



Beaufort Regional Health System

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(Washington, NC) – Beaufort Regional Health System and East Carolina Behavioral Health are partnering to provide psychiatric services to Martin, Washington, Hyde and Tyrrell counties. These counties along with Beaufort make up the former Tideland Mental Health service area.

Beaufort Regional Health System provides a full range of mental health services including Pamlico Psychiatric Services, Beaufort Mental Health Services, which is an outpatient adult and child psychiatric outpatient clinic; the Ray G. Silverthorne Crisis Center, and the Beaufort County Medical Center Inpatient Psychiatric Unit.

“As we became aware of the need to pick up providing these services in these counties it was obvious that Beaufort Regional Health System had the infrastructure in place to help us in meeting these needs,” said Roy Wilson, ECBH Chief Executive Officer.

Beginning July 1st, BRHS will manage the mental health clinics through its Department of Psychiatry under the leadership of Thomas Penders, MD. A team of ten experienced board-certified psychiatrists and two physician extenders will be providing care for a variety of mental health disorders. The clinics are located in Williamston, Columbia, Swan Quarter, Plymouth, Washington and Ocracoke. Additional services will be provided in cooperation with Pungo District Behavioral Health Services in Belhaven.

“Beaufort Regional Health System is committed to improving the mental health of the patients in our region. Providing quality and easily accessible mental health services is a priority for us,” said Bill Bedsole, Chief Executive Officer of Beaufort Regional Health System.

Beaufort Regional Health System is a healthcare system that includes an acute care hospital, physician practices and other healthcare delivery organizations who work together to provide a broad range of inpatient and outpatient services. Our primary mission is to provide safe, high-quality, cost-effective, personalized primary and secondary healthcare consistent with patient needs in our service area.

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