

## LEGACY HEALTH



Legacy Colleagues,

This morning I am pleased to announce an unprecedented collaboration among a majority of the regions' healthcare providers. Legacy Health, Adventist Health, Kaiser Permanente and Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) have signed a Letter of Intent to open the area's first comprehensive behavioral health care center.

The center will be called the Unity Center for Behavioral Health and will include psychiatric emergency services for people suffering acute psychiatric crises, as well as an inpatient facility with services for both adults and adolescents. The new center is scheduled to open in November 2016.

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 cared for, stabilized and discharged 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 patient beds and 22 beds for adolescent patients. The new center will offer collocated space to organizations providing community behavioral health services allowing for a warm hand-off to the outpatient organization that will provide their care after discharge.

Legacy, Adventist Health and OHSU will move their existing behavioral health services and staffs 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 our Holladay Park campus following renovations. The cost of the construction is estimated at \$50 million. We will donate \$10 million in real estate and are committed to actively seeking the additional funds from a combination of corporations, foundations, government entities and individual donors. A regional fundraising campaign will be launched this spring.

The next step in the process is the development of a comprehensive joint operating agreement detailing the management and operations of the facility, including the involvement of local advocacy and peer groups who will be providing transitions of care to outpatient, community-based programs as well as peer-based support.

I'm extremely pleased with all of the effort that went into this process on the part of the many people on our Legacy team. I am sure that this will help us ensure the highest level of care for these vulnerable patients. We will continue to provide you updates as this process unfolds.

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