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MCCALLUM PLACE EATING DISORDERS TREATMENT CENTER ACHIEVES JOINT COMMISSION ACCREDITATION

St. Louis, Missouri – February 10, 2012 – McCallum Place Eating Disorders Treatment Programs, and its outpatient clinic for obesity and eating disorders, Webster Wellness Professionals, has earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval™ for accreditation by demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission’s national standards for health care quality and safety in behavioral health care. The accreditation award recognizes McCallum Place’s dedication to continuous compliance with The Joint Commission’s state-of-the-art standards.

McCallum Place – offering residential, partial hospital, intensive outpatient, transitional living and outpatient services provided by Webster Wellness Professionals – underwent a rigorous on-site survey in January of 2012. Joint Commission expert surveyors evaluated McCallum Place for compliance with standards of care specific to the needs of individuals served and families, including infection prevention and control, leadership and medication management.

"In achieving Joint Commission accreditation, McCallum Place has demonstrated its commitment to the highest level of care for the people they serve," says Mary Cesare-Murphy, Ph.D., executive director, Behavioral Health Care Accreditation, The Joint Commission. "Behavioral Health accreditation is a voluntary process and I commend McCallum Place for successfully undertaking this challenge to elevate its standard of care and instill confidence in the community it serves."

"With Joint Commission accreditation, we are making a significant investment in quality on a day-to-day basis through all levels of our organization," says Kim McCallum, MD, CEO, Medical Director and Founder of McCallum Place. "Achieving Joint Commission accreditation is a major step toward maintaining excellence and continually improving the care we provide."

The Joint Commission’s behavioral health care standards address important functions relating to the care of individuals served and the management of behavioral health care organizations. The standards are developed in consultation with behavioral health care experts, providers, measurement experts, individuals served and their families.

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value. The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits more than 18,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. The Joint Commission also provides certification of more than 1,700 disease-specific care programs, primary stroke centers, and health care staffing services. An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation’s oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Learn more about The Joint Commission at www.jointcommission.org.