



# Butler County Crisis Stabilization Unit

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## Creating a full continuum for urgent mental health care

The Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board of Butler County seeks to partner with community stakeholders to address the urgent needs of residents who could benefit from expedited mental health services. The proposed Butler County Crisis Stabilization Unit would offer a continuum of care for non-violent individuals experiencing a serious and immediate mental health need. Qualified professionals will be able to assess, triage and refer individuals to appropriate services once immediate needs are addressed.



resulting from withdrawal from alcohol or other drugs. Law enforcement, emergency medical personnel and families could access the center 24/7 for help.

The center would house a 10-chair observation area and 10 beds to provide a safe, secure resource with basic first aid, trained mental health professionals and integrated peer supports intended to stabilize a person needing help. Patients taken to the center would not be housed long term, but held overnight or over a weekend until they could be entered into existing mental health programs typically not available 24/7. The center would not be appropriate for residents who are violent or who clearly have serious emergency medical needs.

The cornerstone of this continuum would serve as the central and preferred destination for residents in crisis, whether they are experiencing a mental health breakdown or complications

### 24/7 Walk-in & First Responder Resource

Support for those not yet in crisis, but who could benefit from expedited access and linkage to established community providers.

### Medical Services

Basic first aid will be offered to minimize hospital transfers. Serious medical issues would be addressed by local emergency departments.

### Family Support Services

Resources for families, partners and concerned friends who accompany a person in urgent need for help.

### Medication Services

The center will not operate a full service pharmacy, but will offer limited medications for walk-in needs and on-site service units.



### Community Services

On-site linkage to established mental health/substance use treatment providers, as well as other critical services such as available housing.

### Substance Use Treatment

The center can provide assessment and referral to community services qualified to offer withdrawal management, medication assisted treatment and other supports.

### Short Term Stay

Over weekend or holiday periods, or when admission to an existing community service is delayed, the center can offer safe housing in the interim.

### 23-Hour Observation

A safe setting for those with immediate needs while awaiting inclusion in programs not accessible after hours. Admission is on a voluntary basis.

For more information, contact [BHCSU@BCMhars.org](mailto:BHCSU@BCMhars.org)

# About the assessment, triage and referral process



## Target Population

The center will be available to all adults 18+ in Butler County who are experiencing an urgent mental health or addiction-related issue.



## Access

Services will be available 24 hours a day/7 days a week. The facility will offer a public walk-in entrance and a separate entrance for law enforcement and emergency medical personnel.



## Estimated Volume

Projections show 4,800 encounters will occur during the center's first year of operation, growing to 5,500 in the second year.



## Location

The center is proposed to be housed on county-owned property in a wing of the former Butler County Care Facility off of Princeton Road in Hamilton.

## Community Support

### Butler County Commissioners

The Butler County Commissioners have availed space to the assessment & referral center in a wing of the former Butler County Care Facility off Princeton Road in Hamilton. Use of the facility will provide significant savings by not requiring acquisition of land or costs of constructing a new building.

### Community Investment

The cost to renovate the wing of the existing facility to establish the center is projected to cost \$1 million dollars, paid for with funding provided by local, state and federal sources. Operational costs are projected to be an estimated \$7 million dollars annually, depending on usage levels and community support.

## Timeline

### 2023

Seek operational bids through a Request For Proposals (RFP) from qualified contractors in the mental health and addiction recovery services field.

### 2024

Undertake necessary renovations to update a wing of the former Butler County Care Facility to operational standards for a 10-bed unit.

### 2025

Targeted opening for the assessment, triage and referral center.

## Community Needs

# 23%

In Butler County, 92,000 residents will experience some level of mental illness in a given year. Of the population, 10 percent will abuse or be dependent on alcohol or other drugs.

# 4,800

An estimated 4,800 Butler County residents are projected to benefit from the assessment, triage and referral center in its first year of operation. Emergency rooms, first responders and families are stretched to their limits and could greatly benefit from this innovative resource.

# 2-3%

Butler County's population is expected to grow by 2-3 percent in the next decade. A larger population will yield an even greater need for efficient, effective mental health and addiction recovery services.



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