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The End is Near

Yesterday the Canandaigua Behavioral Health Care Line Administration announced that they had received a “Letter of Understanding” from the Clifton Springs Hospital Administration that clears the way for the closure of the Canandaigua VA Acute Psychiatry Unit.

This memorandum establishes a relationship between the two hospitals to facilitate the admission and care of the veterans who require inpatient psychiatric care and allows them to be sent to the Clifton Springs Hospital for that care and treatment.

The Behavioral Health Care Manager also stated that she is waiting for word from Dr. Lemons, VISN 2 Network Director, as to when the Canandaigua Acute Psychiatric Unit can stop taking admissions in order to begin the closure phase.

Last week the administration when questioned regarding the date that the unit would be closing the leadership was told that there was a great deal of political pressure to keep the Acute Psychiatry Unit open. Moreover she stated that no date had been finalized for it’s closure.

However she expected that date to be know in Canandaigua by the 29th of January, and if she did not receive the date by then she was prepared to go to Washington herself if need be and find out that date face to face.

Official Announcement of a closure date is expected the end of this week or next week at the latest.

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