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The Dimock Center's New Inpatient Detox Increases Capacity to Save Lives

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to be held on April 3, 2018

ROXBURY – On Tuesday, April 3, 2018 The Dimock Center will open the doors to the newly renovated Dr. Lucy Sewall Center for Acute Treatment Services. The new facility will increase The Dimock Center's inpatient acute treatment beds from 30 to 40, reaching an additional 1,000 people annually for a total of 4,000 people, and strengthen its comprehensive substance use disorder treatment services. A ribbon-cutting celebration will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, as a special part of the FY17 Annual Meeting, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. at the new facility, 41 Dimock St. Roxbury, MA.

Based in Roxbury, The Dimock Center is one of only three inpatient detox facilities in Boston and one of 30 in the state, offering addiction recovery services for men and women throughout the Commonwealth. The Dr. Lucy Sewall Center is a critical part of Dimock's innovative substance use continuum of care that also provides residential recovery and outpatient services on Dimock's campus. Dimock is the only community health center to offer this full range of substance use treatment in one location and facilitate connections to primary and specialty care in its health center.



The newly renovated Dr. Lucy Sewall Center for Acute Treatment Services

The renovation project to restore the aging inpatient detox facility began in January 2017 when the project broke ground. The project is the result of Dimock's \$16.4 million capital campaign, *Building the Road to Recovery*, which was supported by lead contributor The Yawkey Foundations, as well as the three major hospital networks in Boston - Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Partners HealthCare, and Boston Medical Center. The Dimock Center received significant support from a MassDevelopment and Capital One Community Renewal Fund, with Capital One serving as tax credit investor.

"The opening of the Dr. Lucy Sewall Center for Acute Treatment Services reflects Tom and Jean Yawkey's commitment to servicing underserved communities in Boston, and provides much needed access to resources for those struggling with addiction," said Jim Healey, President and Trustee of The Yawkey Foundations. "The Yawkey Foundations are a longstanding partner of the Dimock Center, with a relationship dating back to the 1990s, during the years of Yawkey ownership of the Boston Red Sox. We're proud to support the Center's important work."

Construction management firm Timberline Construction led the renovation and expansion inside the existing space to create the new detox facility. The renovation, designed by Platt Anderson Freeman Architects, will not only increase the capacity to serve more patients, but will also provide a state-of-the-art facility, including residential double occupancy units, open nurses' stations, integrated case management offices, a multipurpose community room and integrated security.

"The state-of-the-art Dr. Lucy Sewall Center for Acute Treatment Services will have a lasting impact on patients, families and communities affected by substance use disorders," said Kevin Tabb, MD, CEO of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. "Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center has been proud to partner with The Dimock Center since 1968, and we are honored to support The Dimock Center in its ongoing efforts to provide enhanced addiction recovery services and resources."

Other generous supporters of *Building the Road to Recovery* include the 22 members of the Dimock Community Foundation Board; Amelia Peabody Charitable Fund; Century Bank and the Sloane Family; Coca Cola North America Group; Coverys Community Healthcare Foundation; Cummings Foundation; Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation; Fish Family Foundation; Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation; John Hancock ; Lars Family Foundation; Sanofi Genzyme; The Boston Foundation; The Claddagh Fund; The Hearst Foundations; and The Kuehn Charitable Foundation.

The Dimock Center has also received tremendous support from former Governor Deval Patrick, Governor Charlie Baker, Mayor Martin J. Walsh, Chairman Jeffrey Sanchez and Representative Liz Malia, among many other city and state legislative leaders.

"The support we've received for the *Building the Road to Recovery* campaign is transformative," said Dr. Myechia Minter-Jordan, President and CEO of The Dimock Center. "Our number one priority is patient care, especially as we face the ongoing unprecedented opioid epidemic. The Dr. Lucy Sewall Center for Acute Treatment Services will help us serve more patients in a state-of-the-art facility and enhance our renowned substance use disorder treatment model. It will stand as a leading example for future treatment facilities."

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