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Rhode Island Public Health Institute to open Providence based Open Door Health, an LGBTQ Health Care Center

Providence, Rhode Island – June 14, 2019 — Beginning this fall, the Rhode Island Public Health Institute will offer primary care as well as express HIV, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and hepatitis C virus (HCV) screening at a new clinic, Open Door Health. The clinic will be located on at 7 Central Street in the heart of urban Providence.

Open Door Health will be a health care center that provides high-quality, culturally congruent health care to RI's LGBTQ population as well as the broader community. RIPHI's vision for Open Door Health is to improve the health and quality of life for members of RI's LGBTQ population, which faces disparities in access to care and health outcomes. Open Door Health's work is driven by RIPHI's approach to integrating efforts to advance community health, promote health equity, develop innovative programs and train the public health workforce.

STI rates have risen steadily in recent years, both in RI and nationwide. Providing express screening and immediate treatment for STIs will be a key focus for Open Door Health. "We are delighted to open a health clinic focused on sexual health and primary care for Rhode Island's LGBTQ population," says Dr. Philip A. Chan, Open Door Health's Medical Director.

Open Door Healthcare builds upon RIPHI's prevention, treatment, and HIV and STI care work, as well as collaborations with multiple institutions including the RI Department of Health, Brown University, other local clinics, RI Executive Office of Health and Human Services, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Open Door Health will use human centered design and technology to enhance the patient experience and to scale STI screening and care," commented Mark Tracy, RIPHI Board Chair. Open Door Health will also build on the work of other community agencies and service providers to link clients to clinical services and community-based programs that address social determinants of health. The clinic is currently under construction and a tentative open date is set for Fall 2019.

"Open Door Health will provide affirming services for all Rhode Islanders, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender expression, race or ethnicity, or ability to pay," notes Dr. Amy Nunn, RIPHI Executive Director. "Our name says it all. Our door is open."

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