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NEW CRISIS CENTER FUNDED BY DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH (DSAMH) OPENING ANNOUNCED AUGUST 2ND

Delaware Governor Jack Markell said new facility part of state's efforts to revolutionize Mental Health Services

Newark, DE, July 28, 2016 -- Delaware Governor Jack Markell said the new Recovery Response Center (RRC) is the latest accomplishment in his state's effort to build more robust mental health services. Markell will be joined by State Auditor, Tom Wagner, State Insurance Commissioner, Karen Weldin Stewart, DSAMH Director, Michael Barbieri, and additional elected officials from the region for the grand opening of the facility located at 659 East Chestnut Hill Road, Newark, Delaware, on Tuesday, August 2nd from 1 – 4 pm.



RI Crisis' RRC, located at 659 East Chestnut Hill Road, Newark, DE.

“This new facility demonstrates the commitment we have made in Delaware to create a robust community-based mental health system,” Markell said. “Individuals experiencing a mental health or addiction crisis need immediate and appropriate evaluation and care. The Recovery Response Center in Newark provides that important first step in getting people in crisis the care they deserve.”

DSAMH Director Michael Barbieri said the crisis staff is broad-based and specifically trained. “Delaware residents in crisis will be met by trained clinicians and peers with lived experience. Under the medical leadership of onsite psychiatric providers, these staff will work quickly to help people rest and de-escalate and take the first steps towards recovery.”

RI International CEO David Covington said the Newark location is the Company's second crisis center to be opened in the state of Delaware, with a similar program in Ellendale since 2012. “Our Delaware locations will serve thousands of individuals in psychiatric distress each year, with a Living Room model designed to maximize successful return to the community, and defer hundreds of unnecessary visits to hospital emergency departments.”

Steven R. Fasick added, “I'm proud to serve on the board of directors of RI International. There's a great need for our crisis to recovery services in the Wilmington area, in Delaware, and across the U.S.”

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