

Office of the President
October 20, 2023

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPROVAL OF LEASE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees authorize the Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration to negotiate and execute a building lease for the University of Kentucky at Eastern State Hospital, 1358 Bull Lea Road, Lexington, Kentucky.

Background: Pursuant to Governing Regulation II.E.2(d)(4)(f) all leases in excess of \$200,000 annually are approved by the Board of Trustees. The President or his designated representative is authorized to enter into leases and easements not exceeding \$200,000 in value.

UK HealthCare's Emergency Psychiatric Assessment Treatment Health (EmPATH) program which helps alleviate volume pressures in an Emergency Department by providing safe, effective behavioral health care in the right setting which promotes improved outcomes and quality of care. EmPATH creates a single point of entry into the behavioral health system by providing faster access to treatment for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. This leased space will support the EmPATH program at the Eastern State Hospital location and will help eliminate unnecessary admissions to both Eastern State Hospital and the Good Samaritan Behavioral Health Unit.

The leased space will comprise of 11,500 rentable square feet with an annual rent not to exceed \$310,000.

KRS § 48.111 requires legislative authorization of all leases with an annual cost of \$200,000 or more. The lease has been authorized by the Kentucky General Assembly in the enacted 2022-24 Executive Budget of the Commonwealth. Contingent upon approval from the Board of Trustees, the lease will be reported to the Kentucky Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee in accordance with KRS § 56.823.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____