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Public Invited to Mental Health Forum

FAYETTEVILLE, NC – As part of National Intellectual/Developmental Disability Month, the Cumberland County Consumer and Family Advisory Committee (CFAC) invites the public to learn more about intellectual and developmental disability services during an open forum March 28 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Massey Hill Recreation Center located at 1612 Camden Rd.

The forum will cover how intellectual and developmental disabilities are defined, how consumers can qualify for services and what services are provided by Alliance Behavioral Healthcare's provider network.

"The entire mental health system is undergoing a lot of changes in North Carolina, and it is extremely important to keep our citizens informed about accessibility to the services they need," said LaVern Oxendine, Cumberland County CFAC chair.

"I encourage all citizens who are directly or indirectly challenged with intellectual disability, various addictions or mental health issues to attend this forum on March 28," Oxendine said.

Doug Wright, the director of consumer affairs for Alliance, is the guest speaker. For more information, call (910) 222-6126 or visit the Cumberland County Mental Health Center's website at <u>http://ccmentalhealth.org</u>.