

JACKSONVILLE, Onslow County — The Dix Crisis Intervention Center is now open in Jacksonville.

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The 16-bed facility will serve adults with mental health and/or substance use disorders, including those in need of medical detoxification. Anyone can visit the facility, and officials say no appointment is required. It will also accept patients from law enforcement, hospitals, and emergency medical services.



“Our officers were seeing the effects of the opioid crisis in homes in all neighborhoods, on the streets, in parks and around our City,” said Jacksonville Police Chief and Public Safety Director Michael Yaniero. “They had nowhere to take these victims of the crisis but the Emergency Room at Onslow Memorial Hospital. They could stay there for days waiting for some mental health treatment. This provides a single point where people in need can get help from qualified mental health professionals.”

This facility-based crisis center resulted from Senate Bill 257, which in 2017 allocated up to \$2,000,000 for renovation of the building and furnishings to include the new licensed inpatient behavioral health beds in Onslow County.

“We are proud to be part of a community, including our neighboring counties, that pulls together to accomplish something so important,” said Sheri Slater, Assistant County Manager of Onslow County. “The collaborative efforts that launched this center are inspiring. Dix Crisis plays a vital role in the crisis continuum in our community.”



The center was made possible through partnerships with RI International, Onslow, Craven, and Carteret Counties, local hospitals, City of Jacksonville, and Trillium Health Resources.

“This opening represents more than two years of collaborative work, impressive support from our legislative delegation and the will of our community to get this done,” said Jacksonville Mayor Pro Tem Michael Lazzara. “This is something to be proud of. We’ve taken a previously used building and created a resource that others are now seeking to duplicate.”