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## **EXPANSION AT HIGH WATCH RECOVERY CENTER INCLUDES NEW MEDICAL BUILDING**

Historic Barns Will Be Incorporated Into New Construction.

(Kent, CT - July 7, 2011) High Watch Recovery Center will break ground in mid-July on a \$2.2 Million expansion of its offices which includes a new Medical Building. Connecticut State Senator Andrew Roraback, State Representative Richard Smith and the First Selectman of Kent, Bruce Adams will be on hand to celebrate this landmark event in a ceremonial ground breaking on Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.

“The addition of new units for nursing and therapy will further enhance our culture of providing a beautiful and comfortable environment for patient care and treatment,” states Janina Kean, President & CEO of High Watch. While the Medical Building will directly impact the level of patient care and staffing, the new community conference center in the new space will also allow High Watch to expand its Family Program and Public Education Outreach.

The Medical Building adds 5,800 square feet of one-story construction plus 4,300 square feet of renovation of existing areas. The expansion will not increase the number of beds at the facility but will add to services to residents, their families and the community.

Under the guidance of Bill W., High Watch was established on Joy Farm in 1940, as the first 12 Step treatment center in the world. High Watch is a non-profit organization dedicated to healing those who suffer from the chronic illness of drug and alcohol addiction. The current offices of this pioneering recovery center were once the barns for Joy Farm. A few renovations and 70 plus years later, “High Watch will soon have a state-of-the-art Medical Building to compliment our state-of-the-art treatment for drug and alcohol addiction,” adds Ms. Kean.

High Watch has worked hard to keep treatment affordable and to provide charity care (Wilson Beds) for those who cannot afford to pay. Last year they provided over \$1 Million in free medical care. High Watch raised \$1.2 Million in donations towards the new Medical Wing and will look to raise the final \$1 Million through additional fundraising.

Jacunski Humes Architects of Berlin, CT designed the new space. Enfield Builders will handle the construction. Anticipated completion for the project is May 1, 2012.

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