

2006/2007 Preservation of Riverview Hospital Lands for the delivery of health and mental wellness

We focused on the economic and social challenges brought on by mental illness. The closure of the main hospital began in the '90s due in large part to health care professionals stating that the old method of institutionalization did not work. Unfortunately, steps were taken to move forward with closure without sufficient support mechanisms in place, resulting in numerous community and social challenges. These ultimately had significant negative economic impact on government costs. There was also a negative impact on local businesses. Business owners incurred the costs of increased property crime related to the drug abuse many individuals with mental health issues experience.