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HopeWorks Celebrates Behavioral Health Center Ribbon Cutting

Behavioral Health Center, funded by the city, offers transformational wrap-around services

Albuquerque- Today, HopeWorks, in partnership with the City of Albuquerque, Held a Ribbon cutting for the HopeWorks Behavioral Health Center.

{PHOTO OF RIBBON CUTTING}

The center is located on 4th Street next to Hope Village, which provides permanent supportive housing for 42 individuals, and wraparound services. The new center will work in tandem with the village to provide a myriad of services.

HopeWorks expects to serve at least 244 clients at the Behavioral Health Center annually. In addition to clients at Hope Village, the center will also serve unsheltered individuals, individuals at risk of becoming homeless, and those with low to moderate incomes.

“My priority is to create touchpoints throughout our city for unsheltered individuals to connect with vital services,” said **Mayor Tim Keller**. “We can’t achieve this alone. It takes all of us coming together. The HopeWorks Behavioral Health Center will be a crucial piece of the puzzle in meeting the needs of our unsheltered community.”

The HopeWorks staff, which includes nurse practitioners, nurses, case managers, and licensed therapists, will deliver wraparound services to clients.

The Outpatient Therapy Team will provide individual therapy and 12 therapy groups per month. The Behavioral Health Center will also work in partnership with UNM Hospital to conduct on-site psychiatric evaluations for clients with traumatic brain injuries. Clients will also have access to medication monitoring.

Finally, the Comprehensive Community Support Services (CCSS) team will have a steady presence at the center, working with clients to access community resources and teach life skills.

“The HopeWorks Behavioral Health Center will provide services to treat the whole person and uplift the most vulnerable in our community,” said **Health, Housing and Homelessness Director, Gilbert Ramirez**.

“This will undoubtedly be a hub for healing, and we are proud to be a part of this transformational space.”



Designed by Doug Heller of Mullen Heller Architecture, the building features a trauma-informed design, including color palettes and lighting fixtures, which were chosen to promote healing.

“We are thrilled to announce the opening of our state-of-the-art trauma-informed behavioral health center at HopeWorks,” said **HopeWorks Interim CEO Vicky Palmer**. “A heartfelt thank you to the City of Albuquerque for their vital funding. With this new facility, we look forward to delivering over 1,000 therapy services and broadening our reach to support our community's mental health needs.”

De La Fuente Construction completed the building renovation, utilizing more than \$1.7 million in Community Development Block Grant Funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City of Albuquerque’s Department of Health Housing and Homelessness administered this funding.