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Tinley Park Mental Health Center – Fact Sheet

Tinley Park, IL

Bed capacity: 75

Census Cap: 50

Census 1/18/12: 44

Number of Staff: 175

Annualized Operational Cost: approx. \$20.6 million

Closure: early July 2012

Savings after closure: \$8.1 million

Tinley Park Mental Health Center (MHC) is a 75-bed psychiatric hospital comprised of two patient care units. Both units are for acute (short-term) care patients. Due to staffing shortages, a cap of fifty patients has been set for the MHC.

Tinley Park MHC was constructed in 1958. It occupies 213 acres and is adjacent to the 62 acres of property vacated by Howe Development Center.

Of the 8 buildings at Tinley Park MHC, only 5 are operational. Only one building is used for patient care.

The facility was decertified by the federal government in 2009, with recertification unlikely. The Tinley Park facility also shares a campus with the previously closed Howe Developmental Center, preventing the sale of prime land for development in Chicago's south suburbs.

In the budget passed in May 2011, only 50 percent of the necessary funds were appropriated by the General Assembly to run Tinley Park MHC in the current fiscal year. Funding through the end of the year was restored through reallocation in November. However, this is the second time that Tinley has been earmarked for closure by the General Assembly.