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Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value Announces the "Dr. Jack Mahoney Healthcare Hero" Awardee

TAMPA, Fla. (August 30, 2022) – The Mosaic Company hosted The Central Florida Health Care Coalition, Inc. d/b/a Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value (the Florida Alliance) for its first meeting of the Mental Health/Substance Use Employer Learning Collaborative and award ceremony.

The Florida Alliance was selected to lead efforts in Florida to improve mental health and substance use treatment as part of a national transformative initiative called The Path Forward for Mental Health and Substance Use (The Path Forward) led by the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychiatric Association Foundation Center for Workplace Mental Health, The American Health Policy Institute, the HR Policy Association, the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, The Bowen Foundation, and The JED Foundation.

The Florida Alliance is leading one of eight Regional Employer-Stakeholder Engagement Teams in the United States focused on these reform efforts, leveraging the influence of employer and healthcare purchaser members to work with Florida's health plans, medical and MH/SU treatment providers, consultants, and brokers to transform the current system and achieve meaningful outcomes. The Florida Alliance will engage multiple stakeholders to understand and identify strategies and actions for full integration.

The work requires collaboration and champions to lead the way in improving access to high quality, affordable treatment for mental health and substance use disorders. As such, our Board identified Tommy Inzina, the President and CEO of BayCare, as someone whose passion and leadership has vastly improved the health and wellbeing of Floridians, to be given the "Dr. Jack Mahoney Healthcare Hero Award." The award is named after the Florida Alliance's nationally recognized and respected Medical Director and thought partner, Dr. Jack Mahoney, and is given to an individual who has championed a healthcare issue that greatly impacts Floridians.

During the meeting, Kimberly Ramos, Director of Benefits at The Mosaic Company, and Florida Alliance Board Member presented Tommy Inzina, CEO of BayCare Health System, Inc., with the "Dr. Jack Mahoney Healthcare Hero Award" for his leadership in establishing Tampa Bay Thrives, a non-profit organization that mobilizes the community to strengthen behavioral health outcomes for depression, anxiety, and substance use disorder, with a focus on improving early intervention, access, and awareness. "I've heard from many members of Tommy's team who will all share unsolicited stories about his laser focus on the people he is serving. How he responds personally to patient concerns and seeks honest input from all levels to broaden his understanding" shared Tampa Bay Thrives CEO, Carrie Zeisse.



"It has been my privilege, as CEO of the region's largest not-for-profit provider, to help put a spotlight on mental health and to help bring people together to address what our community needs," said Inzina. "Together, we can make a real difference."

About the Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value

The Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value is an employer-led research and education organization that brings together benefits leaders and healthcare stakeholders to develop and implement innovative improvements in healthcare cost, quality, transparency, and safety in Florida. For more information, please visit http://www.flhealthvalue.org/, or find the organization on Facebook, Twitter (@FLHealthValue) or LinkedIn.

About Baycare

BayCare is the leading, not-for-profit health care system that connects individuals and families to a wide range of services at hundreds of locations in the Tampa Bay and West Central Florida regions, including 15 hospitals. BayCare operates one of the region's largest physician practices, BayCare Medical Group, and is West Central Florida's largest provider of behavioral health and pediatric services. Its diverse network of ambulatory services includes laboratories, imaging, surgical centers, BayCare Urgent Care locations, wellness centers and one of Florida's largest home care agencies, BayCare HomeCare. For the past four years, IBM Watson Health® Top Health Systems has ranked BayCare in the top 20 percent of large U.S. health care systems. BayCare, one of the region's largest employers, is certified as a Great Place to Work®.

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