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Behavioral Health facility to open in Carteret County

CARTERET COUNTY, NC (March 22, 2024) – In a move to address substance use disorders and improve access to mental health care, the Carteret County Board of Commissioners has partnered with Integrated Care of Great Hickory (ICGH) Treatment Centers to open a new behavioral health facility in Carteret County. The partnership will bring resources and expertise to the county, providing support to residents facing addiction and mental health challenges, and extending support to their loved ones.



Operated by ICGH Treatment Centers, Carolina Wellness Centers Sea Level will have 104 beds for behavioral healthcare and substance use disorder treatment. The center, located at 468 US-70, Sea Level, NC, will be staffed with physicians and behavioral health therapists, providing inpatient and outpatient care for children, adolescents, and adults. Services will include detoxification, crisis management, medication-assisted treatment, and peer support. Additionally, comprehensive services like pharmacy services, transportation assistance, and toxicology services will be available.

“This is an exciting day for Carteret County as we welcome Integrated Care of Greater Hickory to our community,” said Jimmy Farrington, Chairman of the Carteret County Board of Commissioners. “This partnership is an important step forward in providing much-needed resources to our community. ICGH’s proven track record and comprehensive approach to recovery make them an ideal partner to help us combat addiction and improve the overall health of our residents. We look forward to seeing all they do to advance our mission of making communities better.”

Previously, Carteret County residents often faced out-of-county referrals for specialized behavioral health services. With ICGH Treatment Centers located in the community, collaboration between government, healthcare providers, the community college, the public-school system, the health department, social services, and the sheriff’s office can now occur to deliver essential services locally.

“ICGH Treatment Centers is honored to bring critically-needed services to Carteret County, reinforcing our commitment to delivering comprehensive care in North Carolina for individuals of all ages,” said Dr. Corey Richardson, CEO of ICGH Treatment Centers. “Our new facility will not only address critical needs in adolescent behavioral health and adult substance use treatment but also serve as a cornerstone for workforce development, offering employment and training opportunities for local residents. With a focus on inpatient and outpatient services, crisis management, detoxification, and residential programs, we aim to make a significant impact on the well-being of our community, region, and state.”

The transition to Carolina Wellness Centers Sea Level is expected to begin in April, with a phased opening of services throughout the summer. For more information about ICGH Treatment Centers services and career opportunities, visit <https://www.integratedcarehickory.com>.

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