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Capital Area Human Services Sponsors Recovery Event to Increase Awareness of Mental and Addiction Recovery in Greater Baton Rouge; Anti-Synthetic Marijuana Public Awareness Campaign Launched

Assisting more people to achieve and sustain long-term recovery from addictions must be addressed immediately, according to **Senator Sharon Weston Broome**, who proclaimed September as *Recovery Month in Greater Baton Rouge* on behalf of the Louisiana Senate.

Capital Area Human Services (CAHS) led a recovery rally last week featuring recognition of recovery heroes, testimonials from the recovery community and a special presentation of the music video, "No More MOJO" by Love-N-Pain, all intended to support people in recovery and to draw attention to critical prevention, treatment, and recovery support services.

Almost 150 people attended the event and celebrated real-life examples of people in recovery. Testimonials emphasizing wellness achieved through multiple pathways and throughout the recovery process were a part of the program. "Effective collaboration among individuals and agencies has made it possible for our region to address urgent mental and addiction recovery needs", stated Jan Kasofsky, Ph.D., executive director of CAHS.

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The music video, “No More MOJO” by Love-N-Pain, was commissioned by CAHS to raise awareness of the dangers of synthetic marijuana. The music video was launched as part of a comprehensive public education campaign that will include newspaper articles, posting of the video on YouTube and other social media, personal appearances at schools in the region by Love-N-Pain to show the music video, poster and billboard displays in the community, and distributing promotional materials with the message that synthetic marijuana is dangerous and life-threatening.

“It is important for us to get the word out about the dangers of synthetic marijuana and to come together as a community to support treatment and recovery services. Recovery from mental and addictive disorders is REAL where there is healing and hope” said Tonja Myles, Certified Peer Support Specialist at CAHS.

Recovery Heroes Recognized at the Event

- Senator Sharon Weston Broome
- Lt. Colonel Dennis Grimes, Warden of EBR Parish Prison
- Linda Ottesen, EBR Prison Health Care Manager
- William “Beau” Clark, MD, EBR Parish Coroner
- Matricia Green, Director of Gambling Services, Capital Area Human Services

Capital Area Human Services provides community-based services for mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive disorders in the seven parish Capitol area: Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Pointe Coupee, Iberville, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana.

For more information, go to realhelpbr.com for a link to the music video and services of CAHS.

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