

NMDOH announces plans to expand state drug and alcohol treatment resources

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SANTA FE – The New Mexico Department of Health announced plans to relocate Turquoise Lodge Hospital in Bernalillo County to the former Gibson Medical Center at 5400 Gibson Blvd SE in Albuquerque to expand their services.

The relocation, announced Sept. 24, will help align both state and county resources to better address the behavioral health and substance misuse treatment needs in New Mexico. The move will take place in December 2018.

Moving TLH enables both government entities to expand their current substance misuse treatment services in New Mexico, resulting in increased resources to New Mexicans.

Turquoise Lodge Hospital serves as the hub for NMDOH's drug and alcohol treatment services in the northern region of the state, along with the New Mexico Rehabilitation Center in Roswell, which serves southern New Mexico.

NMRC and Turquoise Lodge offer inpatient and outpatient drug and alcohol misuse services. TLH is expanding outpatient substance misuse treatment programming, so their customers can continue their path of recovery in their respective community after accessing inpatient services.

NMDOH and Bernalillo County will continue their partnership in providing services to those in need of social detox services at the current Zuni location.

"This move allows both the state and county to continue to collaborate in addressing current gaps in substance misuse treatment and care," Shauna Hartley, Turquoise Lodge Hospital administrator, said. "It really enables us to improve the continuum of care for those struggling with drug and alcohol addiction."

TLH celebrated its 66th anniversary of serving New Mexicans this month and has occupied its current space since 2007, servicing more than 1,300 patients annually in their various programs.

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Bernalillo County plans to utilize the additional space to expand services already offered on the MATS campus and incorporate additional Behavioral Health resources.