Dear family members and friends,

We are excited to announce that we will be returning to the format of having a meeting every month, and that we have new co-facilitators to assist with the program! In addition to Kelsey Thompson, Morgan DeLeonard, Dana Korwek, and Ashley Wagner, there will be three more social workers from the Forensic Center: Katlyn Foster, Lauren Jayasuriya, and Amy Van Bonn. We all look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

The following is the schedule for this year’s Family Education Program series with a brief description of the presenters and topics that will be covered:

**January 13, 2018** – A representative from the NGRI committee at the CFP will provide an overview of the role of the NGRI committee in the treatment facilitation of NGRI patients.

**February 10, 2018** – Nicole Kletzka, PhD (psychologist at the CFP) will discuss the Dialectical Behavioral Therapy treatment program at the CFP, specifically focusing on the concept of acceptance.

**March 10, 2018** – Donna Rinnas, PhD (psychologist at the CFP and the director of the evaluation unit) will discuss the court ordered evaluation process for competency and criminal responsibility.

**April 14, 2018** – Joe Corso, LMSW (social worker at the CFP) will discuss the Dual Diagnosis program at the CFP and how treatment is provided to individuals with both mental illness and substance abuse issues.

**May 12, 2018** – Spring Picnic: Patients, if eligible, will be able to join with their family members and loved ones for this event.

**June 9, 2018** – Darren Beland (peer support specialist at Washtenaw County Community Mental Health for approximately 20 years) will come to discuss his personal experience with mental health and his role as a peer support specialist.

**July 14, 2018** – Dave Barry, LMSW (social worker at the CFP) will lead an open forum with guided discussion questions.

**August 11, 2018** – Sarah Stewart, LMSW (social worker at Washtenaw County Jail) will discuss mental health treatment services for inmates while incarcerated.
**September 8, 2018** – Reverend Timothy Rinehart (chaplain at the CFP) will discuss spirituality services at the CFP.

**October 13, 2018** – **Fall Picnic:** Patients, if eligible, will be able to join with their family members and loved ones for this event.

**November 10, 2018** – Paul White (Office of Recipient Rights representative) will discuss the role of recipient rights in patient care.

**December 8, 2018** – Lauren Jayasuriya, LMSW and Kelsey Thompson, LMSW (social workers at the CFP) will provide an overview of Assertive Community Treatment, the highest level of treatment provided by community mental health.

*Please note in order to participate in the picnic events, you must have attended a minimum of half of the meetings since the last picnic (or half of the meetings since you joined, if you are a newer member). Limit – three family members/friends per patient.*

If you have any questions or concerns, please free to contact the facilitators: Kelsey Thompson (734-295-4465), Morgan DeLeonard (734-295-4614), Katlyn Foster (734-295-4511), Lauren Jayasuriya (734-295-4523), Dana Korwek (734-295-4325), Amy Van Bonn (734-295-4313), or Ashley Wagner (734-295-4620).

We look forward to seeing you soon!