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Mental Health Clinic Serves Children, Adolescents and Adults

FAYETTEVILLE, NC – Cumberland County’s Department of Public Health added mental health to its list of services when it took over the county’s Mental Health Clinic on July 1. Patients are being seen by appointment and on a walk-in basis at 109 Bradford Ave.

The clinic’s psychiatrists and psychologists were formerly employed by the Cumberland County Mental Health Center, the county’s Local Management Entity. There was no break in patient services during the departmental transition. Child and adolescent psychiatric services moved from offices in the Mental Health Center’s Executive Place location and now the entire Mental Health Clinic serving adults and children is housed together at the Bradford Avenue Center.

The transition to the health department came about in response to state-mandated mental health reform requiring the Local Management Entity to stop providing direct services to the mentally ill and to transition to a new Managed Care Organization in partnership with Durham, Wake and Johnston counties by Jan. 1, 2013.

“We want everyone to realize that we are still here providing services to the citizens of Cumberland County regardless of their financial status,” said Dr. Mark Chandler, the “new” Mental Health Clinic’s medical director. “We provide a full range of outpatient psychiatric services for children, adolescents and adults.”

The clinic has a staff of 28, including psychiatrists, physician assistant, licensed clinicians, and nurses. The adult clinic is located on the first floor and has two full-time psychiatrists and one who works part-time. They provide a wide range of out-patient services to patients 18 years of age and older.

The children’s clinic is on the second floor and includes two full-time child psychiatrists and one physician assistant specializing in child psychiatry.

Other services include a Patient Assistance Program to help indigent patients with medication costs and a weekly clinic where patients receive the anti-psychotic medication Clozaril.

“This is a service that no one else offers. If these patients who are the sickest of the sick go off their medication, most will end up in the hospital,” Chandler said.

Call 910-323-2311 to make an appointment or for more information about the Mental Health Clinic at 109 Bradford Ave. Hours for appointments and walk-ins are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Anyone looking for other mental health, developmental disability or substance abuse services in Cumberland County can call the Screening Triage and Referral Line at (910) 424-HOPE (4673) for information and referral.

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Cumberland County's Mental Health Clinic serves children, adolescents and adults. Staff members pose outside the clinic at 109 Bradford Ave. in Fayetteville.

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