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**Governor Brownback Announces 111 Permanent Jobs
At Osawatomie State Hospital**

OSAWATOMIE – Kansas Governor Sam Brownback announced Thursday that 111 positions previously located at the state’s Rainbow Mental Health Facility in Wyandotte County are being permanently moved to Osawatomie State Hospital.

“Today I announced at the Wyandot Community Mental Health Facility in Kansas City a significant advancement in the way we provide for the behavioral health care needs in the Kansas City metro area,” Governor Brownback said. “This will be done by offering a continuum of crisis assessment and stabilization services in one convenient location and providing continued access to other community-based services at the Rainbow Mental Health Facility.”

Thirty inpatient psychiatric treatment beds that were at Rainbow, which were moved to Osawatomie State Hospital (OSH) in the fall of 2011, will remain at OSH. Kansas is not reducing the number of inpatient psychiatric treatment beds. Employee positions formerly assigned to Rainbow are being transferred to OSH.

“I am happy to announce that this means an additional 111 positions moving permanently to the Osawatomie community,” Governor Brownback said.

“I would like to thank Rep. Vickery, Rep. Jones, Senator Apple and Senator Tyson for their continued support of Osawatomie State Hospital,” Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services Shawn Sullivan said. “I also want to thank the committed staff at OSH for the way they have carried out their work during this time of transition. We appreciate all the skill and concern for patients that they bring to their duties every day, despite scheduling and other challenges.”

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