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Chestnut Global Partners and One Feather Consulting to Provide Native American-Sensitive EAP and Disease Management Programs Across North America

One Feather Consulting, a Native American EAP delivering specialized services to tribal workforces, leverages Chestnut's world-class communications and back office infrastructure

Bloomington, IL — September 5, 2012 — Chestnut Global Partners (CGP) and One Feather Consulting today announce a joint venture providing Native American-sensitive EAP and disease management services targeting more than 1,000 tribal nations and bands across North America. One Feather Consulting brings more than ten years of experience providing EAP services to Native Nations and the Indian gaming industry. Integrating CGP's communications and back office infrastructure—which extends across North and South America, Europe, and Asia—will support an Indigenous Network of Providers and enable One Feather Consulting to efficiently deliver “culturally-attuned” EAP and disease management programs to Native American and First Nations employees, families, and communities.

The joint venture is an extension of Chestnut's “glocal” EAP model, which combines central coordination and infrastructure with “in-country” resources, whereby counselors with a deep understanding of local culture and customs interact with the local population. One Feather Consulting team members will train Chestnut's existing EAP professionals to perform intakes and/or triage in a manner that promotes trust with Native American employees and their families. Included is a work/life module that provides specialized resources to support Native American employees and their families in everything from eldercare to financial planning. The program will also offer a module that applies CGP's behavior change approach to combat the diabetes epidemic within Native American tribes and bands. One Feather Consulting will continue to utilize and recruit Native American and First Nations professionals, counselors, and trainers to supplement their Indigenous Network of Providers—the largest in North America.

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“As a Native-owned EAP, we understand the diverse social structures, traditions, and environmental culture of Native Peoples, and bring a deep familiarity of the issues, dynamics, and what it takes to overcome the barriers to EAP counseling,” said Dr. Rodney Haring, Founder and CEO of One Feather Consulting. “We’ve long admired Chestnut’s glocal model in providing services to diverse populations—from Brazil to Mongolia—and realized how their approach aligns with ours. This, combined with their world-class infrastructure, enables us to serve the broad range of tribal workforces across North America with the resources and responsiveness of a large EAP, while providing a comfort level of an EAP with roots in their community.”

“One Feather Consulting provides an invaluable service to a diverse population that has historically been underserved and are the first to bring a broad and deep cultural awareness to EAP delivery,” said Russ Hagen, President and CEO of Chestnut Global Partners. “As a Native-American EAP, they are able to overcome issues of historical mistrust, and understand the different environmental contexts—urban vs. reservation based populations—how to read communications cues, and the acute sensitivity to assure confidentiality given that many people on the reservation are related, whether by blood, by marriage, or through social networks. We look forward to working with One Feather’s team in supporting tribal workforces and their families across the U.S. and Canada.”

About One Feather Consulting

One Feather Consulting (www.onefeatherconsulting.com) is a majority Native American owned company with its administrative office based from the sovereign territory of the Seneca Nation of Indians (New York). The company was founded by Dr. Rodney Haring, an enrolled member and resident of the Seneca Nation of Indians. For over a decade, One Feather Consulting has offered nationwide culturally sensitive approaches to employee assistance programming, program evaluation, market research, feasibility studies, and related services. Services are intended for a diverse clientele including Native American tribes, Native owned casinos, Native American urban centers, organizations doing work with tribes or Native peoples, Native owned business ventures, Native based projects, and governmental agencies working with tribal entities. Contact: 1.800.905.2911 or info@onefeatherconsulting.com for more information.

About Chestnut Global Partners

Chestnut Global Partners, LLC, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Chestnut Health Systems, Inc., a not-for-profit behavioral health organization based in Bloomington, Illinois. In addition to offering a full range of employee assistance and related workplace services to both domestic and multi-national companies, Chestnut Global Partners’ Division of Commercial Science helps providers and employers deploy scientific assessment technologies, outcome measures, and analytical methodologies so that EAPs, wellness companies, disease management entities, and purchasers can determine the effects or worth of programs. Visit www.chestnutglobalpartners.org.

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