State of New Hampshire
Forensic Hospital Informational Meeting

06/30/2022
6pm
Agenda

• Forensic Hospital Design/Construction Timeline
• Highlights from the last three information sessions
• Where to find a recording of each previous public outreach session
• Who to contact with any questions about the forensic hospital

🌟 • Next meeting
   • Questions
1. Why construct a Forensic Hospital
   • Why there is a need for a forensic hospital in NH
   • Current environment
   • Aligns with State’s 10-Year Mental Health Plan
   • Efficiencies and shared services with NHH

2. Design and Construction Process Review
   • 24 bed facility
   • Adjacent to NHH

3. Approach and Timeline
   • How the architectural firm was selected
   • How a construction company will be selected

4. Next Steps
1. Forensic Hospital Design/Construction Timeline

2. Overview of Forensic Hospital Patient Population
   • Patients involved in the criminal justice system and suffering from serious mental illness.
   • Patients accused of an unlawful act but can not go to trial because of their illness.
   • Patients have been found not guilty of the unlawful act because the act was the result of their illness.
   • Patients who have not committed an unlawful act but, because of their mental illness, are too dangerous to be treated at a conventional psychiatric hospital.
3. Forensic Programs in New Hampshire: Current State
   • Secure Psychiatric Unit and NHH

4. Forensic Patient Care Best Practices
   • Daily/weekly assessments with doctor and nurses
   • Psychiatric medications
   • Individual and/or group therapy sessions
   • Groups focus on mental illness, substance abuse, stress and anxiety management, and coping, social and interpersonal skills

5. Forensic Programs in New Hampshire: Future State
   • Therapies specific to the needs of forensic patients
   • Treatment will be overseen and provided by trained mental health professionals in hospital setting rather than in a prison environment
   • Much like at NHH, security will be provided by safety professionals specifically trained in mental health-centered approaches
1. Forensic Hospital Design/Construction Timeline
2. Design Update from SMRT Architects
   • Efficient, community safety, direct visitors to a single front door,
     preserve/enhance the existing site, minimize disruptions, create a clear future
     intent, obtain broad stakeholder input.
3. Response to questions
   • Several views of the property and proposed locations
   • Parking study and traffic study
4. Examples of Psychiatric Forensic Facilities in other Communities
Outreach Session #4 - Today

• Where to find recordings of each public outreach session
  • NH DHHS website, www.dhhs.nh.gov
    • About DHHS > Locations & Facilities > New Hampshire Hospital > Proposed Forensic Hospital Information Sessions
    • Or “Search The Site” (top of page above logo)
      ☆ Or scroll to the bottom of the main page and there is a listing of “What's New at DHHS”

• Who to contact with any questions about the Forensic Hospital
  • nhhadminsupport@dhhs.nh.gov
    • This email box is checked Monday – Friday.
    • A response will be received within 24-48 hours.
Next Session

• We’re on schedule
• Newly added session – Fall of 2022
• More design-specific information
• Visual design renderings
• Timeline and construction updates
• Audience questions
Questions