



Prairie Center

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Prairie Center and Rosecrance Enter Merger Discussions

Goal is to expand the comprehensive, integrated behavioral health system in the region

(August 17, 2017): Prairie Center and Rockford-based Rosecrance jointly announced on August 17 that they intend to merge on January 1, 2018. The move would expand behavioral health and addiction treatment options in the region and create the strongest team possible to support mental health and addiction services in east central Illinois.

Recently, both organizations approved a Letter of Intent for Prairie Center to merge with Rosecrance. The arrangement now enters a due-diligence phase, during which time Rosecrance and Prairie Center will seek to understand each other's operations and financial status. Over the next five months, both sides expect to create provisions of a Definitive Agreement to finalize the merger.

This is an exciting opportunity for us! The missions of Prairie Center and Rosecrance are extremely compatible. Both organizations have a long history of focusing on substance use disorders and we are like-minded in our desire to provide the highest quality client-focused services. We also have some clients in common, and share referrals with one another. Our commitment to our clients and our communities remains unwavering.

Both organizations have a lot to offer in such an arrangement. Prairie Center brings nearly 50 years of substance use prevention and treatment experience in the region along with a staff filled with passion to provide hope to those we serve in our three-county service area. Rosecrance brings similar values as well as innovation and technology Prairie Center currently doesn't have.

The proposed merger would bring together quality resources and offer several high-impact benefits:

- Strengthening the prevention and treatment services Prairie Center offers on a magnitude we currently aren't able to do on our own.
- Expanding addiction treatment options across the region at a time when need in our state has never been higher.
- Stabilizing jobs in the wake of the state's budget turmoil.
- Increasing integrated mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment programs across the area, helping to deliver services more efficiently to more people.

Locally, the two organizations already partner in delivering community services in a number of innovative ways, and the merger is a natural next step.

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More information about Rosecrance can be found at www.rosecrance.org.

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