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**GREENBRIAR TREATMENT CENTER AND WASHINGTON HEALTH SYSTEM TO CREATE
A LONG TERM SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM IN WAYNESBURG, PA**

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Washington Health System through its wholly owned subsidiary Greenbriar Treatment Center provides inpatient, outpatient, residential, and half-way house treatment programs for persons with chemical dependency. Washington Health System also provides in-patient and out-patient behavioral health services at its hospitals in Waynesburg at WHS Greene and in Washington at WHS Washington Hospital. Washington Health System, including Greenbriar Treatment Center, has taken an active role to address the opioid crisis by partnering with community organizations, elected officials, the Washington County Drug and Alcohol Commission and county task forces in both Greene and Washington County. Efforts have included physician education, promoting standardized pain management protocols and adopting prescribing standards aimed at reducing the opioid crisis.

After a thorough review of its addiction services and other behavioral health services, Washington Health System plans to take the following additional steps to help further combat the opioid crisis and meet the behavioral health needs the residents of Greene and Washington Counties.

- Greenbriar Treatment Center will establish a long-term residential treatment program (3C program) for persons undergoing treatment for chemical dependency. It will be the first of its kind in Southwestern Pennsylvania. This program will accept patients from across the region but priority will be given to the residents of Greene and Washington Counties. This 3C program will treat patients in a supervised environment for up to 100 days in order to promote adjustment to new life skills. Funding of the program is subject to discussions with managed care payors in the region.
- Greenbriar's 3C program will be located in the space at WHS Greene currently occupied by the inpatient behavioral health unit. Washington Health System is investing \$250,000 to make renovations and improvements to the facility to accommodate the 28 bed program.

- Inpatient behavioral health services will be provided by the Washington Hospital behavioral health unit, which will give priority to patients of Greene and Washington Counties.
- Outpatient behavioral health services will continue to be provided Washington Health System in Waynesburg under the supervision of Richard Ajayi MD.
- Dr. Ajayi and Drs. Oscar Urrea and Camilla Aponte, will be the physicians attending to patients in the Washington Hospital behavioral health unit.
- Medical supervision of the new 3C program will be by Greenbriar Treatment Center Medical Director John Six, MD.

For more information regarding the 3C Program contact Mary Banaszak, CEO of Greenbriar Treatment Center by calling 724-225-9700 or email mbanaszak@greenbriar.net.

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About Washington Health System:

Employing more than 2,300 highly trained medical professionals, Washington Health System provides health care services at more than 40 off-site locations throughout three counties. In addition to its flagship 260 licensed bed hospital in Washington, PA, WHS operates Washington Health System Greene, a community centered 49-bed hospital, in Waynesburg Pennsylvania. Washington Health System's integrated system of care also consists of diagnostic centers, outpatient care facilities, the WHS Wilfred R. Cameron Wellness Center and Greenbriar Treatment Center, all seamlessly working together to provide excellent patient-and-family-centered care.