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## **New Narrative Expands Resources for Residential Treatment in Multnomah County**

- **New Narrative is an integrative mental health nonprofit organization that collaborates with government agencies and the private sector to meet the growing mental health care and housing needs of adults in Oregon with a full continuum of mental health services.**
- **In partnership with the Oregon Health Authority, New Narrative is opening two new residential treatment facilities this spring: one in NE Portland and one in SE Portland.**
- **A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at the NE Portland site on March 12, 2024, from 4:30-5:30 PM.**

**Portland, OR** - New Narrative, an organization dedicated to providing a full spectrum of mental health services, welcomes the Portland community to join in celebrating the addition of two new residential treatment facilities featuring 11 beds each to its residential network this spring. Our first opening in NE Portland will host a ribbon cutting event to celebrate the two sites on March 12 from 4:30-5:30 PM at 11535 NE Pacific St, Portland. Multnomah County Chair Jessica Vega Pederson will be offering remarks.

These facilities will serve a vital need in the community through offering 24/7 support to adults under Civil Commitment transitioning from Oregon State Hospital or other acute care settings. Residents in these facilities will receive support with skill-building, medication management, community engagement, case management and mental health care through the collaborative efforts of residential, peer, and clinical staff onsite. These facilities are a huge resource in the movement to deinstitutionalize the process of receiving mental health care in Oregon.

As pressure on the state hospital has increased, New Narrative has remained committed to increasing the capacity to serve populations needing transitional living support as they re-enter into the community. New Narrative operates 11 residential treatment facilities, housing 74 residents at any time. The two new facilities will add an additional 22 beds to the network. New Narrative CEO Julie Ibrahim echoed the enthusiasm for these projects, saying, "We are fully aware of the driving need for residential treatment beds in Greater Portland and are working hard with our partner agencies to bring housing and treatment options to our neighbors living with severe mental illness. With the addition of the 22 beds from our two new residential treatment facilities opening this spring and the planned addition of a secure residential treatment facility in Multnomah County within the next 24 months, we are building a path forward for our participants to thrive – not just survive – in our community."

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*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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