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Erie County Health Department Completes “Continuum of Care” with Opening of New Residential Treatment Center

KAPTUR TREATMENT & RECOVERY to Address Critical Service Gap on October 27, 2025, as ECHD Urges Stakeholder Collaboration

Sandusky, OH, October 17, 2025 – The Erie County Health Department (ECHD) is proud to announce a significant expansion of its mental and behavioral health services with the launch of Kaptur Treatment & Recovery, a dedicated 28-day residential treatment facility. This transition, effective October 27, 2025, closes a critical gap in the community's continuum of care, establishing a comprehensive system now rebranded as Kaptur Recovery Services.

Kaptur Treatment & Recovery represents the evolution of the former Kaptur Rogowski House. While the facility will maintain two reserved beds for mental health and crisis stabilization, the remaining 14 beds will now be dedicated to structured, residential substance use disorder treatment.

The Completed Continuum: Kaptur Recovery Services

The creation of Kaptur Treatment & Recovery formally completes the ECHD's "Continuum of Care," which now functions under the umbrella of Kaptur Recovery Services. This integrated system ensures that individuals receive continuous, person-centered support at every stage of their journey, regardless of where they enter the system.

The core components of Kaptur Recovery Services include:

- **Detoxification:** Medically monitored and assisted detoxification services through the established Erie County Detox (in operation since 2018).
- **Residential Treatment:** The new 28-day program at Kaptur Treatment & Recovery.
- **Outpatient & Support:** Intensive outpatient treatment, Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), and mental and behavioral health counseling provided through the Erie County Community Health Center.
- **Crisis Services:** Continued access to crisis stabilization support.

This continuum of care integrates with the broader ECHD mandate, providing seamless access to primary care and oral health needs through the Erie County Community Health Center, co-located on the same campus, as well as coordinated referrals for essential supports like recovery housing and vocational services for those ready to graduate from residential treatment. This continuity is further strengthened because the existing ECHD/ECCHC clinical staff, already familiar to clients through our Detox and Outpatient services, will staff the residential center, providing the vital stability and familiar connections essential for long-term recovery.

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Thomas Lumsden, MSPA-C, Senior Chief Administrator of the Office of Mental & Behavioral Health at the Erie County Health Department, commented on the strategic importance of the expansion: "The opening of Kaptur Treatment & Recovery is the final piece of the puzzle for our service delivery model. We have successfully operated detox and outpatient services for years, but the residential component was essential. We can now offer a truly integrated, full-spectrum approach, from initial crisis to lasting recovery, ensuring the highest standard of comprehensive care for all Erie County residents."

Stephanie Salyer, RN, Chief Behavioral Health Officer at ECHD, emphasized the role of community partners. "This new service requires deep collaboration. To ensure these new beds are utilized effectively and serve those most in need, we are asking our partners in law enforcement, emergency rooms, and clinical settings to familiarize themselves with our new residential admission criteria and prioritize referrals. Together, we can make the Circle of Care a constant reality for our most vulnerable community members."

ECHD leadership will be reaching out in the coming weeks to schedule informational sessions for stakeholders detailing the referral process and eligibility criteria for Kaptur Treatment & Recovery.

About the Erie County Health Department

The Erie County Health Department's mission is to promote and improve the health and safety of the communities and environment within Erie County while preventing disease through essential public health services. ECHD also operates the Erie County Community Health Center, the Erie County Detox, Kaptur Treatment & Recovery, and Compass Point, providing adult day services for Alzheimer's and Dementia patients.

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