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Office of the President
June 30, 2026

Members, Board of Trustees:

IMPROVE MEDICAL FACILITY 4 (UK KING'S DAUGHTERS MEDICAL CENTER EMPATH UNIT) CAPITAL PROJECT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the initiation of the Improve Medical Facility 4 (UK King's Daughters Medical Center EmPATH Unit) capital project.

Background: Pursuant to University regulations, any capital project with an estimated scope of \$1,000,000 or more must be approved by the Board prior to initiation.

This project will renovate UK King's Daughters' space in Ashland to create an Emergency Psychiatric Assessment, Treatment and Healing (EmPATH) unit. An EmPATH unit is needed to provide rapid, compassionate stabilization and treatment for patients experiencing behavioral health emergencies, thereby reducing prolonged Emergency Department stays and improving patient outcomes. The space for this new unit is adjacent to the main campus and will provide separate, onsite parking to facilitate faster and easier access for patients, but still in close proximity to the Medical Center.

This \$5,500,000 project, authorized by the 2026 Kentucky General Assembly, is within the total legislative authorization of \$30,000,000 and will be funded with agency funds.

Action taken: ☒ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Other_____



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