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Local healthcare providers come together to improve behavioral health care

In an unprecedented collaboration, Adventist Health, Kaiser Permanente, Legacy Health and Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) have signed a Letter of Intent to open the area's first comprehensive behavioral health care center in late 2016.

Called the **Unity Center for Behavioral Health**, the facility will include psychiatric emergency services for people with acute psychiatric crises, as well as an inpatient facility with services for both adults and adolescents.

These psychiatric emergency services are modeled on the successful program at the John George Psychiatric Pavilion in Alameda County, Calif. where 75 percent of the patients are successfully cared for and stabilized in less than 24 hours. Because patients received appropriate treatment without unnecessary waiting, the program is producing better outcomes.

The inpatient facility will include 79 adult and 22 adolescent patient beds. The new center will offer space to organizations providing community behavioral health services allowing patients to plan for support after discharge.

Adventist Health, Legacy Health and OHSU will move their behavioral health inpatient services to the Unity Center for Behavioral Health. It is possible that new jobs will be created with the implementation of this new model.

The center will be located on Legacy's Holladay Park campus following renovations. The cost of the construction is estimated at \$50 million. Legacy Health will donate \$10 million in real estate and is committed to actively seeking the additional funds from a combination of corporations, foundations, government entities and individual donors.

The next step in the process is the development of a joint operating agreement detailing the management and operations of the facility, including the involvement of local advocacy and peer groups.

About Adventist Health

[Adventist Health](#) is a faith-based, not-for-profit integrated health care delivery system serving communities in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington. Our workforce of 28,600 includes more than 20,500 employees; 4,500 medical staff physicians; and 3,600 volunteers. Founded on Seventh-day Adventist health values, Adventist Health

provides compassionate care in 19 hospitals, more than 220 clinics (hospital-based, rural health and physician clinics), 14 home care agencies, seven hospice agencies and four joint-venture retirement centers.

About Kaiser Permanente

[Kaiser Permanente](#) is committed to helping shape the future of health care. We are recognized as one of America's leading health care providers and nonprofit health plans. Founded in 1945, our mission is to provide high-quality, affordable health care services and to improve the health of our members and the communities we serve. We currently serve approximately 9.5 million members in eight states and the District of Columbia, including more than 500,000 medical and 230,000 dental members in Oregon and Southwest Washington. Care for members and patients is focused on their total health and guided by their personal physicians, specialists and team of caregivers. Kaiser Permanente is dedicated to care innovations, clinical research, health education and the support of community health.

About Legacy Health

[Legacy Health](#), Oregon's only locally owned nonprofit healthcare organization, includes Legacy Emanuel Medical Center, Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel, Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center, Legacy Meridian Park Medical Center, Legacy Mount Hood Medical Center, Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center, Legacy Laboratory Services, Legacy Research, Legacy Medical Group and CareMark/Managed HealthCare Northwest PPO.

About OHSU

[Oregon Health & Science University](#) is the state's only public academic health and research university. As one of Oregon's largest employers with more than 14,600 employees, OHSU's size contributes to its ability to provide many services and community support not found anywhere else in the state. OHSU serves patients from every corner of Oregon and is a conduit for learning for more than 4,400 students and trainees. OHSU is the source of more than 200 community outreach programs that bring health and education services to each county in the state.