

To: Community Partners
From: State Hospital Commission and Osawatomie State Hospital
Date: August 19, 2019
Re: Planning for Lifting Moratorium at Osawatomie State Hospital

In June 2015, Moratorium at Osawatomie State Hospital (OSH) was put in place to ensure the hospital maintains census not exceeding its capacity and capability. Since introduction of the Moratorium, Osawatomie State Hospital has gone through a number of significant changes, including:

- Creation of Adair Acute Care (AAC) at Osawatomie State Hospital, a 60-bed CMS certified hospital, providing acute inpatient psychiatric services
- Increasing total number of available bed from 148 (June 2015) to 166
- Solving acute staffing shortages
- Establishing clear triage process

State Hospital Commission and Osawatomie State Hospital are actively working with community partners to plan and safely lift the Moratorium. Comprehensive plan for lifting the Moratorium will be presented during 2020 Legislative Session. Osawatomie State Hospital will be issuing monthly communication with updates on progress made in preparation of the plan.

On August 14th State Hospital Commission held a meeting with Community Mental Health Centers Representatives in Wichita to discuss current challenges and elicit suggestions for designing a safe plan, including:

- Current barriers in screening/admissions process
- Programmatic differences between OSH and AAC services
- Current Care and Treatment Act
- Identifying critical services, including involuntary detox services, medical services for psychiatric patients, longer-term inpatient psychiatric services, transitional beds, etc
- Revising current Screen Form
- Fine-tuning triage process to manage voluntary and involuntary patients
- Establishing a reoccurring workgroup with other community partners, including law enforcement

Thank you for your continuous partnership.



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