorne Rd.
Lynchburg, Virginia 24501

WHEN: Friday, October 14, 2022 – 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. EST

About Horizon Behavioral Health

Horizon Behavioral Health is the premier provider of mental health, substance use and intellectual disability services in Central Virginia. Horizon's mission is to support and promote the health, independence and self-worth of individuals and families in Central Virginia by providing a continuum of community-based treatment, prevention, early intervention, and aftercare services for persons affected by mental health, intellectual disabilities, substance use and co-occurring disorders.

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