

**CMC-Randolph**  
**Responses to Charlotte Questions Received June 4, 2010**

**How well do you think CMC-Randolph has served the needs of the county's mentally ill?**

CMC-Randolph and Mecklenburg County Area Mental Health do more to meet the growing needs of the county's mentally ill population than any other county or service system in North Carolina. For instance:

- Mecklenburg County provides more local funding for mental health services than any county in the state.
- Mecklenburg is the only county in the state with an inpatient hospital that includes a psychiatric emergency department and an integrated continuum of inpatient and outpatient services. .
- CMC-Randolph is accredited by the Joint Commission with exemplary survey performance. The Joint Commission establishes quality standards for healthcare organizations.
- In addition, CMC-Randolph employs 33 board certified psychiatrists, including eight child psychiatrists, along with more than 120 licensed therapists.

That said, demand and population growth in the region continue to rise while the availability of inpatient beds decreased both regionally and at state facilities. Outpatient services have also been constricted as a result of changes in funding and program content of the State [North Carolina] Mental Health Plan. Additional funding would result in improved access to care for the state's mental health population. In Mecklenburg County, both Area Mental Health and CHS recognize that increased capacity is necessary to meet ongoing and future demand.