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JPS Health Network to Break Ground on New JPS Psychiatric Emergency Center

October 24, 2022; Fort Worth, Texas — JPS Health Network is holding a Groundbreaking Ceremony for a new JPS Psychiatric Emergency Center (PEC) to treat patients experiencing mental health crisis. The facility is part of the JPS Bond Package approved by voters to expand and modernize facilities.

The groundbreaking ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 26 at the JPS Main Campus, 1500 S. Main Street, Fort Worth. Parking will be available in the lot located near St. Louis Avenue and May Street. Light refreshments will be provided. JPS and community leaders will speak about the PEC project.

The JPS Psychiatric Emergency Center is the only one in Tarrant County and is among the busiest in the United States. It is open 24 hours, providing treatment of adults and teens with severe and emergent psychiatric illness. The PEC is staffed by psychiatrists and other behavioral health experts. The PEC is currently located within the Main Campus, and more space is needed to meet patient needs. In addition, its location on the 10th floor is a challenge for caregivers, family members, and patients to navigate.

JPS is building the new PEC facility on the southwest side of campus, along Allen Street at South Jennings Avenue. The first component of this project will be the connector building between the new PEC and the current behavioral health hospital, Trinity Springs Pavilion.

About Psychiatry at JPS Health Network:

JPS Health Network is dedicated to providing a full continuum of [Behavioral Health Services](#). JPS is home to Tarrant County's only Psychiatric Emergency Center for treatment of severe and emergent psychiatric illness. JPS currently provides inpatient care for adults and adolescents, and specialized outpatient services for children through senior citizens at community clinics located across Tarrant County. JPS also offers psychiatric telemedicine, including virtual urgent care and virtual video appointments.

About JPS Health Network:

The Tarrant County Hospital District, known as JPS Health Network, is a tax-supported organization serving the healthcare needs of families in Tarrant County. Home to Tarrant County's only Level I Trauma Center, JPS

provides adult inpatient care at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, and offers comprehensive services including primary care, behavioral health, and pharmacy at more than 25 community locations. JPS is governed by an 11-member Board of Managers, whose members are appointed by the Tarrant County Commissioners Court.

JPS was named the Best Hospital for America by *Washington Monthly* magazine and the Lown Institute in 2020, and Outstanding Healthcare System by *D CEO* Magazine.

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