

Northeast Florida State Hospital Community Behavioral Healthcare Services CARF Accreditation

Since the creation of Northeast Florida State Hospital (NEFSH) Community Behavioral Healthcare Services (CBHS) in March 2001, it has been a vision of NEFSH CBHS to become an accredited agency by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). Accreditation is important to the clinic as a nationwide indicator of quality services; in order to provide the highest quality of services; maintain current, field driven standards; improve processes; seek input from other professionals and providers in community mental health; improve programs, services, and outcomes; and identify strengths and areas of improvement; and as a contract requirement of the Department of Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Program Office. It became a fiscal year goal in 2007-2008, to prepare for a CARF survey. In February 2007, NEFSH Community Behavioral Healthcare Services conducted a self-evaluation to see which CARF standards the clinic was meeting and exceeding and identify those standards that would need an Action Plan. In March 2007, the clinic developed an Action Plan with steps to bring the clinic into compliance with the CARF standards. The staff worked diligently on this Action Plan from March 2007 until June 2008. The clinic submitted their Intent to Survey in December 2007. In June 2008, the CARF survey was conducted. NEFSH CBHS received a 3 year accreditation for the following programs: Outpatient Treatment, Case Management, Community Integration, Crisis Intervention and Crisis Stabilization.



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