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Aspire receives grant to increase behavioral health equity in Massachusetts One of five selected out of 100 statewide

QUINCY, MA – Aspire Health Alliance was one of five organizations selected to receive a grant from the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership (MBHP) to increase behavioral health equity in Massachusetts.

"We will use this grant funding to increase awareness of mental health issues among underserved populations in Randolph and Quincy, two diverse communities in the Southeast," said Kathleen Bambrick, LICSW, director of training at Aspire. "Our priority is to increase capacity for mental health awareness in these communities by certifying trusted leaders to provide trainings for their communities and then supporting those additional trainings, especially for Asian and Haitian-Creole residents."

<u>The Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership (MBHP)</u> is a <u>Beacon Health Options</u> company and a leader in helping people lead healthier lives through access to critical services. As part of its commitment to behavioral health equity and access, MBHP recently awarded more than \$130K in grants to five organizations from across the Commonwealth to increase access to and engagement in behavioral healthcare for diverse populations. This funding is the first round of a grant cycle that will ultimately distribute \$250K in grants focused on this pressing issue.

MBHP received more than 100 submissions from across Massachusetts. After a comprehensive review and decision-making process, Aspire was one of the five selected.

About Aspire Health Alliance

Celebrating 100 years of service in 2026, Aspire Health Alliance believes there is no health without mental health. Aspire Health Alliance is a private, non-profit behavioral health agency, providing services for children, teens, and adults experiencing serious emotional challenges, behavioral issues, and substance abuse. Continuing to evolve to meet the needs of the community, Aspire Health Alliance provides services that assist people in acquiring and maintaining the physical, mental, and social skills needed to function most effectively in the community. Aspire Health Alliance was selected as a Certified Community Behavioral Health Center by the federal government and a Community Partner for MassHealth Accountable Care Organization program and is working to integrate and improve member health outcomes of MassHealth members with complex long term medical and/or behavioral health needs.