

Agenda

Opening remarks from *Dave Colletti*, Assistant Director of Hospital Services
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Tracy J. Plouck, Director
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Dr. Mark A. Hurst, Medical Director
Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

Vivian Orsich, Peer Support Specialist
Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare

William M. Denihan, Chief Executive Officer
Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County

Paul Schweikert, Former Township Administrator
Sagamore Hills Township

Terry Russell, Executive Director
National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio

Fred Frese, Ph.D., Former Director of Psychology
Western Reserve Psychiatric Hospital
Coordinator, Summit County Recovery Project

Groundbreaking ceremony to follow remarks



Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare Groundbreaking Ceremony

July 18, 2013 • 10:30 a.m.

1756 Sagamore Road
Northfield, Ohio



John R. Kasich, Governor
Tracy J. Plouck, Director

NBH Through the Years ...



Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare was founded during 1918-19 as Hawthorn State Farm, which was established to provide dairy products, meat and produce to Cleveland State Hospital. Soon after the farm was established, it became evident that Northeast Ohio needed another large psychiatric hospital. The first building on the grounds was erected in 1923, and following an extensive building process, the hospital was opened on July 25, 1938.

The Ohio legislature established Hawthornden State Hospital as an independent psychiatric facility on Aug. 14, 1941, under the leadership of Dr. Guy H. Williams (photo at bottom right), the long-term superintendent of Cleveland State Hospital.



By the early 1960s, Hawthornden had a bed capacity of 2,283. In addition, it also had its own fire department and ambulatory service, police force, powerhouse, commissary and snack shop, two gymnasiums, an auditorium, bowling alley, beauty and barber shops, chapel and laundry service. The farm had a herd of 50 dairy cows and nearly that many steers, a small herd of horses, and a piggery; 230 acres were under cultivation and 200 acres were in pasture. The campus covered about 80 acres, and the remaining land, approximately 100 acres, remained wooded.

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, the bed capacity of the hospital decreased by more than half, and many of the original buildings were closed or converted. In the 1970s and 1980s, the hospital was renamed several times reflecting the philosophy of treatment at the time. The patient population continued to decline, and additional buildings were closed or razed. In the 1990s, the hospital merged with Cleveland Psychiatric Hospital and Northwest Psychiatric Hospital in Toledo to become Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare, which created a regional system for delivering mental health services. Also during this time, a long-range plan was developed by the Ohio Department of Mental Health to expand community supports and promote recovery.



Since 1990, local systems have increased the number and types of services they provide, and the inpatient population of state hospitals has decreased as more services became available on an outpatient basis. In July 2004, Toledo again became its own independent hospital, the Northwest Ohio Psychiatric Hospital. In 2011, the maintenance of the aging Cleveland Campus building was determined to be cost prohibitive. Therefore, in July 2011 staff and patients were moved to the Northfield Campus in Sagamore Hills Township. July 2013 marks the groundbreaking of a new, state-of-the-art facility on the current 71-acre wooded site at Northfield.