

Hello from Prairie View!

Exciting things are happening at Prairie View, and they couldn't have happened without your continual support and prayers.

We are excited to announce that we have been provisionally certified as a CCBHC, or Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic, effective July 1, 2023.

CCBHC is an outpatient, integrated care model incorporating care coordination and utilizing a cost based payment methodology. The goals of the CCBHC program are to:

- Increase access to community based mental health and substance use disorder services, particularly to under-served communities;
- Advance integration of behavioral health with physical health care; and
- Improve utilization of evidence-based practices on a more consistent basis.

We are also renovating the current inpatient psychiatric hospital in order to open a new unit focused on urgent care for mental health in Harvey County. This project is one of the first of its kind in the state of Kansas. Construction begins this summer and is anticipated to be complete in six to nine months. Once the pilot project is complete, we will expand urgent care services to Marion and McPherson counties. The Behavioral Urgent Care (BUC) unit will help meet the needs of individuals who may be detained in jail or housed in the local emergency department who would more appropriately benefit from mental health services. The primary goal will be to keep individuals experiencing a mental health crisis safe while they wait for a bed elsewhere. Once BUC is open and the inpatient unit is renovated, we will be able to offer a more comprehensive approach to mental health care.

Our mission of providing mental and behavioral health care services with compassion, competence and stewardship in the spirit of Christ propels us to minister to all in need. Those we serve continue to feel the effects of the pandemic: loneliness, isolation, depression and anxiety. If you attended one of our virtual pastoral presentations in 2022, you may have heard other faith leaders explain the challenges they are facing within their congregations. Family dynamics, how people relate and communicate with one another, and grief are affecting so many.

It is an honor to walk alongside you. We value our relationship with Western District Conference.

Blessings,

Marcy Johnson
President & CEO