



Vancouver Island Health Authority

When the Riverview Hospital Redevelopment Project is completed in 2007, 158 beds/patients will transfer from Riverview Hospital to new specialized mental health facilities on Vancouver Island. In addition to these Riverview transfers, the Provincial Mental Health Plan allocates another 16 beds for the Vancouver Island Health Authority. These will be incorporated into the new facilities planned for the Island. Twenty-four patients transferred from Riverview to Seven Oaks Tertiary Mental Health Facility, near Victoria, in 2002 and planning is currently underway to transfer another 40 Riverview Hospital patients to a new facility near Nanaimo in 2004.

Seven Oaks Tertiary Mental Health Facility – Official Opening October 2002

This 38-bed facility was rebuilt in 2001 to serve people with severe and persistent mental illness requiring the highest level of care. Residents of Seven Oaks live in home-like cottages and receive 24-hour care and supervision. The five cottages have a variety of security features and have been specially designed to serve the needs of mental health clients. Each cottage offers a different treatment program; residents can move to different cottages as their treatment and rehabilitation needs change.



Timeline

2002

24 adult patients transfer from RVH to Seven Oaks, Victoria

2004

40 adult patients transfer from RVH to Nanaimo area
53 adult patients transfer from RVH to specialized residential facilities

2005

25 geriatric patients transfer from RVH to Victoria area
25 geriatric patients transfer from RVH to specialized residential facilities

Key features

- Clients are referred by a psychiatrist and require high level of care
- 24-hour specialized treatment
- Psycho-social rehabilitation program model
- Individual patient goals, designed to prepare patients for a successful return to the community.

“At Riverview I used to sleep in a 4th floor dorm with five other patients. I had no privacy and I had to be escorted if I wanted to go outdoors. At Seven Oaks I have my own room with my own bathroom! And I can go outside now whenever I want.”

Seven Oaks Residents

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