

Google's Verily forms 'nonprofit ecosystem' for addiction recovery

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The word is out from Google's sister company Verily on its opioid addiction treatment and recovery program currently in development at multiple Dayton sites.

The life sciences research organization, an Alphabet Inc. company (NASDAQ: GOOGL), formally announces today it has established OneFifteen, a new "non-profit health care ecosystem" — named for the daily number of 115 opioid overdose deaths in 2017 in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The [Dayton Business Journal](#) first reported last October on Verily's efforts to develop an addiction treatment program in Dayton.

The ecosystem will be comprised of:

OneFifteen Health, a taxable non-profit Management Services Organization, for the clinical care. Partnership agreements include those with Kettering Health Network, Premier Health, and the Premier-owned Samaritan Behavioral Health Inc. as the clinical care operating partner.

OneFifteen Recovery, a tax-exempt 501(c)(3), for community-based, wrap-around services.

OneFifteen will also have a leasing agreement with Kindred Hospital to house an inpatient unit, said [Marti Taylor](#), president and CEO of OneFifteen.

"We'll be operational this spring in the Carillon neighborhood," Taylor said.

Premier Health and Kettering Health Network will have leadership roles within OneFifteen, though specifics on the roles have not been released yet.

'Full and sustained recovery'

Taylor said to start, OneFifteen will focus its efforts on "full and sustained recovery" for populations facing opioid use disorder specifically — a group comprising two-thirds of the accidental overdose deaths in recent years. Services will be added over time for those with other substance use disorders.



Marti Taylor is president and CEO of OneFifteen, a newly-established nonprofit in Dayton for opioid addiction treatment and recovery.

"We will provide a treatment center, rehabilitation housing, wrap-around services, vocational training and workforce development," said Taylor, a former CEO of University Hospital at The Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center.

OneFifteen will employ between 40 and 60 people; many through Samaritan Behavioral Health.

Inpatient unit

Those new jobs through Samaritan Behavioral Health will be housed inside leased space at Kindred Hospital. Taylor said the square footage inside Kindred Hospital was currently un-used and an "ideal space" for OneFifteen's inpatient unit.

Commercial building permits are pending with the city of Dayton for renovations to north-end portions of several floors at Kindred Hospital for this inpatient unit. The permit under review lists a value of \$600,000 for the remodel. The applicant is Champlin Architecture, and the work is being done by Danis Building Construction.

Taylor said inpatient and outpatient services are set to begin this spring.

Outpatient unit

Commercial building plans for the outpatient rehabilitation facility were approved last December by the city of Dayton, with a total maximum occupancy of 180 people throughout the single-story, 10,450-square-foot building at 257 Hopeland Street.

A certificate of use and occupancy issued for the outpatient facility include:

classroom space suitable for 34 people;
a large group room for up to 20;
a medium group room for up to 20;
a child care room for up to 12 children; and
large collaboration zone with capacity for up to 30.

"The work will be done in a collaborative spirit," Taylor said.

There will be a parking lot with about 23 spaces as well as a fenced in green area adjacent to the building, according to plans.

"Addiction is a disease best defeated through a public health mindset," said Mike Maiberger, executive vice president and chief operating officer at Premier Health. "The Dayton community has put a dent in our overdose crisis by adopting this mindset and through collaboration. We are pleased, along with Samaritan Behavioral Health, to be partners in this ambitious initiative, which goes hand-in-hand with our mission to improve the health of the communities we serve."

Recovery housing in 2020

The recovery housing units on the campus will be operational in 2020, Taylor said. They are being designed and developed by Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. (NYSE: ARE). The real estate investment trust company in California gained ownership of the 40 parcels along Hopeland and Cincinnati streets from the Montgomery County Land Bank in January of this year.

The recovery housing — which will include family reunification units and sober living — is being developed with feedback from the Carillon neighborhood groups, Taylor said.

A joint statement released by the Carillon Civic Council and Greater Edgemont Community Coalition reads:

"Residents of Carillon and Edgemont Neighborhoods collaborated on our neighborhood plan for a couple of years. We are looking forward to working with OneFifteen as part of the ecosystem to address the opiate addiction crisis in the Dayton community. Our partnership is integral in implementing the priorities that were identified in the 2018

Carillon Edgemont Neighborhood Plan. We have developed a working relationship with their team and have formed a working group to ensure the mutual priorities of the Carillon and Edgemont Neighborhoods are developed."

Vocational skills training

OneFifteen will be seeking and working with local businesses for placement of the individuals gaining the vocational skills training and workforce development.

"We've looked at jobs needed in Ohio; construction, IT," Taylor said. OneFifteen will "help train individuals to move into jobs."

Taylor said the Dayton region is "rich" in options for vocational education, including University of Dayton, Sinclair Community College and Wright State University.

"No specifics nailed down yet," Taylor said, of conversations with workforce development partners.

'Learning health system'

OneFifteen's classification of a "learning health system" is from the National Academy of Medicine concept, that includes continual improvement in quality of care by applying analytics to measure effectiveness of interventions, Taylor said.

The group is still developing the measurements, but it will include a care coordination platform, Taylor said.

"We want to study and understand this population," Taylor said.

Verily hopes to improve access to care, as well as utilize data integration models at the Dayton health systems to drive evidence-based addiction medicine. That data will help to "provide input on regional protocols and standards of care," a release states.

"OneFifteen's evidence-based approach should, over time, fine-tune local efforts to prevent and treat substance abuse and heal our communities," Maiberger said.

Terry Burns, executive vice president of Kettering Health Network and president of Kettering Medical Center, said the partnership will "provide hope and healing to people suffering from opioid addiction."

"As a faith-based health system, we are called to serve our community's greatest needs," Burns said. "Our mission of improving people's lives is strengthened when we join together to address the opioid epidemic."

A release from Verily states the establishment of OneFifteen has been possible through collaborations with many public, government, business and community organizations in Montgomery County, including: the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Montgomery County; CityWide; Dayton Development Coalition; Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association; and the offices of Dayton's mayor and city manager.

Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley said in a release:

"Dayton has been at the epicenter of our national addiction crisis, and we have worked to share what we've learned through that experience with other communities. OneFifteen's focus on continuously learning how to improve addiction treatment aligns closely with our community's innovative and collaborative approach to this issue. I am thrilled to welcome OneFifteen to Dayton to join our robust ecosystem of partners tackling opioid addiction."

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