

# Transition Update



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

## Miami County Mental Health Center Transitioning from UVMC to New Provider - Focus on Crisis Services

On February 17, 2010, the Tri-County Board of Recovery & Mental Health Services officially identified Darke County Mental Health Clinic and Miami County Recovery Council as the lead agencies to provide services in Miami County once the Miami County Mental Health Center ceases operation on or before June 30, 2010. The Tri-County Board approved funding for transition costs and hiring additional staff for the agencies to ensure that the transition to a new provider is as seamless as possible for the clients we serve.

Crisis services provided by the Tri-County Crisis Center are included in the transition from Miami County Mental Health Center to the new providers. As part of the transition, planning will include the separation of crisis services from the UVMC inpatient unit intake process; however, location of the Crisis Center will remain on the UVMC campus for the immediate future. The final location of the Crisis Center is to be determined, as is the location of the new mental health center.

“The transition team is looking at several options for crisis services with the ultimate goal of keeping clients in our local community,” said Mark McDaniel, Executive Director, Tri-County Board. “The important thing to note is that crisis 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.”

Questions have also been raised about staffing for the new mental health center and crisis center. Mark McDaniel explained, “The Darke County Mental Health Clinic and Miami County Recovery Council in conjunction with UVMC will meet with current mental health center and crisis center staff to talk about employment opportunities. We are fortunate to have qualified and dedicated staff in our system and our hope is for those individuals to remain in our system.”

Plans are still underway to streamline the tri-county behavioral health system and 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. More information about the location and services provided at the one-stop-shop will be provided as they are available.

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*“The Tri-County Board remains dedicated to protecting core services provided in Miami County and will work with UVMC and the MCMHC to ensure that the transition in service provision is as seamless as possible for the clients we serve.”*

Mark McDaniel  
Executive Director  
Tri-County Board

### *Transition Update*

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](mailto:browna@mdsamhs.mh.state.oh.us)

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