Beaumont's new Psychiatry Residency program granted accreditation

Program part of expanded mental health initiatives, including new hospital now under construction

Beaumont Health's new Psychiatry Residency program has just been granted accreditation by the American College of Graduate Medical Education.

"Given all the fears, anxieties and uncertainties created by the pandemic, now it's more important than ever to train more psychiatrists and expand our mental health programs and services to meet the growing need across Michigan," said John Fox, president and chief executive officer, Beaumont Health. "This is a key part of our expanded mental health strategy to better serve our communities."

Dr. Jeffrey Guina, program director for the Psychiatry Residency, and his team are now seeking applicants for the inaugural class which will begin in July 2021.

"We've created a well-rounded curriculum," said Dr. Guina. "Considering the needs of the communities we serve, our program has three unique focuses beyond standard training: psychotherapy, developmental disabilities and community mental health."

Presently, Beaumont has over 900 medical residents and fellows in 44 accredited programs across all eight hospitals.

"Our newly accredited residency program is a key part of Beaumont's overall mental health program, which also includes a new, dedicated 150-bed hospital which will open in Dearborn later in 2021," Carolyn Wilson, chief operating officer, Beaumont Health, said.

The mental health hospital, currently under construction, will be Beaumont's ninth hospital. The facility will encompass more than 100,000-square-feet and will double Beaumont Health's current capacity for inpatient mental health care.

The new hospital will include:

- Multidisciplinary teams including psychiatrists, internal medicine physicians, other specialists, clinical pharmacists, social workers, psychologists, therapists and other clinical support staff.
- An integrated assessment and referral center to support the community and Beaumont Health Emergency Centers.

Substance use disorder treatment for those who are also receiving care for a mental health diagnosis.