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New Narrative Launches New Residential Treatment Home in Multnomah County

- **New Narrative, an integrative mental health organization in Oregon, opens a new Residential Treatment Home in Gresham to support individuals coming out of the state mental health hospital.**
- **This is their second launch within a week, after the launch of Motel Program facility in NE Portland, also launched in Multnomah County.**
- **The organization collaborates with government agencies and the private sector to meet the growing mental health care and housing needs in Oregon with a full continuum of mental health services.**

Tigard, May 20th, 2022: New Narrative, an organization known for its exemplary services and integrative approaches to mental health care in Oregon, announced the opening of a new Residential Treatment Home in Gresham to support individuals coming out of the state mental health hospital. This 5-bed program will be serving individuals who are coming out of the state mental health hospital and seek support transitioning back into the community at a level of care higher than independent living. This program will offer 24-hour onsite access to qualified mental health support for treatment, life skills development, community engagement, and peer support.

The project is named “Alta House” (ALL-duh) in conjunction with the Confederate Tribes of Grand Ronde to honor and recognize their rich cultural tradition and current contributions to our community, and to acknowledge the history of colonization and genocide experienced by the tribe and stolen land on which the house exists. The term “Alta” is used in the local indigenous, chinuk wawa language (ALL-duh) as a narrative marker that is used to denote transition in telling a story. Often used in the way “now” or “then” is used in the English language, Alta aligns with New Narrative’s mission and recognition of the transitional nature of the services offered at the site, and that the experience of those who live there is a stage in their journey to writing their own narrative in recovery.

New Narrative was specifically approached as the implementing partner for this project due to their success with similar programs and partnerships in the area.

“I’m especially thrilled at launching this facility, because it increases the residential capacity for individuals transitioning out of the state mental health hospital to have a place to call home in their journey of recovery and re-entry into the community”, said Julie Ibrahim, CEO of New Narrative. “I also applaud our partners, the Oregon Health Authority and Multnomah County, who entrusted us with this project, which says a lot about the meaningful work that New Narrative has been doing in the community for over forty-five years.”

New Narrative is a non-profit agency established in 1977 which provides mental health treatment services, housing programs, and peer support and mentoring services to adults with persistent and severe mental illness. Over 52% of its funding comes from Medicaid and the remainder through private philanthropic sources.

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