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The Center for Neuropsychiatry opens at the Mental Health Center of Denver

New specialty clinic helps many patients maximize their brain functioning

Denver – May 1, 2011 - The Mental Health Center of Denver (MHCD) announces the opening of The Center for Neuropsychiatry, a specialty clinic focusing on and dedicated to the care of people with neurologically-based cognitive, emotional and behavioral symptoms associated with a range of conditions. Among these are traumatic brain injury, stroke, dementia (like Alzheimer disease) and other brain diseases such as epilepsy or Parkinson disease.

Dr. Peter Wagner is one of a select number neuropsychiatrists practicing in Colorado. Dr. Wagner joined MHCD in 1999 as a general adult psychiatrist. While at MHCD he worked with people with HIV/AIDS, for whom neuropsychiatric symptoms are a frequent complication. He pursued a specialty fellowship in Behavioral Neurology & Neuropsychiatry at the University of Colorado/Denver VA MIRECC. His fellowship training included providing outpatient and inpatient consultation at these academic institutions, as well as at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital on the acute neurorehabilitation service.

A neuropsychiatrist is a physician trained in psychiatry with specialized training in the pathological aspects of brain functioning as well as having a mastery of the clinical skills necessary to treat these conditions. Neuropsychiatrists treat people with neurologic illness and cognitive, emotional, or behavioral problems; individuals with combined psychiatric illnesses and neurologic conditions; and individuals with atypical or refractory (treatment resistant) primary psychiatric disorders in which there is concern that an underlying neurological condition may be causing the "psychiatric" symptoms.

"I studied Neuropsychiatry because I am committed to helping people and their family's meet the challenges of their illness and better understand brain-behavior relationships in order to maximize their quality of life, and diminish their symptoms," says Dr. Wagner. "I am extremely excited about opening this practice at the Mental Health Center of Denver and working with other medical professionals to provide the best possible treatment options."

Dr. Wagner is board-certified in Psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and a certified subspecialist in Behavioral Neurology & Neuropsychiatry by the United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties. He has been a member of the American Neuropsychiatric Association since 2009. He earned a B.S. (cum laude) in mathematics from Yale University and completed both medical school and residency at the University of Colorado. Dr. Wagner is fluent in Spanish.

The Center of Neuropsychiatry is located at 4141 East Dickenson Place, Denver, Colorado 80222. For more information contact Dr. Wagner at (303) 504-6719 or neuropsychiatry@mhcd.org or go to [www.mhcd.org/Services/Center for Neuropsychiatry](http://www.mhcd.org/Services/Center_for_Neuropsychiatry).

The Mental Health Center of Denver (MHCD) is known nationally for its successful groundbreaking approach to mental health treatment. At MHCD, those living with a mental illness are involved in shaping their own recovery and given the chance to regain control of their lives.

The Mental Health Center of Denver is a private, not-for-profit, 501 (c) (3), community mental health center, providing treatment and prevention services to the residents of the City and County of Denver since its founding in 1989. MHCD believes that people can, and do, recover from mental illness and that treatment works and improves the lives of people of all ages. Through more than 35 community sites, mental health providers in 18 Denver public schools, collaborations with community partners and home-based outreach, MHCD provides a comprehensive, innovative and accessible array of mental health and substance abuse services to over 15,000 children, families and adults annually. Press contact Kaylynn Dougall: 303-504-6555, kaylynn.dougall@mhcd.org or www.mhcd.org

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