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NEWS RELEASE

Stars Behavioral Health Group Joins Defran Systems as a Value Added Reseller

New York, NY - Stars Behavioral Health Group (SBHG) of California, an organization with expertise in the behavioral health and psychiatric hospital industry, recently became a value added reseller (VAR) for Defran Systems, a leading developer of EMR/EHR software for human services organizations.

The VAR agreement with SBHG was designed to offer greater choice and flexibility for California human services organizations to obtain an EMR/EHR from a peer organization with decades of experience navigating the particulars of the California human service environment.

Through SBHG, human service organizations of varying sizes and needs can now implement Defran Systems' *Evolv-CS*[®], a fully web-based EMR/EHR that is currently being used by government and private agencies across 36 states.

SBHG will also function as a Management Services Organization (MSO) providing its clients with management services related to system implementation, training, and business operations improvement. Dr. Peter Zucker, Vice President of Clinical Services for SBHG, commented, "As a value added reseller, SBHG provides a lower cost alternative for implementing a California-Compliant EMR. Agencies can also select from a menu of services to strengthen their operations."

Defran Systems launched the VAR program in late 2009. Becoming a reseller was an obvious choice for SBHG because of its extensive expertise and knowledge of the *Evolv-CS* system. SBHG has been using the software to manage its own agencies since 2005. Fran Loshin-Turso, Defran Systems' President said, "With this arrangement, SBHG will add real value to the California behavioral health community. Having worked closely for years with SBHG, we are confident they have the expertise to provide the same high level of support to *Evolv-CS* users that we at Defran provide."

Currently, there are two options for purchasing *Evolv-CS* through SBHG. One option is for agencies to sublicense the software from SBHG who will host and administer the system on their servers. The other option is to purchase an enterprise license with a full, on-site system implementation. Dr. Zucker, commented, "By adopting *Evolv-CS*, agencies will gain access to a fully developed EMR that includes forms, a treatment planner, management and financial reporting capabilities, and quality control and assurance systems. In addition, SBHG can provide management and consultation services in the areas of finance, personnel, training, quality assurance, and compliance."

Stars Behavioral Health Group - Founded in 1988, SBHG provides behavioral health related services to thousands of children and families each year. The agency has over 30 specialized public facility-based mental health programs and a wide range of community-based support services throughout Northern and Southern California. For information about implementing *Evolv-CS*[®] please contact Mariko Yamada, Director of Business Development & Management Services, at (310) 221-6336 x 140 or myamada@starsinc.com. Visit SBHG on the web at www.starsinc.com.

Defran Systems develops enterprise-wide software for the full scope of human services agency needs. With more than 26 years of experience, Defran is considered a leading innovator in software development and implementation and is a Microsoft Certified Gold Partner. For information about becoming an *Evolv-CS*[®] Value Added Reseller, please contact Marcia Hursh, Senior Business Development Manager, at (646) 230-0785 or mhursh@defran.com or visit www.defran.com.