

# Exclusive: Final phase of OneFifteen's nonprofit ecosystem nears completion

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In 2017, Ohio faced the second-highest rate of opioid-involved overdose deaths in the nation — and Montgomery County was at the epicenter. By mid-year, Dayton's police and fire departments had fielded 1,800 calls for service related to suspected overdose, and the county reported a higher rate of accidental drug overdose deaths than anywhere else in the state.

That's where OneFifteen stepped in. The nonprofit healthcare organization, established by Alphabet Inc. subsidiary Verily, envisioned a unique ecosystem for addiction treatment and recovery — one that integrates clinical services with technical infrastructure to offer a full continuum of care, including vocational training, job placement, peer support and sober housing.

In partnership with Alexandria Real Estate Equities Inc., the organization in 2019 broke ground on an ambitious 4.5-acre treatment campus in the Carillon-Edgemont neighborhoods, which began opening in phases late last year.

Now, the organization is just months away from opening its second building for the fourth phase of its campus: OneFifteen Living. The three-story residential housing facility is designed to provide a safe place for individuals to live while accessing on-campus treatment services.

***Click through the slideshow above for a sneak peek at the OneFifteen Living facility.***

"OneFifteen Living is the culmination of the vision we have for Dayton," said Marti Taylor, president and CEO of OneFifteen. "Ultimately, the vision for OneFifteen is to lead a movement that gives people hope for today and offers communities a better tomorrow. That's what we are building here in Dayton."

The 29,500-square-foot building will feature 29 double-occupancy rooms, group kitchens, a fitness center, meditation room, coffee bar and dedicated spaces for individual and group therapy. A public outdoor area with green spaces and walking paths is under development as well.

Construction of the facility, designed by Champlin Architecture and built by Danis Building Construction, is scheduled to complete in August 2020. It should be ready to begin accepting patients this fall.

Patients who reside at OneFifteen Living will have access to all "wrap-around" recovery services on campus, including linkage to workforce development programs, care coordination services, housing support and a fitness center, said Natalie Lester, medical director at OneFifteen.

It also aims to augment existing facilities and offerings available at the OneFifteen campus, including its crisis stabilization and inpatient residential units at leased space on the third floor of Kindred Hospital, as well as outpatient services for patients who may not need inpatient residential treatment.

"OneFifteen Living is specifically designed for patients who may need housing to get them back on their feet and ready to live independently again," Taylor said. "Not everyone experiencing substance use disorders will need to stay here ... We recognize that the journey of recovery is different for everyone, and that some can stay in their home, often maintaining a job, while receiving outpatient services."



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Though the building has capacity for up to 58 residents, it will be opened gradually to accommodate social distancing protocols amid the Covid-19 pandemic, Taylor said.

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The pandemic also delayed OneFifteen's plans to open its inpatient residential unit, leading the organization to [expand its telehealth portfolio](#) to continue providing care for those individuals. Using TeleFirst, a proprietary software platform created by Verily engineers, OneFifteen leaders have seen promising results that could prompt them to explore more hybrid models of care.

"Our data shows that our patients are missing fewer appointments when using telehealth options, which remove traditional barriers to treatment such as transportation and childcare," Lester said. "We have been able to drill down into that data to gain a better understanding of why we saw that change, and then we can use that information to help us improve our care model for the future."

Already, internal metrics indicate successes for OneFifteen's existing business lines. Its outpatient clinic, which opened in October 2019, provided care to 1,000 patients within seven months of opening — nearly twice as quickly as the initial 12-month goal, Taylor said.

As the pandemic continues, OneFifteen anticipates a continued need for services as physical distancing measures keep some patients at home. Pandemic-related stress, isolation and anxiety have fueled an increase in alcohol consumption, relapse rates and accidental overdose deaths, Taylor said.

Monthly data published by Public Health — Dayton and Montgomery County [indicated a spike in accidental overdose deaths locally](#) this March over the prior year as well.

"We know the need for substance use disorder services continues to be great in the Miami Valley," Taylor said.

OneFifteen is actively hiring as its programs expand. Currently, the organization is looking to add a nursing manager, clinical manager and program director, as well as care coordinators, peer recovery specialists and house management staff, Lester said.

At full capacity, OneFifteen [will employ between 40 and 60 people](#); many through Samaritan Behavioral Health.

The organization also is launching a campaign to raise funds or in-kind donations for fitness equipment, bedroom and bathroom accessories and kitchenware, including small appliances, dishes, flatware and accessories. Donations can be made on OneFifteen's website.

Established in early 2019, OneFifteen is funded and supported locally by Kettering Health Network and Premier Health. Its name comes from a 2017 statistic from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, which cited 115 deaths linked to opioid overdoses per day in the U.S.

The organization is comprised of two nonprofit entities: OneFifteen Health — the taxable, nonprofit Management Services Organization for the administrative and management services to the clinical partner — and OneFifteen Recovery, the tax-exempt 501(c)(3) that coordinates community-based, wrap-around services.

Community partners include Montgomery County, the city of Dayton, the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association, the Dayton Development Coalition and Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services, among others.

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