

Comment on Proposed Fairview Health Services - Acadia Healthcare Mental Health Hospital

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No

What organization do you represent?

Self interested party. Current RN at Fairview

What is your comment on the proposed mental health hospital?

I have worked as a RN on Fairview's Riverside 6a; a dual adolescent inpatient mental health unit for 12 years. In total Riverside has about 50 child and adolescent inpatient beds spread across four units- 3c, 6a, 7a and ITC. A few years back management closed one of those units, 3c. Those 15 bed remain empty. Of course management has been stating this is only temporary.

A few months, during a Joint Commission visit, management decided to combine two adolescent units together (6a and 7a). Each unit HAD 18 beds. We now have a combined total of 12 patients on one unit. With combining the two units, 7a was left empty unit. On 7a the second beds were removed subsequently lowering patient capacity to 10. Management decided to then move the the ITC patients (intense treatment- high acuity) to 7a. ITC is now closed to inpatient admissions.

With in the span of about 5 years, Fairview went from having about 50 child and adolescent beds to about 20 beds. Most of the reduction has occurred within the past few months.

Another significant concern is psychiatric providers. Fairview is unable to attract or retain psychiatrist. Specially child psychiatrists

My first comment was submitted before I was finished. And please note it was also submitted prior to making corrections.

In summary Fairview has a very difficult time attracting and retaining child psychiatrists. We have had approximately a dozen child psychiatrists over the last 10 years. Not one of those psychiatrists still work for Fairview. Why is that? Fairview has beds but they lack providers to attend to those beds. Perhaps before opening up a new facility they should get their current facility up to par. Arcadia is not a healthcare system that we should welcome with open arms. I also encourage everyone to talk with Prairie Care employees about working for a for profit free standing mental hospital facility. Rather than calling for additional mental health support, free standing facilities call the police in a crisis. Thank you for you time