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Opening of New Franklin Residential Care Facility & Behavioral Health Clinic Expands Critical Services

RIVERSIDE, CA (February 18, 2025) – Local leaders and behavioral health advocates joined the Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH) team for a ribbon-cutting event celebrating the Franklin Residential Care Facility & Behavioral Health Clinic. The 84-bed Adult Residential Facility fills a critical gap in behavioral health and recovery services for adults who need structured support.

Located at 3021 Franklin Ave. in Riverside, the newly renovated 42,000-square-foot facility will provide residential care, outpatient behavioral health services and short-term recuperative care to help individuals regain stability and transition toward independent living.

“This initiative strengthens our broader goal of creating a comprehensive range of support options,” said First District Riverside County Supervisor Jose Medina. “We want everyone in our community to have access to the help they need, when they need it.”

The Franklin Residential Care Facility will offer housing, meals, personal care assistance, medication management and supervision to individuals who require structured support without the need for 24-hour nursing care. The facility provides recuperative care services for individuals recovering from hospitalization or behavioral health crises.

An on-site outpatient behavioral health clinic will provide therapy, medication services, and case management for both residents and the surrounding community. Medical oversight, transportation to follow-up care and assistance in accessing benefits and stable housing are among additional essential services.

“This isn’t just a place for care—it’s a place for new beginnings,” said Dr. Matthew Chang, Director of RUHS Behavioral Health. “Many who come here have faced significant challenges, but Franklin offers them a fresh start. With the right support, people can heal, regain stability, and work toward a future filled with hope.”

The renovations to the Franklin facility feature welcoming areas to promote recovery, including multi-purpose rooms, and exercise and outdoor recreation space. A commercial kitchen and dining area will provide daily meals. A nurse’s station, medication room and consultation spaces ensure continuous support as residents build life skills and transition toward independent living.

The \$38 million project was approved by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, using a combination of grants and state and local mental health funding. All referrals to the facility are coordinated through RUHS-BH specialty programs, prioritizing individuals discharged from hospitals or at risk of hospitalization, adults experiencing homelessness or housing instability, and those who require residential services for serious mental illness or substance use disorders.

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