CharterCARE announces $17.5M capital investment in RI facilities

 PROVIDENCE – CharterCARE Health Partners has announced the next phase of its capital investment program, a $17.5 million facility improvement plan to dramatically enhance both hospital campuses. The investments were announced at a press conference an October 19, 2015 attended by Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo, Congressman James Langevin, Congressman David Cicilline, and Gregory Mancini, executive director BuildRI, along with hospital and medical staff leadership, board members, and more than 100 employees and guests.

The projects announced are:

• Expansion and renovation of the Emergency Department at Roger Williams Medical Center. This approximately 23,000 square-foot project will significantly increase the capacity and efficiency of the Emergency Department and will also provide state-of-the art emergency medical technologies to the staff of the emergency room. This project first requires state approval through the Health Services Council and Certificate of Need process.

• Renovation and modernization of the Emergency Department at Fatima Hospital. Improvements will include upgrades to the core nursing area to enhance patient care and workflow, expanded treatment space for behavioral health patients and separate access for both patients and EMS professionals.

• Construction of a new lobby and entrance to Roger Williams Medical Center. This project will feature a covered entrance and a new elevator that connects a modern lobby with the diagnostic wing of the hospital. The project will dramatically improve the patient and visitor experience with improvements designed for greater accessibility.

• Construction of a new main entrance at Fatima Hospital. This project will re-locate the main hospital entrance to the southern side of the facility to provide more convenient access and parking for patients and visitors. It will also consolidate and improve registration and business office functions to better accommodate patients.

With these projects nearing the final stages of design development, construction is scheduled to begin on the new entrances and is expected to be completed in phases by the end of 2016. The projects will create approximately 235 direct and indirect construction jobs.