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## NEWS RELEASE

### **Northeast Delta Human Services Authority and Morehouse Community Medical Centers Reaching Out to Provide Coordinated Behavioral Health and Primary Care for Citizens**

**April 4, 2014 -- Monroe, LA -** [Northeast Delta Human Services Authority](http://www.nedeltahsa.org) (Northeast Delta HSA) and [Morehouse Community Medical Centers](#) announced today the creation of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to collaboratively serve citizens in Morehouse Parish. The MOA provides integrated care for people seeking behavioral health care and/or primary health care.

Northeast Delta HSA will accept appropriate referrals from Morehouse Community Medical Centers to provide major mental health and/or substance abuse disorder services. Morehouse Community Medical Centers will accept appropriate referrals from Northeast Delta HSA to provide primary health and dental care services to patients who do not require services for serious mental illnesses.

"This collaboration demonstrates our commitment to provide in-depth behavioral health care services to the citizens of Morehouse Parish," said Dr. Monteic A. Sizer, Northeast Delta HSA Executive Director. " [Behavioral health clients who may not otherwise consider primary health services will have access to the care they need.](#)"

"We are making good on the promise to deliver greater access to quality, competent care

to citizens in northeastern Louisiana, and we are building similar relationships throughout our 12-parish region," he said. "We want to better address the needs of people with [mental health and substance abuse issues](#), whether they are seen in a behavioral health or a primary care provider setting."

"Through our primary care and school-based facilities, we anticipate this agreement will help us serve and reach even more residents throughout Morehouse Parish," said Katie Parnell, Morehouse Community Medical Centers CEO. "As a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), we want to improve health outcomes for every citizen who may need the services we offer."

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#### **About Northeast Delta Human Services Authority (Northeast Delta HSA)**

Northeast Delta HSA directs the operation of community-based programs to improve the quality of life of people with major mental illness, developmental disabilities and addictive disorders. Northeast Delta HSA is devoted to deliver programs and services that encourage people to reach their true human potential. Three tenets guide our efforts: excellent customer service, greater access to services and competent, quality care. Northeast Delta HSA serves citizens in 12 parishes of northeastern Louisiana: Caldwell, East Carroll, West Carroll, Ouachita, Lincoln, Madison, Franklin, Morehouse, Jackson, Tensas, Richland and Union. For more information, please visit our website at [www.nedeltahsa.org](http://www.nedeltahsa.org) or call 318-362-3270.

#### **About Morehouse Community Medical Centers**

Morehouse Community Medical Center, Inc. (MCMC) is a not-for-profit, Community Health Center located in Morehouse Parish in Bastrop, Louisiana. MCMC provides comprehensive primary health care services across the lifecycles. MCMC offers services to all residents of Morehouse Parish regardless of language, gender, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, physical and mental capacity, age, religion, housing status, and the ability to pay. Particular attention, however, is directed at reaching low income, uninsured, underinsured, Medicaid, Medicare, and vulnerable populations.

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