

Ole Behrendtsen, MD, Medical Director, Outpatient Services, came to the Department of Behavioral Wellness in June 2010. He started as the psychiatrist for the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team, a wraparound service for the most seriously and persistently mentally ill people in Santa Barbara. He comes to this work with a holistic philosophy regarding patient care.

Dr Behrendtsen attended medical school at the University of Iowa, subsequently there completing a combined residency in internal medicine and psychiatry. He went on to work as an attending physician at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, and the Veterans Hospital in Iowa City, in integrated internal medicine/psychiatry in-patient and out-patient settings.

In October 2011, after a several month period as interim medical director, he took on the role of Medical Director and continues to serve with the ACT team.