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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**St. Joseph County Addresses Incident at Millers Beach Terrace and Discontinues Sending Residents to the Facility**

**June 29, 2023** – St. Joseph County has been made aware of an alleged incident that took place at Millers Beach Terrace, a facility where three residents from the county were discharged. It has come to our attention that this incident at Millers Beach Terrace may not have been promptly reported to the relevant authorities. This alleged incident was not disclosed to staff prior to our residents leaving Portage Manor, which could pose a significant concern for the safety and well-being of our residents.

In response to this alarming information, St. Joseph County has taken immediate action to report the matter to Adult Protective Services and the Indiana State Department of Health. We have also commenced an internal investigation to gather all necessary details surrounding how the information was communicated to Portage Manor. We will work with the Indiana State Department of Health to ensure that all facilities that are being considered are safe and operating within the legal requirements set forth by the State of Indiana.

The safety and welfare of our residents, particularly those entrusted to care facilities, are of utmost importance to St. Joseph County. The three residents would not have been discharged to Millers Beach Terrace had the Portage Manor staff been informed of the alleged incident. As a result of the disturbing nature of this alleged incident, we have made the decision to discontinue sending any of our residents to Millers Beach Terrace. St. Joseph County has already reached out to the Indiana State Department of Health to determine whether it will allow the residents to immediately return to Portage Manor and be housed at Portage Manor until suitable safe housing is found. In the event the Indiana State Department of Health will not allow the residents to return to Portage Manor, St. Joseph County will make its Portage Manor staff and the staff of Byron Health Centers available to the three residents discharged to Millers Beach Terrace to ensure that they can find alternative housing as soon as possible if they so choose. Portage Manor staff promptly notified the families of these 3 residents to communicate the information that was shared.

We understand that families and loved ones are deeply concerned about the well-being of their relatives residing in care facilities. We want to assure the community that we are committed to taking all necessary measures to ensure the safety of our vulnerable populations. We will be



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working closely with Adult Protective Services and the Indiana State Department of Health to ensure a thorough investigation and appropriate actions are taken.

St. Joseph County remains dedicated to providing exceptional care and support to all our residents through closure. We will continue to work with other reputable facilities within the State of Indiana to ensure that our residents receive the quality care they deserve.

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