



RUHS Behavioral Health: Wellness Village Gathers Momentum with Partner and Board Support

Riverside County Supervisors today approved a \$5 million funding agreement between Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) and Riverside University Health System to expand behavioral health services.

This agreement will help fund construction of the Wellness Village in Mead Valley.

"The agreement approved today underscores our dedication to creating a holistic recovery environment at the Wellness Village. The initiative expands behavioral health services and provides Riverside County residents with essential resources and support systems in one place, ensuring comprehensive care and recovery. We're grateful for this show of support," said Dr. Matthew Chang, Director, RUHS – BH.

Construction of the \$580 million, 18-acre Wellness Village campus located at the intersection of Harvill and Placentia avenues is underway following a June 12 groundbreaking.

Slated for completion in 2026, the Village will feature a crisis residential behavioral health center for children under 13 and a Children's Mental Health Urgent Care – both a first in Riverside County.

Other services on the campus include primary medical and dental care, substance use disorder services, supportive housing and a pharmacy, as well as onsite respite for families whose children are in short-term residential care.

Social services such as WIC, job training programs and educational services are among the planned programs that will contribute to a holistic recovery process, making the Wellness Village the first of its kind in the state.

"The Wellness Village in Mead Valley represents a transformative step forward in delivering critical resources to our community members," said Jarrod McNaughton, Chief Executive Officer, Inland Empire Health Plan. "We are proud to be part of this countywide initiative that will bring vibrant health to our residents."

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