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OKLAHOMA COUNTY CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER TO MOVE SEPT. 18
Relocation Designed to Ease Law Enforcement Transport Issues, Help People in Crisis

The Oklahoma County Crisis Intervention Center, which has operated at 1200 N.E. 13th St. for several years, will begin providing services at a new location effective Wednesday, Sept. 18.

The new site is at 2625 General Pershing Blvd. (Map link to address: <http://mapq.st/1e9Hyh6>)

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, which operates the crisis center, is leasing space from NorthCare for the new facility. The crisis center is the first building that NorthCare, an Oklahoma City nonprofit mental health and substance abuse treatment organization, plans to build in the area as part of a mental health campus.

The move to a more central location is meant to help law enforcement ease transport issues, and also to offer people in psychological crisis more privacy if they must use inpatient crisis services, which typically involves a three- to five-day stay. The new center will have 16 private rooms with individual bathrooms.

In addition to the 16-bed inpatient unit, OCCIC also will have a mental health “urgent care” section, where people can stay for up to 24 hours to receive psychological stabilization services.

“The new facility is designed specifically for crisis services and, as such, should provide an optimum treatment environment for the people we serve,” said Carrie Slatton-Hodges, ODMHSAS deputy commissioner for treatment and recovery.

“The location also will be much more convenient for law enforcement, as it includes a dedicated law enforcement entrance and intake area that will provide a more secure access point and a more comfortable setting for all involved,” she said. “Law enforcement personnel will be able to page facility staff upon arrival, using a notification intercom posted at the entrance, and then be greeted at the door for entry into the facility and further assistance.”

Slatton-Hodges said the relocation won’t add new beds to the system, “which are sorely needed,” and that the department will continue to try to obtain funding for additional crisis centers in the future.

Studies show that more than 620,000 Oklahoma adults suffer from mental illness. Of these, 146,213 have a “serious” mental illness and an estimated 135,047 have experienced serious psychological stress in the past year.

In 2012, approximately 2,500 people were treated at an ODMHSAS-operated crisis center in Oklahoma County.

For more information about accessing crisis services, call (405) 522-8100.

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