

Fact sheet: Community Behavioral Health Center

Background

Community Medical Centers expanded its adult psychiatric services in December 2002 with the purchase of Cedar Vista Hospital, the largest psychiatric facility in the Fresno area. The 61-bed hospital, located near Herndon and Cedar avenues at 7171 N. Cedar, was renamed Community Behavioral Health Center. With this expansion, Community closed its 32-bed psychiatric wing at Community Regional Medical Center in downtown Fresno in order to expand capacity for obstetric care and other services.

Operations

- Four separate units offer differing levels of care appropriate to the functional levels of patients being treated at the Behavioral Health Center.
- Patients may be assessed at any of Community's three acute-care hospitals.
- Patients may be transferred to the Behavioral Health Center and provided psychiatric care when medically stable.
- The Behavioral Health Center cannot accept patients who are dependent, non-ambulatory or who are in need of acute medical attention.
- Patients who are non-ambulatory but able to transfer themselves can be accepted.
- Patients can participate in organized recreational activities, which are supervised by staff and conducted in the common areas: swimming pool, gymnasium and courtyards.

The Behavioral Health Center is an acute psychiatric hospital, which means it is a locked facility. It consists of four separately locked units and common recreation/activity areas. When patients are in the common areas, they have direct hospital staff supervision. The hospital also admits voluntary patients.

Accreditation

Every three years, the Joint Commission inspects participating hospitals to gauge quality of care. Community Behavioral Health Center received full re-accreditation in 2014.

Patient services

Voluntary and involuntary psychiatric assessments
Forensic (custody) services
Adult care
Recreation therapy
Group and individual therapy
Medication management
Milieu management and other treatment modalities

Contact numbers

Administration	(559) 449-4404
Nursing director	(559) 449-4415
Ancillary manager	(559) 449-4498
Admitting	(559) 449-4434

Vital Numbers

Employees	123
Clinical	106
Non-clinical	17
Physicians	23
On-site	3
With privileges	20

Figures from fiscal year 2012-2013

Licensed beds	61
Average daily admissions	10
Average length of stay	5.1 days
Average daily patient census	50