

Transition Update



A SPECIAL EDITION Newsletter of the Tri-County Board of Recovery & Mental Health Services

Miami County Mental Health Center To Transition from Upper Valley Medical Center to New Provider

The Tri-County Board of Recovery & Mental Health Services and Upper Valley Medical Center (UVMC) have announced the Miami County Mental Health Center (MCMHC) will no longer be operated as a division of UVMC as of summer 2010. In conjunction with the Tri-County Board, the UVMC Board of Directors recently approved a plan to discontinue operation of MCMHC under UVMC on or before June 30, 2010.

Over the past two fiscal years, the State has cut the tri-county behavioral health system by nearly \$2 million dollars, which is a 35% reduction in state funding and an overall tri-county system budget reduction of nearly 17%. These reductions, along with the decision of UVMC Board of Directors to cease operations of the MCMHC, led to the transition of the agency to a new provider.

A transition team comprised of representatives from the Tri-County Board, UVMC, MCMHC, Darke County Mental Health Clinic and Miami County Recovery Council has begun meeting and is working on details regarding service provision for Miami County. "Being a multi-county Board with multiple providers, the Tri-County Board will work with existing provider agencies to deliver services in Miami County as MCMHC ceases operations. Those agencies either already have or will establish permanent locations within Miami County." said Mark McDaniel, Executive Director, Tri-County Board. "The Tri-County Board remains dedicated to protecting core mental health services provided in Miami County and will work with UVMC and MCMHC to ensure that the transition to a new provider is as seamless as possible for the clients we serve."

"UVMC and the MCMHC leadership teams are committed to working collaboratively with the Tri-County Board to assure a successful transition to a new provider and minimize disruption in service to the clients served," said Michael J. Maiberger, UVMC president and CEO. "The MCMHC staff is an outstanding team of professionals deeply committed to helping individuals in our community who experience mental health or drug and alcohol problems," added Tom Parker, UVMC executive vice president and COO.

In addition to the transition and as part of the Tri-County Board's ongoing strategic planning process, the Board has been working with provider agencies for the past several years to streamline the tri-county behavioral health system. As a result, the Tri-County Board is moving forward with plans to offer a one-stop-shop of behavioral health services for citizens in Miami County that will host the entire array of services provided by the tri-county behavioral health system. Offering comprehensive behavioral health services under one roof will allow our system to provide services in a more efficient manner and will simplify "navigating the system" for those that need our help. The result will provide both a cost savings in this difficult financial environment and will enhance core services for our community's most vulnerable citizens.

"The important thing to note is that behavioral health services will remain in Miami County for Miami County citizens," explained Mark McDaniel. "The Tri-County Board will use this opportunity to improve our service delivery system and better meet the needs of the clients we serve."

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The *Transition Update* newsletter will be published on an ongoing basis throughout the transition of Miami County Mental Health Center to a new provider. It is our intention to keep our system, community partners, and the consumers we serve informed of the plans and progress made during this transition.

We are happy to answer your questions and address any concerns you may have during this time of transition. Please send your questions or concerns to Amanda Brown, Director of Community Resource Development at the Tri-County Board: browna@mdsamhs.mh.state.oh.us

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