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HHS Secretary Becerra Travels to Philadelphia to Launch the Transition of the 988 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

On Friday, July 15, 2022, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra will travel to Philadelphia to launch the transition of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline current 10-digit number to the 988 three-digit dialing code. Strengthening our crisis care infrastructure is a core priority of President Biden's Mental Health Strategy and it is part of an HHS-wide initiative to tackle the nation's mental health crisis.

In Philadelphia, Secretary Becerra will be joined by Assistant Secretary Delphin-Rittmon, Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough, Chairwoman Rosenworcel, Federal Communication Committee Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel, and Mayor Jim Kenney City of Philadelphia to support the transition and commend the efforts Philadelphia has made in operationalizing the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The visit will consist of a building tour, a roundtable discussion, and a press conference.

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

Details are subject to change.

Facility Tour, Roundtable Discussion, and Press Conference

WHO:

- Dr. Ala Stanford, HHS Region 3 Director
- HHS Assistant Secretary Miriam Delphin Rittmon
- John Palmieri, Director, 988
- Federal Communication Committee Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel
- Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough

- Ms. Lisa Kearney, Executive Director, Veterans Crisis Line
- Mayor Jim Kenney City of Philadelphia
- DBHIDS Commissioner Dr. Jill Bowen
- The Consortium CEO, The Hon. John White, Jr.
- Congressman Dwight Evans (D-PA-03)

WHEN: Friday, July 15, 2022, at 10:00 AM – 12:15 PM ET.

WHERE: The Consortium: 5501 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19139 (tour and roundtable discussion) 10 AM - 11:45 AM

Muraled wall - 5630 Chestnut St (press conference) 11:45 AM – 12:20 PM

Livestream: www.hhs.gov/live/live-1/index.html#8191

PRESS: The event is open to the press. **For interested media, please RSVP to adrian.eng@hhs.gov.**

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