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Chase Brexton Health Care Welcomes City Health Commissioner Dr. Leana Wen to AIDS Walk & Run Baltimore 2017

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BALTIMORE (May 4, 2017) – Chase Brexton Health Care is proud to welcome Baltimore City Health Commissioner Dr. Leana Wen to the third annual 2017 AIDS Walk & Run Baltimore this Sunday, May 7, at the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore.

Wen will join Chase Brexton President and CEO Patrick Mutch in welcoming more than 400 walkers and runners who will take steps to end HIV and AIDS in Baltimore.

“In Baltimore City, 1 in 6 people who have HIV do not know that they are infected,” Dr. Wen said. “With our partners across the City, including Chase Brexton, we have made significant progress to increase testing, provide education, and connect people to treatment. We must continue this fight together and prevent and treat our family, friends, and community members.”

The walk and 5k run through the zoo will be followed by a health fair with fun and resources for all. Proceeds from the AIDS Walk & Run Baltimore will support Chase Brexton's outstanding infectious disease and case management services, which provide critical HIV/AIDS care and prevention in Baltimore.

An emergency physician and patient and community advocate, Wen leads the Baltimore City Health Department, the oldest continuously-operating health department in the United States, formed in 1793. The agency comprises a \$130 million annual budget and 1,000 employees, with wide-ranging responsibilities including maternal and child health, youth wellness, school health, senior services, animal control, restaurant inspections, emergency preparedness, STI/HIV treatment, and acute and chronic disease prevention.

To register for the AIDS Walk & Run Baltimore, visit www.BaltimoreAIDSWalk.org; registration includes entry to the zoo for the day.

Chase Brexton Health Care is a primary care provider serving a diverse group of patients at our seven clinics in Baltimore City, Randallstown, Columbia, Glen Burnie and Easton, as well as Sheppard Pratt's Way Station office and as provider of student health services at the Maryland Institute College of Art. A Joint Commission-accredited Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), we provide a range of clinical services from primary medical care to behavioral health services to pharmacy. More than 400 staff members work as a team to put patients at the center of their own care, empowering them to live their healthiest lives. For more information on our many programs and services, please visit ChaseBrexton.org.

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