



## **Juneau Alliance for Mental Health, Inc. awarded Three-Year CARF Accreditation**

Juneau, Alaska -December 28, 2011 - CARF International announced that Juneau Alliance for Mental Health, Inc. (JAMHI) was awarded accreditation for a period of three years for its mental health services in Adult Outpatient Treatment, Case Management/ Services Coordination, Community Housing, Supported Living, and Crisis Intervention. Governance Standards were applied, meaning that JAMHI sought this optional, more rigorous level of organizational accountability. This is the first accreditation that the accrediting body, CARF International, has awarded to Juneau Alliance for Mental Health, Inc. "JAMHI has an active board of directors that is committed to fulfilling the mission and future development of the organization", the survey summary said.

This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the CARF standards. An organization receiving a three-year accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process. It has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit its commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality. "JAMHI has become a model for service delivery and has established an outstanding reputation within the community...the commitment, professionalism, and advocacy efforts of all staff members, whether providing direct services or indirect support services, are qualities that provide positive outcomes for persons served," the survey summary said. "This achievement is an indication of your organization's dedication and commitment to improving the quality of lives of the persons served. Services, personnel, and documentation clearly indicate an established pattern of practice excellence", the CARF accreditation letter stated.

Juneau Alliance for Mental Health, Inc. is a non-profit organization with offices at 3406 A Glacier Hwy. It has been providing Mental Health Services in the Juneau area since 1985 and provides support to other Southeast communities.

"I deeply appreciate the dedication, caring, and professionalism of our staff who are committed to helping persons with mental illness live their own best lives," said Pam Watts, JAMHI Executive Director. "The teamwork involved with survey preparation strengthened our organization and renewed commitment to our mission and the people we serve", said Watts.

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF International, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services. For more information about the accreditation process, please visit the CARF website at [www.carf.org](http://www.carf.org).

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