2019 Community Health Improvement Plan
Progress Update – June 30, 2021

Priority:
Improve access to substance misuse/mental health prevention and treatment while reducing associated stigma so that individuals and families who need treatment seek and receive it.

Progress Update:
• Centerstone established telehealth treatment for current and new clients in individual and group settings; Centerstone currently provides nearly 50 percent of its outpatient services in Florida via telehealth.
• Centerstone’s FACT teams have been expanded in Sarasota and Lee Counties and CAT team now cover Hendry and Glades Counties, affording greater reach and effectiveness to target populations.
• Centerstone was awarded an expansion grant (2020-2023) for its Comprehensive Treatment Court (CTC) program in Sarasota; in addition, Sarasota County funded 10 additional participant slots during this same time period, ensuring the program’s continued viability.
• Centerstone has received funding through the State to establish a Comprehensive Treatment Court (CTC) program (2021-2024) for Manatee County.
• With additional funding through CARES Act and with additional Graduate Medical Education funding through the State, Centerstone is able to fully fund its Psychiatric Residency Program for 2021-2022.
• With secured grant funding through SAMHSA (2020-2023), Centerstone has established a Comprehensive Community Behavioral Health Center in Manatee County, which integrates mental health and substance use disorder treatment with medical care for individuals and families.

Priority:
Work with community partners to develop a community-wide suicide prevention campaign that will resonate with the community and serve as a platform for depression awareness and suicide prevention.

Progress Update:
• Centerstone secured SAMHSA funding for a Suicide Prevention initiative that is meeting an imminent need for behavioral health treatment resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic; through this grant, Centerstone increased resources directed at screening/identifying those individuals with suicidal tendencies, leveraging its current reach throughout Manatee County.
Centerstone lead the formation of a community task force, SPHERE (Suicide Prevention: Hope, Education, Resilience and Empowerment), comprised of government and private agency partners who together have committed to reducing the incidents of suicide.

Centerstone facilitated 2019 Life;Story 5K/10K Suicide Prevention event and held the run-walk virtually in 2020. In addition, Centerstone sponsors an annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month forum where support for depression awareness and suicide prevention is also promoted.

Centerstone conducts regular training on suicide prevention screening techniques with clinical service providers, promotes suicide prevention as a core component of overall healthcare, and continues to integrate therapy, intervention and prevention programming in public schools and charter schools throughout Manatee County.