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Planning Underway for Behavioral Health Unit at New Baptist Campus

PENSACOLA, Fla. (May 5, 2021) – Baptist Health Care announces that design and planning are underway for a behavioral health unit at its new campus project at Brent Lane and I-110. It will be licensed for 90 beds and provide inpatient mental health treatment for children and adults in a patient-centered, nurturing environment that will enhance comfort and healing.

The new building will replace Baptist's current inpatient behavioral medicine center that is located on West Moreno Street adjacent to the current Baptist Hospital. Completion of the behavioral health unit, which is a department of Baptist Hospital, is expected to align with that of the entire project in fall 2023. Baptist's investment in this new behavioral health unit is estimated at \$30 million and is part of the \$615 million investment in the entire new campus project.

With planning and design in the works, building specifics and details will be shared as soon as they are finalized.

"We are pleased to add a modern, patient-centered behavioral health unit to the new campus," said Mark Faulkner, president and CEO of Baptist Health Care. "Having this facility at the new location will enhance continuity of care for the behavioral health and medical needs of our patients."

The planning and design efforts coincide with Mental Health and Trauma Awareness Month, an awareness campaign that brings national attention to the importance and essential need for behavioral health care. Last year, Baptist provided care to more than 3,700 patients at the behavioral medicine center. More than 1,100 were children with a typical age range of 10 to 17 years, although services are provided for patients as young as age 5.

More information is available at eBaptistHealthCare.org.

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EDITORS NOTE: Image is attached to illustrate new campus layout with position of behavioral health unit on the far west end of the property.

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About Baptist Health Care

Baptist Health Care is a community-owned, not-for-profit health care organization based in northwest Florida that is committed to helping people throughout life's journey. The organization is a proud member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. A 2003 Malcolm Baldrige recipient, Baptist continuously strives to be a national leader in quality and service. Baptist Health Care includes three hospitals, four medical parks, Andrews Institute for Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine, Lakeview Center and a

large network of primary care and specialty physicians. With more than 7,300 employees and employed physicians, Baptist Health Care is the second largest non-governmental employer in northwest Florida.

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