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SUN Behavioral Health to build new psychiatric hospital in Georgetown, Delaware

“SUN Behavioral Health received unanimous approval from the Delaware Health Resources Board to build a 90-bed psychiatric hospital in Georgetown. The groundbreaking on the hospital to be named SUN Behavioral Delaware is slated to occur in 2016. Construction of the 70,000 behavioral health facility is expected to take about a year with an opening planned for summer of 2017. SUN Behavioral Health will invest about \$20 million on the project.

"Currently, with zero beds accessible to those in Sussex County, patients and families are traveling a good distance for care," said Steve Page, SUN President and CEO. "We are indebted to the area health systems for alerting SUN to the unmet need and to the community for supporting our efforts to obtain approval".

The hospital will operate a 24/7 assessment and admission department to allow access to an array of services including intensive inpatient care, tiered outpatient care, psychiatric programs, substance abuse programs, and specialized programs for youth, adults, and seniors.

Upon opening, SUN Behavioral Delaware will employ 60 full-time-equivalent employees, Page said, "and about 160 employees at capacity".

“SUN stands for Solving Unmet Needs,” said Page. “A full-service psychiatric hospital that treats all ages and offers specialized programs to meet the unique needs of the region is precisely in line with the SUN mission.”

For the media:

1. Special mention and appreciation goes out to Jeffrey M. Fried, FACHE, President and Chief Executive Officer, Beebe Healthcare; Steven Rose, RN, MSN, President and CEO, Nanticoke Health Services; and Terry M. Murphy, FACHE, President and Chief Executive Officer, Bayhealth.
2. Our Mission

The mission of SUN Behavioral Health is to partner with communities in solving the unmet needs of those suffering from mental illness and addiction disorders. We do this by establishing and operating healthcare organizations that create a significant positive impact on society. Through exceptional staff and the finest facilities, we provide personalized treatment, with deep respect and compassion for patients and their families.