

# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 23, 2024  
**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Mark L. Bellamy, Jr., County Administrator  
**SUBJECT:** Transformative Year for Colonial Behavioral Health



I recently met with David Coe, Executive Director of Colonial Behavioral Health, along with Brian Fuller, Deputy County Administrator, and Sheri Newcomb, Director of Community Services, to discuss forthcoming changes at Colonial Behavioral Health. These changes are still in the early planning stages. Colonial Behavioral Health aims to consolidate services and establish a Crisis Services Center located on surplus Eastern State property.

Attached is an overview of the proposed changes for Colonial Behavioral Health for your review.

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Attachment:

- Colonial Behavioral Health Update April 2024

# Colonial Behavioral Health Update April 2024

2024 will be a transformative year for Colonial Behavioral Health (CBH). To better serve the community, we will develop both new facilities and new programming, both of which are outlined below.

## Facilities

CBH is currently working with an architectural firm to determine the appropriate space needs for the following facilities:

CBH Consolidated Campus – situated on surplus ESH property, the new campus will include CBH administrative offices, operations support, behavioral healthcare, primary healthcare, and pharmacy. A Space Needs Analysis is currently underway and is scheduled for completion soon.

Crisis Services Center – CBH is working with the Virginia DBHDS in an expedited way to establish a facility that will house emergency services, mobile crisis services, Crisis Intervention Team Assessment Center (CITAC), Crisis Receiving Center (CRC), and a crisis stabilization unit (CSU) under a single roof. Funding for this development has been identified, along with a property conveyance process now underway between the state, a private developer, James City County and CBH.



Day Support Center – tailored to meet the needs of adults with developmental disabilities (DD) and serious mental illness (SMI), the facility will offer day support, community engagement and psychosocial services.

York Poquoson Center – designed to meet the needs of people who live in the eastern part of the CBH catchment area, the campus will offer a broad array of behavioral health services for children, adolescents, and adults. This effort will require additional space, which will require either finding a new location or replacing the current facility in the current location.

## Programming

CBH is in the process of developing and/or implementing several new programs, a few of which are listed below:

Marcus Alert – CBH has taken the lead in developing a co-response plan for people experiencing mental health crisis in partnership with local government.

Crisis Continuum – CBH has been approved for funds from the state to develop a Crisis Services Center, with initial funds related to construction only. The new building will serve as hub for the entire continuum.

Mobile Crisis – CBH has agreed to assume operation of a Mobile Crisis Team previously operated by the Middle Peninsula/Northern Neck (MPNN) CSB. This model will work to support both the CBH and MPNN service areas. Staffing capacity is guaranteed to be insufficient; therefore, we will rely on backup from other Region 5 partners to assist with meeting needs across 14 localities. Calls for mobile crisis response will be dispatched only from 911 or from our Regional Call Center (based at Western Tidewater CSB). We are scheduled to assume responsibility for this service on July 1, 2024, and are currently recruiting staff for the program.

Permanent Supportive Housing – CBH has launched a new supportive housing program for SMI adults. The first individual is currently being placed, with a total of 25 PSH having been approved and funded by DBHDS.

Greater Williamsburg Integrated Care - A Partnership between CBH and Olde Towne Medical and Dental Center (OTMDC), the integrated care model will provide universal behavioral health screening, embedded behavioral healthcare, share electronic health record access to benefit patients and provide a behavioral-enhanced patient-centered medical home.

Integrated Care Background – Currently CBH and OTMDC co-exist with no systematic connection, although staff members routinely share inter-agency information and cooperate on discrete projects. Both agencies agree that the people they serve, and the community at large would benefit from deeper collaboration and together endeavor to systematically adjust and align their work toward shared goals, collaborative decision-making, and blended resources in the hope to fully integrate programs, planning, and funding.

Integrated Care Facilitation – Funded by the Williamsburg Health Foundation, CBH and OTMDC are working with Primary Care Development Corporation (PCDC) to develop an integrated care model. PCDC provides capital financing and consulting supports to safety-net clinics with the aim of improving and expanding access to primary care and delivering evidence-based solutions.

Integrated Care Pilot – Funded by Bank of America’s Philanthropic Solutions, CBH and OTMDC will embed full-time behavioral healthcare services in the primary care setting at OTMDC. This effort will allow us to test the model under development with PCDC.