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Meadow Center to go Tobacco-Free in March

Mt. Gilead, OH – The Delaware Morrow Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (DMMHRSB) announced today that the Meadow Center will become 100 percent tobacco-free on March 1, 2008. The three businesses housed on the campus, HelpLine of Delaware of Morrow Counties, Inc., Central Ohio Mental Health Center and Recovery and Prevention Resources, will be effected by the decision.

The new policy prohibits the use of tobacco products anywhere on the Meadow Center campus - including buildings, entry ways, parking lots and drives, and the outdoor grounds at 950 Meadow Center Drive - for Board members, employees, clients/consumers, volunteers and visitors.

The Meadow Center joins a growing list of Morrow County businesses that have already made the decision to go tobacco-free. This action complies with the Ohio Smoke Free Workplace Act and supports the collective mission of the Meadow Center businesses to promote quality behavioral and mental health services and wellness in the Morrow County community.

As part of the tobacco-free initiative, resources for those who are interested in tobacco cessation will be made available through the Ohio Tobacco Quit Line – a free telephone counseling service – at 1.800.784.8669.

“This decision is intended to ensure that we have the healthiest possible environment for anyone who works at or being served by the Meadow Center businesses,” said Steve Hedge, Executive Director of Delaware Morrow Mental Health and Recovery Services Board.

“I appreciate everyone’s cooperation in helping us preserve a safe and healthy environment for everyone.”

DMMHRSB is the architect and supporter of the safety net of prevention and treatment services for mental health and substance abuse in Delaware and Morrow Counties. For more information, contact DMMHRSB at 1.800.682.0792.

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