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PRESS RELEASE

Tri-County Mental Health Services Awarded the 2015 Maine Quality Counts Patient Partnership Award

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On April 1, 2015, Tri-County Mental Health Services (TCMHS) was awarded the 2015 Maine Quality Counts Patient Partnership Award by Maine Quality Counts. The award was presented at QC 2015 held at the Augusta Civic Center in Augusta, Maine.

The Maine Quality Counts Patient Partnership Award recognizes Tri-County Mental Health Services for its commitment to ensuring that consumers, patients and families are involved in improving health care quality and patient experience of care. TCMHS was selected for the award based on its consumer collaboration efforts, and its creativity and risk-taking in engaging consumers, patients, and families in Maine healthcare transformation.

TCMHS' Executive Director Catherine Ryder said, "We are honored to have been selected to receive this award. Our consumers have long been our best teachers, and we value their part in shaping our work. Consumers are integral to all we do at TCMHS. They participate actively as volunteers, employees, and Board members."

Tri-County Mental Health Services is one of Maine's most respected and progressive agencies dealing with the psychological and social well-being of children, adults, and elders. TCMHS serves more than 8,000 individuals each year in Androscoggin, Cumberland, Franklin, York, Kennebec, Sagadahoc, and Oxford counties with innovative programs and services addressing mental health, substance abuse, developmental disabilities, autism, and more. The agency is a state, regional, and national leader in trauma-informed and recovery-based service delivery. Tri-County Mental Health Services offers hope to individuals, families, and communities. Visit www.tcmhs.org for more information.

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