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MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT FACT SHEET

What action is being taken?

- The department's outpatient chemical dependency (OASAS licensed) clinics in Kingston, Highland and Ellenville will be closed.
- The NEXUS Program (child and family—MH) will be transferred to the Ulster County Department of Social Services.
- The Kids Together Program (child and family — MH) will run through June 2012, and then be transferred to the Mental Health Association of Ulster County.
- The Local Government Unit (LGU), which is a mandated service, will be maintained, and the collaboration between the Mental Health and Health Departments will continue.

What is the timetable for these actions?

- The Chemical Dependency Clinics will close by December 31, 2011.
- The Nexus Program will be transferred as of January 1, 2012.
- The UCMHD will cease operating the Kids Together Program at the end of the current school year (June 2012) and the MHA will assume sponsorship of the program when it starts up again in September.

How many positions will be eliminated?

- Chemical Dependency Clinics — 8.
- Vacant positions — 11.

What is the plan for maintaining services in the community?

- The Bridge Back (Kingston Hospital) is willing to accept clients into its chemical dependency clinic services.
- Step One in Highland and Ellenville is also a treatment option for clients.

What will be the impact on UCMHD's current clients?

- Clients will be given contact information regarding other sources of treatment services.
- No client will be “steered” toward any specific service provider.
- UCMHD has developed a transition plan that will ensure that no client who requires medically necessary services is discharged from treatment until the individual has been admitted by another service provider.
- A committee will be formed to monitor the transition process, identify challenges, and develop solutions.