RAISING THE BAR: MOVING TOWARD THE INTEGRATION OF HEALTH CARE

In 2004 the WCHO initiated the first public mental health- private, non-profit primary care collaboration by embedding a psychiatrist four hours per week and a full time MSW social worker in Packard Community Clinic in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Packard Clinic was selected due to their commitment to the "safety net" community.

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