



***Meeting our Community's Need for
Behavioral Health Services:
Cleveland Heights Hospital Proposal***

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MetroHealth proposes building a 110-bed Behavioral Health Hospital addition to its existing Cleveland Heights Hospital

Here's why it's needed:

- The Cuyahoga County 2019 Community Needs Assessment recognized “Enhancing Mental Health and Reducing Substance Abuse” as one of the top five community health needs**
- National trends and per capita benchmarks indicate our community currently needs an additional 200+ behavioral health beds; but because many current beds are reserved for special circumstances (forensic, private-pay, adult-only), the actual bed gap is significantly larger
- One in four Americans suffers from some form of mental illness, such as depression, anxiety or bipolar disorder. The MetroHealth Cleveland Heights Behavioral Health Hospital will be a place for short-term stays – on average 7 to 10 days – while patients are evaluated and stabilized.



** Source: The Cuyahoga County 2019 Community Needs Assessment; HIPCuyahoga (<https://hipcuyahoga.org/2019cha/>)

Understanding the scope of our community's problem:

Demand is outpacing capacity – and increasing unmet needs

- Suicides are up 62% in the past decade
- Mental illness affects an estimated 260,000 people in Cuyahoga County
- 32% of people seeking mental health treatment or counseling don't get services they need
- 62% of people seeking drug or alcohol treatment or counseling don't get the services they need
- Cuyahoga County's rate of opioid-related deaths is 2.5 times the national average
- Since 2016, more than 3,100 people have died from drug overdoses in Cuyahoga County – that's nearly two deaths every day for five years
- **COVID has increased demand for behavioral health services**



MetroHealth's plan:

Expand our capacity to address this critical community need

- Three-story new structure on the Cleveland Heights Campus will provide 110 beds for inpatient care for adolescents, adults and elders
- 75K sq. ft new construction
- 21K sq. ft renovation
- 155 FTEs in Year One – 225 by Year Five
- Specialized Emergency Department to assess crisis cases
- Designated unit to treat patients with chronic medical conditions that are aggravated by their behavioral illnesses
- Expand community behavioral health and addiction treatment with intensive outpatient services



Details of the plan for MetroHealth Cleveland Heights:

- New Behavioral Health Hospital addition to be owned and operated by The MetroHealth System
- MetroHealth capital investment: \$42 million – County is contributing \$5 million of that from opioid settlement funds
- **No incentives** needed from the City of Cleveland Heights
- This expansion involves **no reduction in services** at our existing Cleveland Heights hospital, which in 2019 had:
 - 90,000 patient visits
 - 190 FTEs
 - Payroll of \$14.6 million
- We will remain the home of the Regional Dispatch Center
- 24/7 security provided by the MetroHealth Police Department, as at all our hospitals
- As with all MetroHealth initiatives this will be mission driven: **We will treat everyone who needs care, regardless of their ability to pay.**



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