ASANTE ROGUE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UNIT EXPANSION

Need: One in five people in the U.S. will be affected by mental disorders at some point in their lives. Oregon has the highest rate of mental illness of any state in the country. Asante is addressing this critical need in our region and is the only inpatient Behavioral Health Unit in Asante’s nine-county service area.

Cost: $6.8 million

Renovation: Construction began in spring 2019 with completion set for April 2020

Location: Third floor on the east wing of ARRMC

Project includes:

- Expanding the number of beds from 16 to 24
- Employing the Sanctuary Model, an evidence-based and trauma-informed approach to care. Instead of asking a patient, “What’s wrong with you?” we ask, “What’s happened to you?” This model focuses on providing healing environments in which patients can overcome the root causes of their issues
- Upgrading Psychiatric Care units in the Emergency Department to include pulldown walls to create a calming room for patients in distress while also protecting medical equipment that is needed when the room is used for other purposes
- Expanding outpatient behavioral health services through Asante Physician Partners and embedding behavioral health consultants in primary care clinics for on-the-spot interventions (ongoing)