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Rhode Island Hospital

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Lifespan Recovery Center for patients with opioid addiction opens

PROVIDENCE – The Lifespan Recovery Center, a program of Rhode Island Hospital, officially opened at 200 Corliss St. on June 19 to provide comprehensive outpatient treatment for those seeking to overcome opioid addiction.

“This new clinic will provide a single touchpoint to some of our most vulnerable community members — those struggling with addiction,” said Rhode Island Hospital President MARGARET M. VAN BREE, MHA, DRPH. “We are proud to offer this comprehensive center of care to members of our community who are battling to get their lives back on course.”

Van Bree, Lifespan President and CEO Timothy J. Babineau, MD; Lifespan Senior Vice President of Psychiatry and Behavior Health Richard J. Goldberg, MD, MS, and Lifespan board member and chairman of the board’s Behavioral Health Committee Steven Pare were joined by Sen. Jack Reed, Rep. James Langevin, Gov. Gina Raimondo and R.I. state senator Josh Miller, among others.

Co-medical directors are DR. TAHIR TELLIIOGLU, division director of the Substance Abuse Treatment Program at Rhode Island Hospital and DR. STEPHEN L. CHABOT, a psychiatrist and medical director of Gateway Healthcare.

The outpatient center, which initially will serve 250 patients currently under the care of the medical directors, has a capacity for 650 patients. It combines medication-assisted treatments, such as Buprenorphine (Suboxone®), and in certain cases, Naltrexone (Vivitrol®), with psychotherapies and the supports needed to succeed in recovery.

Individualized recovery plans may include:

- Medication-assisted treatment
- Individual and group therapy
- Case management/care coordination/recovery coaches
- Peer support
- Family education and support

The Center is positioned to provide continuity of care by coordinating and leveraging the resources of its partner facilities, including inpatient and outpatient medical, mental and behavioral health services; ongoing coordination with primary care services; and liaison activity with emergency departments at Lifespan hospitals.

“In a small state like Rhode Island, the opioid crisis hits close to home because it seems everybody knows a family that has had their lives upended by addiction,” said U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, who authored the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act, sweeping legislation to combat opioid addiction that was signed into law last year.

“It was clear to me from walking the halls of the new Lifespan Recovery Center that the medical and addiction professionals here will be an asset for those on the long, noble road to recovery. I’m keeping up the fight to get more federal resources to stem this public health crisis, and I am proud of the work being done in Rhode Island to treat and prevent addiction.”

In 2016, according to the Department of Health, 336 individuals died of accidental drug-related overdose in Rhode Island.