

BRIEF HISTORY

Responding to the recommendations of the special Department of Mental Health Task Force, the Center was opened on an inpatient basis in September 1969 as a 40 bed unit. The major duty of the Center is to determine competency to stand trial. Public Act 266 (1966) defined a person as incompetent if he or she is “incapable of understanding the nature and/or objective of the proceedings”. The legislative changes in the Michigan Mental Health Code were enacted in Act 258 of 1974 establishing the Center for Forensic Psychiatry.

The first director was hired in July 1967 to implement and direct the formation of the (CFP) which was to be located on the grounds of the Ypsilanti State Hospital and the first four patients were transferred from Ionia State Hospital in September of 1969.

While under the direction of William Meyer, JD, a new hospital was designed and constructed utilizing the treatment mall concept. The new hospital was occupied in 2005.