



Community Mental Health is evolving. We're becoming more visible, more united and more efficient in the way we look and the way we offer services. In the next six months, the programs provided at our Southern and Oak St. offices and most of the programs at the Peck St. location will join those now in the new Mental Health Center on Apple Ave. This move will reduce our overhead expenses and make it easier for people to navigate the system. It's an exciting time and one that has been highly anticipated.

Our services are evolving too, with a new focus on working with community partners. We now have a real presence in schools as we try to work more in preventing adult mental illnesses. We will shortly be moving some services into health clinics as we unite with community doctors and nurses to combat the serious health conditions we see frequently. Soon we hope to offer some health services in our own new clinic for people who cannot find a health care home.

The economic downturn has brought new stress into everyone's lives, and we are seeing that in our clinic. We are working to make services more visible and more welcoming so that people who need assistance will know where to seek help. Even when the resources are short, we are making it easier for those people whose need is urgent and serious.

The combination of excitement and opportunity are what keeps us going. We're moving into territory and technology that is new to us. We're building a foundation for the mental health of the community. We want you to see that we're up to the challenge.

*John North*