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COURTESY OF THE CENTER FOR ADDICTION TREATMENT
The \$3.7 million outpatient facility would help up to 1,000 more patients annually.
Drug treatment agency to build second West End facility



The Center for Addiction Treatment plans to build a \$3.7 million outpatient facility on its campus in the West End. The project would create up to 36 jobs, boosting the staff of 66 by nearly 55 percent. And it might increase to about 2,300 the number of who could be helped annually, up 77 percent from the current 1,300.

Heroin and opiate abuse have reached epidemic levels in Greater Cincinnati, and “this is a shovel-ready project that has the potential to make a difference in treatment capacity in our region,” said Sandi Kuehn, CEO of the nonprofit Center for Addiction Treatment.

The 9,600-square-foot building would provide outpatient services, including primary care and mental health treatment, for those who are recovering from drug, alcohol or gambling addictions, Kuehn said.

About 25 percent of people with a chemical addiction also have been diagnosed with a gambling problem. City officials have committed \$125,000 toward construction, and the center has applied for a \$500,000 grant from Ohio, Kuehn said.

The center intends to launch a capital campaign, probably in the next two months, to raise the rest of the money, Kuehn said.

Scott Pravancher, founder and president of the Lewis & Clark Co. consulting firm in Over-the-Rhine, has been hired to raise the funds, Kuehn said.

“I would hope we’d have pledges by September 2016,” Kuehn said. “We would break ground the day after. We have the ground. We have the plans.” It would take about nine months to build the one-story facility, which has been designed to support a second story should additional expansion be necessary. JDL Warm Construction of Queensgate will provide design-build services for the project.

The center has a 3-acre campus at 830 Ezzard Charles Drive. It includes 59 inpatient beds and an outpatient center. The intent is to move all outpatient services to the new building, which would free up space for more detox beds.

