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White Earth Reservation Business Committee votes to construct facility that will house Behavioral Health programs

WHITE EARTH, MINN. – In a special meeting held today (Friday, Sept. 7) the White Earth Reservation Business Committee voted, 3-0, to move forward with constructing a facility to house several White Earth Behavioral Health programs.

White Earth Behavioral Health Director Jeri Jasken stated, “The White Earth Behavioral Health program is investing in construction of a new facility in Naytahwaush. This building will house the Naytahwaush MAT program and Naytahwaush MOMS program, in addition to the Substance Abuse outpatient services, Mental Health services, Autism/Early Childhood EIDBI services, Harm Reduction/Intervention services, and Juvenile Wellness services.”

The 33,000 square foot one-story building will house office spaces, common areas, clinical exam rooms, a kitchen, laboratories and mechanical and electrical rooms. The project will be subsidized by funds earned through Behavior Health services, mainly the MOMS and MATS programs. No general fund dollars will be necessary. The building will be located in Naytahwaush and construction could begin as early as next week.

“Over the past three years the Behavioral Health Division has been very successful in creating needed programs for our communities. I am very proud of the team we have assembled, including all of our employees and managers who have made our programs successful. I am also very proud of the 90 MOMs and MATs graduates, including the 70 Native graduates who are now full-time employees of the Tribe and other local businesses, giving back to their communities and families. This is what we're about - saving lives, engaging in culture and healing, and working together as a Tribal community for a better future. This new building is part of giving back to our community to have a better place for our people to get help and services.” said Jasken.