

Behavioral Health Services Advisory Council

OMH Project Review Agenda

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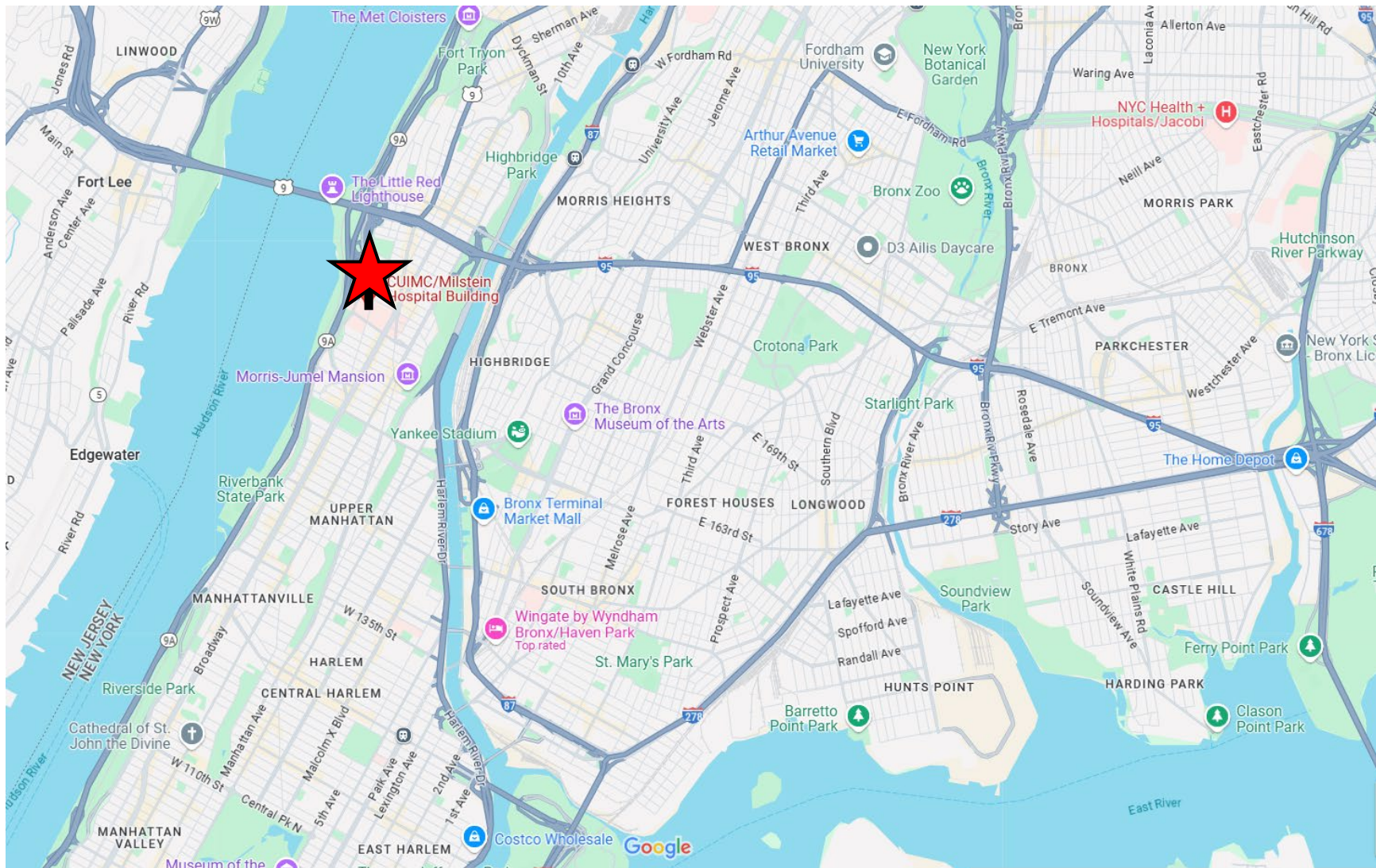
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Review Date:	5/27/2025	Agency:	The New York and Presbyterian (NYP)
Project #:	CPAR 173	Project Type:	Capital Project/Expansion of Inpatient Capacity
Project Description			
Provider:	Columbia Presbyterian Center Inpatient Unit (Columbia University Irving Medical Center (CUIMC))		
Business Type:	Not-For-Profit Corporation		
Program Type:	Inpatient		
Address:	177 Fort Washington Ave., Milstein Hospital Building, New York, NY, 10032-3733		
Counties to be served:	New York		
Population to be served:	<input type="checkbox"/> Children	<input type="checkbox"/> Adolescents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults
Proposed Effective Date:	4/24/2026		
Applicant's Request:	<p>The applicant seeks approval to renovate a twenty-five (25) bed adult inpatient unit on the ninth floor of CUIMC's Milstein Hospital Building. Following completion of the renovation, they plan to relocate one (1) of these licensed beds that is currently housed on the ninth floor of the McKeen Pavilion and to reallocate three (3) beds from the Allen Hospital's inpatient unit. This will ultimately result in a twenty-eight (28) bed unit, seven (7) beds of which will be equipped to serve individuals with medical comorbidities. In addition, the unit will offer modernized social, clinical support, and staff spaces with an enhanced operational flow. This renovation and increase in beds is a part of the agency's larger plan to restore beds across the system. For the duration of construction, Columbia will temporarily shift twenty-four (24) of the existing inpatient psychiatric beds to the Allen Hospital's inpatient unit pending approval of the corresponding PAR to open this newly renovated space.</p>		
Background			
<p>NYP/CUIMC is a clinical, research, and educational enterprise located in northern Manhattan. The hospital has 738 medical beds and over ten specialty departments including units for neurology and neurosurgery, organ transplantation, orthopedics, pediatrics, rehabilitation medicine, vascular medicine, and women's health. There are four schools on this campus, Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Mailman School of Public Health, the College of Dental Medicine, the School of Nursing, and students from these schools also assist in patient care. In addition to their inpatient behavioral health unit, the psychiatry and behavioral health department at CUIMC includes an outpatient clinic and a comprehensive psychiatric emergency program.</p>			
Need			
<p>The CUIMC inpatient unit was designed in the 1980s and requires extensive construction to meet current pertinent technical codes consistent with psychiatric safety standards. On average, the unit's utilization between 2021 and 2023 was 93%, representing substantial</p>			

demand for these services in Northern Manhattan. The Washington Heights and Inwood neighborhoods in Northern Manhattan represent the immediate service area. The Health Resources and Service Administration has designated this as a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) and a medically underserved area. This project furthers the New York and Presbyterian Hospital's Community Service Plan to promote and strengthen opportunities to build well-being and resilience across the lifespan. This proposed inpatient behavioral health project aligns with the focus to ensure that there is accessible and convenient mental health services in the community across the continuum of care.

Character and Competence			
Applicant operates programs licensed by OMH		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Indicate the number of licensed programs	12 Outpatient	5 Inpatient	0 Residential
The applicant is in substantial compliance with OMH regulations		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
The applicant is in substantial compliance with DOH		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Staffing			
Staffing Impact:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Incremental Staffing FTE	New FTE 10.1	Total Program FTE 67.1	
Clinical Staff Titles		Credentials	FTE
Registered Nurse		RN	29.4
Physician		MD	3.0
Nurse Practitioner		NP	1.5
Social Worker/Psychologist		LMSW, LCSW, PhD	6.0
Occupational Therapist and Aides		OT or COTA	2.0
Patient Care Director		RN/MSN	1.0
Clinical Nurse Manager		RN	1.0
Licensed Creative Arts Therapist		LCAT	1.0
Certified Therapeutic and Recreation Specialist		CTRS	1.0
Total FTEs:			45.9
Staffing Comments: The 57.0 FTE staff currently working at CUIMC will be given a choice to work at the newly renovated Allen Hospital inpatient unit that will open prior to the temporary closure of this unit. They will also have the option to work at other hospitals within the New York Presbyterian health system. Upon completion of this capital project, the staff will be given the option of returning to work on the CUIMC inpatient unit or continue in the position where they moved to while the unit was under renovations. Once the number of staff to return is determined, they will hire the number of new staff needed to fully staff this unit.			
Inpatient			
Current Bed Capacity: 25	Proposed Bed Capacity: 28	% Change: 12%	
Fiscal Information			
First Full Year of Anticipated Program Revenue		First Full Year of Anticipated Program Expenses	
Medicaid:	\$5,625,106	Staff Salaries:	\$8,425,845
Medicare:	\$5,259,069	Fringe Benefits:	\$3,103,836

Commercial Insurance:	\$11,110,681	Administrative Costs:	\$3,552,918
Grants:	\$0	Rent/Mortgage:	\$0
Other: Self Pay	\$2,537	OTPS:	\$445,385
		Depreciation:	\$1,150,699
Total Revenue:	\$21,997,393	Total Expenses:	\$16,677,963
Surplus:		\$5,319,430	
Fiscal Comments: The anticipated project cost is \$19,808,169 and will be funded by the applicant. There is no projected rent or mortgage expense in the operating budget because the building is owned by the applicant.			
Reviewer Recommendations			
Reviewer		Recommendation	
County - DOHMH (New York)		Approve with Conditions	
Office of Mental Health		Approve with Conditions	
Reviewer's Comments and Conditions:			
1. Submission and satisfactory review of all hardware and furniture that will be used for this new unit.			
2. Satisfactory pre-occupancy site visit conducted by the New York City Field Office.			
3. Provide a letter of substantial completion from the project architect upon completion of the project.			
4. Approval from the NYS Department of Health of the corresponding Certificate of Need application.			



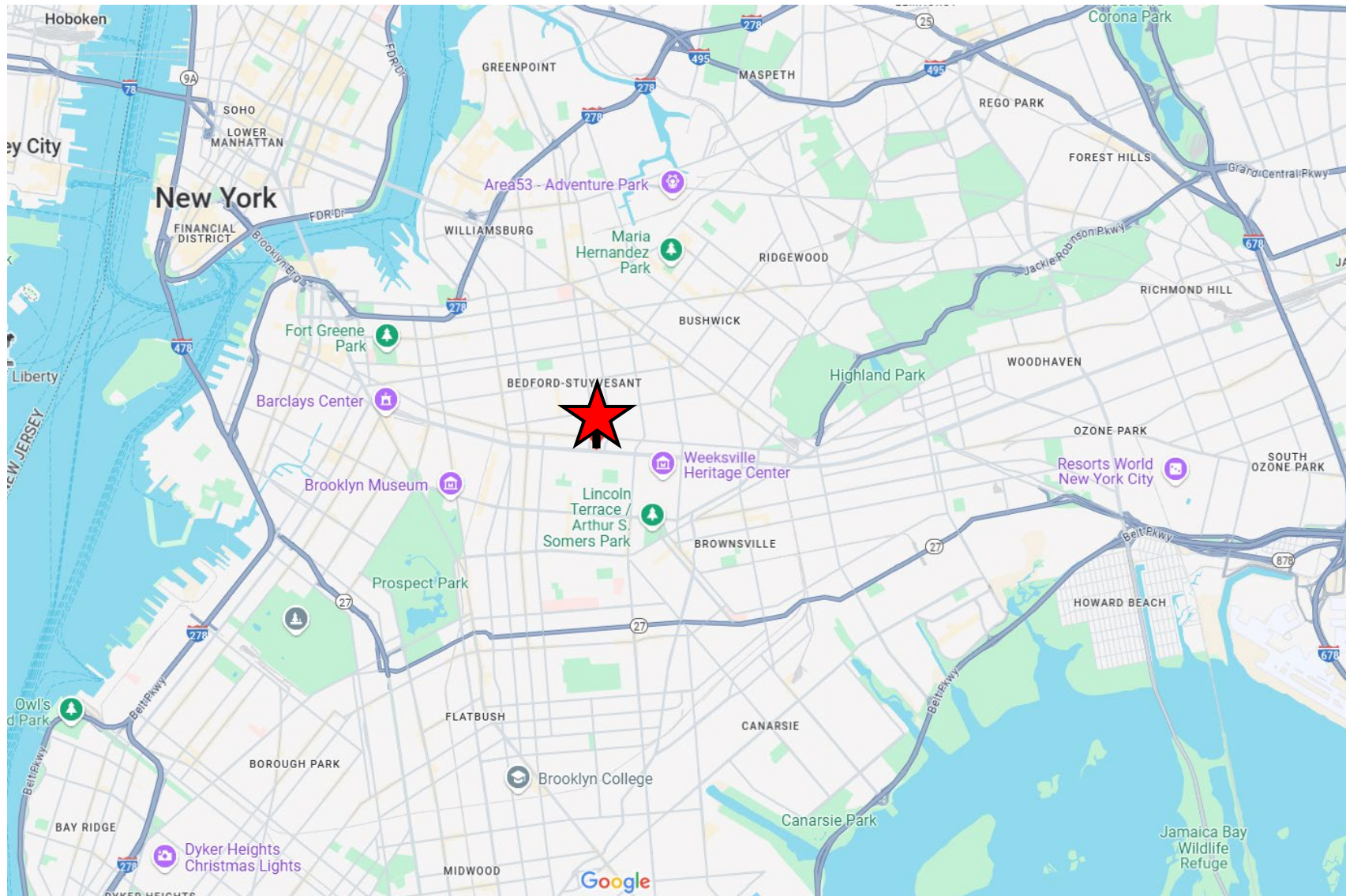
The New York and Presbyterian Hospital

C-PAR #173

177 Fort Washington Avenue, Milstein Hospital Building, New York, NY

BHSAC – Project Summary Form			
Review Date:	5/27/2025	Agency:	Brookdale Hospital Medical Center
Project #:	CPAR # 175 CON #: 242235	Project Type:	Capital Renovation Project and Inpatient Psychiatric Unit Bed Relocation
Project Description			
Provider:	Brookdale Hospital Medical Center (BHMC)/Interfaith Medical Center (IMC)		
Business Type:	Not-For-Profit Corporation		
Program Type:	Inpatient Psychiatric Unit of a General Hospital		
Address:	1545 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11213		
Counties to be served:	Kings		
Population to be served:	<input type="checkbox"/> Children	<input type="checkbox"/> Adolescents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults
Proposed Effective Date:	9/1/2026		
<p>Applicant's Request: BMHC/IMC seeks approval for this capital improvement project to restore Inpatient psychiatry bed capacity to pre-COVID levels through the renovation of an existing inpatient rehabilitation unit on the 6th floor West wing at IMC with the goal of establishing a 10-bed inpatient psychiatry unit. These beds will not result in a change to the facility's current certified inpatient psychiatry bed capacity.</p> <p>This a follow up to CPAR 135, which resulted in the temporary reduction in capacity by 10 beds following approved capital renovations on the 9th floor. Essentially, with this project, 10 beds are being relocated from the 9th floor to the 6th floor following its completion. This project will not impact current operation, staffing, or operational budget.</p> <p>The scope of the project will entail a full gut renovation which includes new walls and ceilings and floor finishes; upgraded electrical; new plumbing fixtures; rerouting of the HVAC duct to accommodate the new layout; and sprinklers, fire alarm system and nurse call system. The new entry to the unit will be through a newly built monitored sallyport that will contain lockers for storing the personal effects of visitors to the unit. A companion project submitted by the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) was recently approved to create a combined detoxification and rehabilitation unit on the 6th floor East wing.</p> <p>Total cost of the project is approximately \$9.67 million and will be funded by the Behavioral Health Centers of Excellence (COE) Funding Program, an award that focuses on modernizing these types of facilities.</p> <p>Construction is projected to begin in early October 2025 with an anticipated completion by August 31, 2026.</p>			

Provider's Background			
<p>Brookdale Hospital Medical Center began operation in 1910 and is one of three hospital campuses of One Brooklyn Health System, Inc. (OBH), an existing not-for-profit corporation licensed under Article 28 of the Public Health Law and the active sponsor of Brookdale Hospital Medical Center (BHMC). BHMC also recently became the active operating agency of Interfaith Medical Center (IMC), and Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center (KJMC) from a merger of the latter two into BHMC. BHMC covers a 10-acre campus plus six Brookdale Family Care Centers, with buildings devoted to inpatient, ambulatory, long-term care, senior living, and emergency medicine.</p> <p>BHMC currently operates 2 inpatient psychiatric units, 5 Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Services (MHOTRS) programs, 1 Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP), and 1 Apartment Treatment program. All are in good standing with the Office of Mental Health (OMH).</p>			
Need			
<p>The purpose of this project is to continue to upgrade and modernize the inpatient psychiatric unit. The project, which included the removal of 4 bedded rooms, no longer compliant, will ensure the program is fully compliant with current design standards. The space will also ensure ADA accessibility compliance. The proposed renovations will also help the program meet current psychiatric care guidelines and will prevent overcrowding in the unit and will enhance the therapeutic environment.</p>			
Character and Competence			
Applicant operates programs licensed by OMH		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
The applicant is in substantial compliance with other Government agencies (NYS DOH, NYS OASAS)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Inpatient Psychiatric Bed Capacity			
Current: 108		Proposed: 108	
Funding			
Funding		Cost	
COE Year 1 Award:	\$ 5,672,568	Construction	\$ 9,671,568
COE Year 2 Award:	\$ 4,000,000		
Reviewer Recommendations			
Reviewer		Recommendation	
County - NYC DOHMH		Approve with Conditions	
Office of Mental Health		Approve with Conditions	
<p>Reviewer's Comments and Condition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Satisfactory pre-occupancy site visit with OMH NYC Field Office. 2. Submit the architect's attestation of substantial completion. 3. Submit a satisfactory list of hardware and materials to be installed in the unit. 4. Approval from the NYS Department of Health of the corresponding Certificate of Need application. 			



Brookdale Hospital Medical Center
C-PAR #175
1545 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

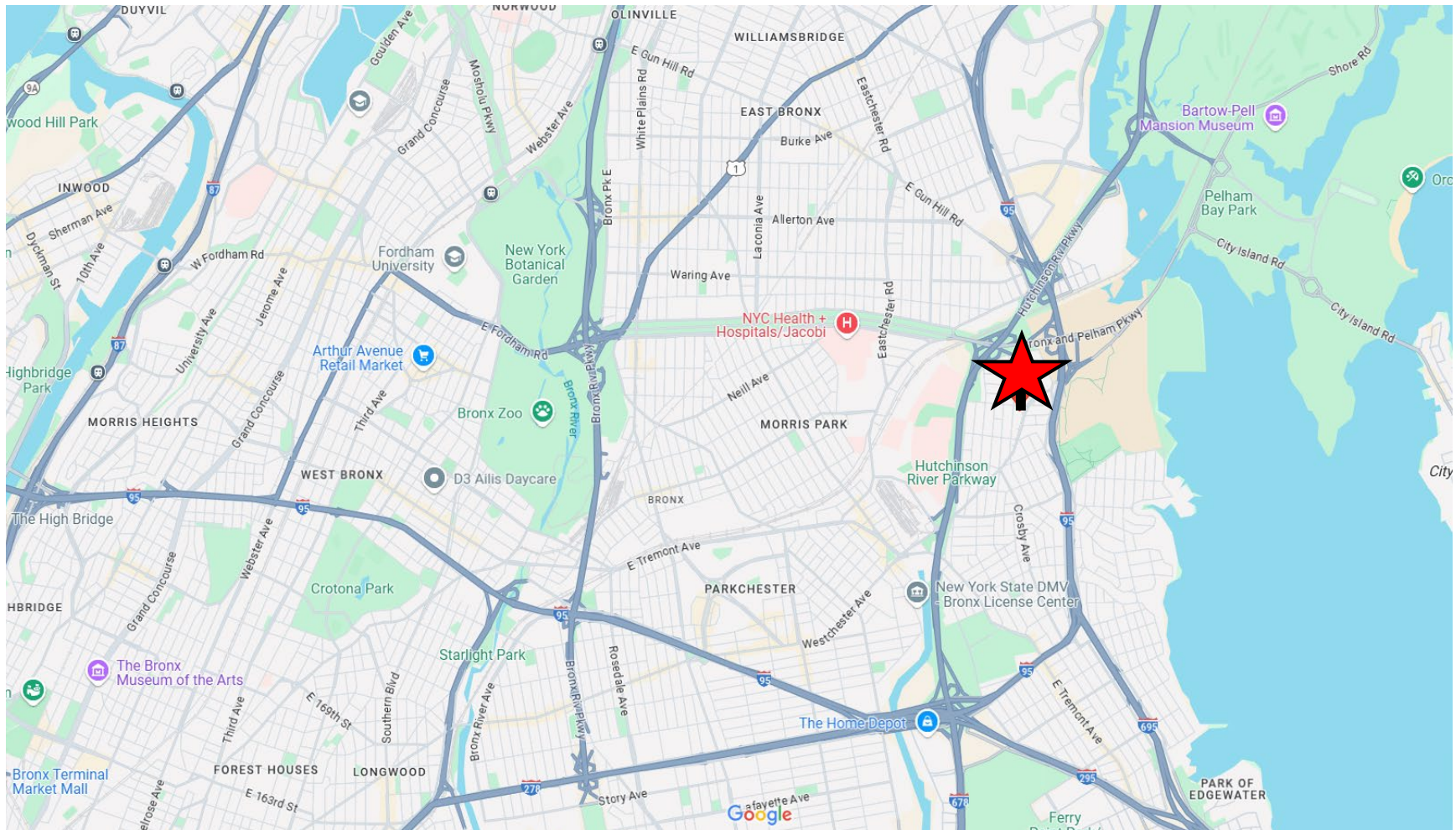
BHSAC – Project Summary Form			
Review Date:	5/27/2025	Agency:	The Children's Circle Inc.
Project #:	CPAR #: 166	Project Type:	Establish a new program
Project Description			
Provider:	The Children's Circle Inc.		
Business Type:	For-Profit Corporation (402 BCL)		
Program Type:	CFTSS/CMHRS		
Address:	2932 Wilkinson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461		
Counties to be served:	Bronx, Queens		
Population to be served:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adolescents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults (up to 21)
Proposed Effective Date:	7/1/2025		
Applicant's Request:	<p>The Children's Circle Inc. seeks approval to establish a CMHRS program to provide Other Licensed Practitioner (OLP) and Community Psychiatric Supports and Treatment (CPST) Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR) Family Peer Support Services (FPSS), and Youth Peer Support and Training (YPST) services. Services will be available to families meeting criteria in the NYC boroughs of Bronx and Queens. The hours of operation will be Sunday 12pm - 7pm, Monday and Wednesday 9am - 5pm, Tuesday 9am - 8pm, Thursday 9am - 7pm, and Friday 9am - 3pm, and on-call all other hours.</p>		
Background			
<p>The Children's Circle, headquartered in the Bronx, was founded in 2017 by Radion and Rada Khiyayev. They received approval from the NYS Department of Health (DOH) to begin providing Early Intervention services across New York City in 2018. In 2018, The Children's Circle also received conditional approval to operate its special education itinerant services program for preschool students with disabilities and, based on its performance, received full approval by the NYS Education Department (NYSED). The Children's Circle has also been designated as a Children's Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) provider as of 2023. The application highlights the provider's experience providing community-based services to children with special needs and currently serving approximately 400 children from birth through age 21 and their families.</p>			
Need			
<p>The Children's Circle's survey sample of approximately 45 CFTSS agencies serving the Bronx and Queens revealed challenges in the provision of mental health services in recruitment of culturally competent staff who can also serve children in their homes. Another challenge identified was the lack of reliable transportation to program sites.</p> <p>While well intended, the applicant's survey indicated that CFTSS providers have resorted to referring children with these challenges to MHOTORS programs even though the children would be better served in a CFTSS program. Given their experience serving children with diverse language and cultural backgrounds, the applicant believes they would be well positioned, to overcome these challenges as</p>			

provide culturally competent CFTSS services to youth CFTSS provider with including providing services in the children's homes.

The application also cites the OMH Patient Characteristics Survey which indicates a steady increase in the population of children and youth population in NYC since 2005 which has resulted in an increased demand for mental health services. Also cited are CDC reports indicating an increase in symptoms of depression in this population.

Character and Competence			
Applicant operates programs licensed by OMH		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
The applicant is in substantial compliance with other Government agencies, such as DOH, SED		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Clinical Staffing			
Clinical Staff Titles		Credentials	FTE
Clinical Supervisor – LCSW		LCSW, LMSW, LMHC and children and family experience	0.50
Intake Coordinator			0.25
NP-LBHP			1.0
Rehab Staff			1.0
Family Peer Advocate			0.50
Youth Peer Advocate			0.50
Total FTEs:			3.75
Caseload Capacity			
Monthly Caseload: 100		Clinical Staff/Caseload Ratio: 1:27	
Fiscal Information			
First Full Year Revenue		First Full Year Expenses	
Medicaid:	\$626,853.90	Staff Salaries:	328,500
		Fringe Benefits:	70,000
		Administrative Costs:	80,300
		Rent/Mortgage:	48,000
		OTPS:	27,000
Total Revenue:	\$626,853.90	Total Expenses:	\$ 553,800
Surplus:		\$73,053.90	
Reviewer Recommendations			
Reviewer		Recommendation	
County - DOHMH (Bronx, Queens)		Approve	
Office of Mental Health		Approve with Conditions	
Reviewer's Comments and Conditions:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a satisfactory Incident Management plan. 2. Submit copies of the formal agreements with providers identified in your care network. 3. Complete the required pre-employment checks for each natural person owner of the organization. 4. Designate an authorized person to complete OMH required pre-employment checks. 5. Revise Incorporation filing to include Article 31 certification requirement. 			

6. Complete a satisfactory pre-occupancy site visit with the New York City Field Office.



The Children's Circle, Inc.
C-PAR #166
2932 Wilkinson Avenue, Bronx, NY

BHSAC – Project Summary Form			
Review Date:	5/27/2025	Agency:	Young Adult Institute, Inc.
Project #:	CPAR 123	Project Type:	Establish a new program
Project Description			
Provider:	Young Adult Institute, Inc.		
Business Type:	Not-For-Profit Corporation		
Program Type:	Children's Crisis Residence		
Address:	25-56 80 th Street, Suite 1, Flushing, NY 11370-1517		
Counties to be served:	Queens		
Population to be served:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adolescents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults (18 up to age 21)
Proposed Effective Date:	2/6/2026		
Applicant's Request:	Young Adult Institute, Inc. is seeking to establish a Children's Crisis Residence serving Children and Adolescents.		
Background			
<p>Young Adult Institute, Inc. (YAI) has a longstanding history of serving the I/DD population, including individuals with co-occurring mental health diagnoses, in New York State since 1957. They have been a provider of both unlicensed and licensed services overseen by the NYS Office for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), including residential services, community habilitation, respite and recreation, and family support services for many decades and more recently began providing crisis, crisis respite, and parenting skills training services within the past ten years. Additionally, they have operated Article 16 and Article 28 clinics, overseen by OPWDD and the NYS Department of Health (DOH), respectively, providing comprehensive services including psychological, psychosocial, autism evaluations, psychotherapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, as well as psychiatry, dental, medical, and medical subspecialty services since the 1990s.</p> <p>YAI currently seeks to expand their behavioral health services footprint to include crisis residential services to children and adolescents under the authority of the NYS Office of Mental Health. They received two (2) capital awards to establish Children's Crisis Residences (CCRs) in response to their submissions to a November 2019 RFP issued by NYS OMH entitled, "Crisis Residential Programs for Children and Adults." For this project, they have leased two co-located residential properties at 25-56 80th Street, located in Flushing, NY. The proposed programs will accept children who meet eligibility and admission criteria in accordance with 14 NYCRR Part 589 and will provide residential support on a short-term basis to children exhibiting mental/behavioral health symptoms and experiencing situational/acute psychiatric crises.</p> <p>The two (2) proposed co-located YAI CCRs will each serve six (6) children and youth of all genders and ethnicities, ages 5 up to age 21, from the catchment area in Queens, and will also accept referrals for children and youth who live in any of the surrounding boroughs. Although the two proposed residences will be in the same building, each will occupy a distinct space and will operate as separate crisis residences. The applicant contends that having co-located crisis residences will enable more efficient use of resources and staffing</p>			

and may help to create more compatible cohorts, such as grouping younger children and youth/adolescents separately, depending on referrals and programmatic needs.

YAI's proposal includes a major renovation to the building to establish both Children's Crisis Residences. The renovation will include installation of an elevator, new air conditioning, new sprinkler and fire alarm systems, as well as replacement doors and windows. There will be a newly constructed kitchen, living room, dining room, classroom, office space, 6 single bedrooms, sensory room, a ½ bath and 2 handicap accessible bathrooms, and a medication room in each of the crisis residence spaces. On the first floor of the building, there is a large auditorium/gymnasium which will be the only space in the building that will be used by both of the programs, although each of the CCR's use of the spaces will be temporally distinct. The projected opening date for both programs following the completion of renovations will be early February 2026.

Need

YAI reported that many of the children who are currently recipients of their mental health services have multiple psychiatric diagnosis reported at intake. Aggressive behavior is the predominant reason for referrals, while many children experience co-occurring ADHD, Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD), and Conduct Disorder. Through preliminary research, they learned that there were nearly 4,000 children receiving mental health services in Queens during 2019 (Citizen's Committee for Children in New York (CCC)). In 2020, the average daily census for children's psychiatric inpatient services at a general hospital in Queens was 24.2 and 56.4 for a residential treatment facility ([Tableau Visualizations \(ny.gov\)](#)). Additional OMH data from October 2023 demonstrated that 12% of people supported by ACT teams at Elmhurst Hospital and Queens Hospital were 25 years of age and under ([Tableau Visualizations \(ny.gov\)](#)).

YAI reported being aware of many cases in which children present at the Emergency Department (ED) secondary to significant challenges and stress but were often not admitted or were discharged without attention to critical challenges, only to end up back in the ED soon after discharge. The applicant cited 2021 children's psychiatric inpatient readmission rates at Elmhurst Hospital, which is located in the same vicinity as the proposed CCRs, which were reported at 14% within 30 days of discharge, while 20% presented for repeat ER visits within 30 days.

Given these statistics, as well as the fact that there are currently no other OMH-licensed Children's Crisis Residences (CCRs) operating in the proposed catchment area, the applicant believes they would receive the necessary referrals to support the programs. The most important factor YAI identified related to the need for the two CCRs came from interactions with the community. During their initial community outreach, and during a Community Board meeting, YAI learned that local providers and neighbors were very welcoming of the proposed residences.

YAI's proposed crisis residences will operate within the Part 589 regulations and guidelines to stabilize a child's psychiatric symptoms, restore the child to a level of functioning and stability that supports his/her transition to community-based supports and resources, and prevent or reduce future psychiatric crises. The applicant proposes that each of the

CCRs will be well equipped to serve a diverse population of children and youth for whom diagnoses are complicated and for whom treatment planning requires highly individualized attention. The population they intend to support in the CCRs will include youth who have behavioral health disorders, are at risk of losing their school placement due to complex mental/behavioral health needs, may have frequent psychiatric emergency room and psychiatric inpatient hospitalizations, and/or are experiencing a psychiatric crisis or challenges in their daily lives that create risk for an escalation of psychiatric symptoms that cannot be reasonably managed in their home and/or community environment. The CCRs will also serve as an appropriate step-down option for children and youth being discharged from psychiatric units before they return home. Psychiatric diagnoses will include, but not be limited to, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), impulse control disorder, major depression, and personality disorder.

Character and Competence

Applicant operates programs licensed by OMH	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
The applicant is in substantial compliance with other Government agencies (OPWDD: HCBS, Clinic; DOH: Children Health Home, Adult Care Management; OCFS)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Staffing

Clinical Staff Titles	Credentials	FTE
Director	LCSW, LMHC, LMFT	.5
CCR Supervisor	BA	.5
Registered Nurse	RN	.25
MH Clinicians	MA	1
Shift Supervisor Lead	BA	2.5
Respite Youth Support	HS diploma	11.5
Case Manager	BA	1
Total FTEs:		17.25

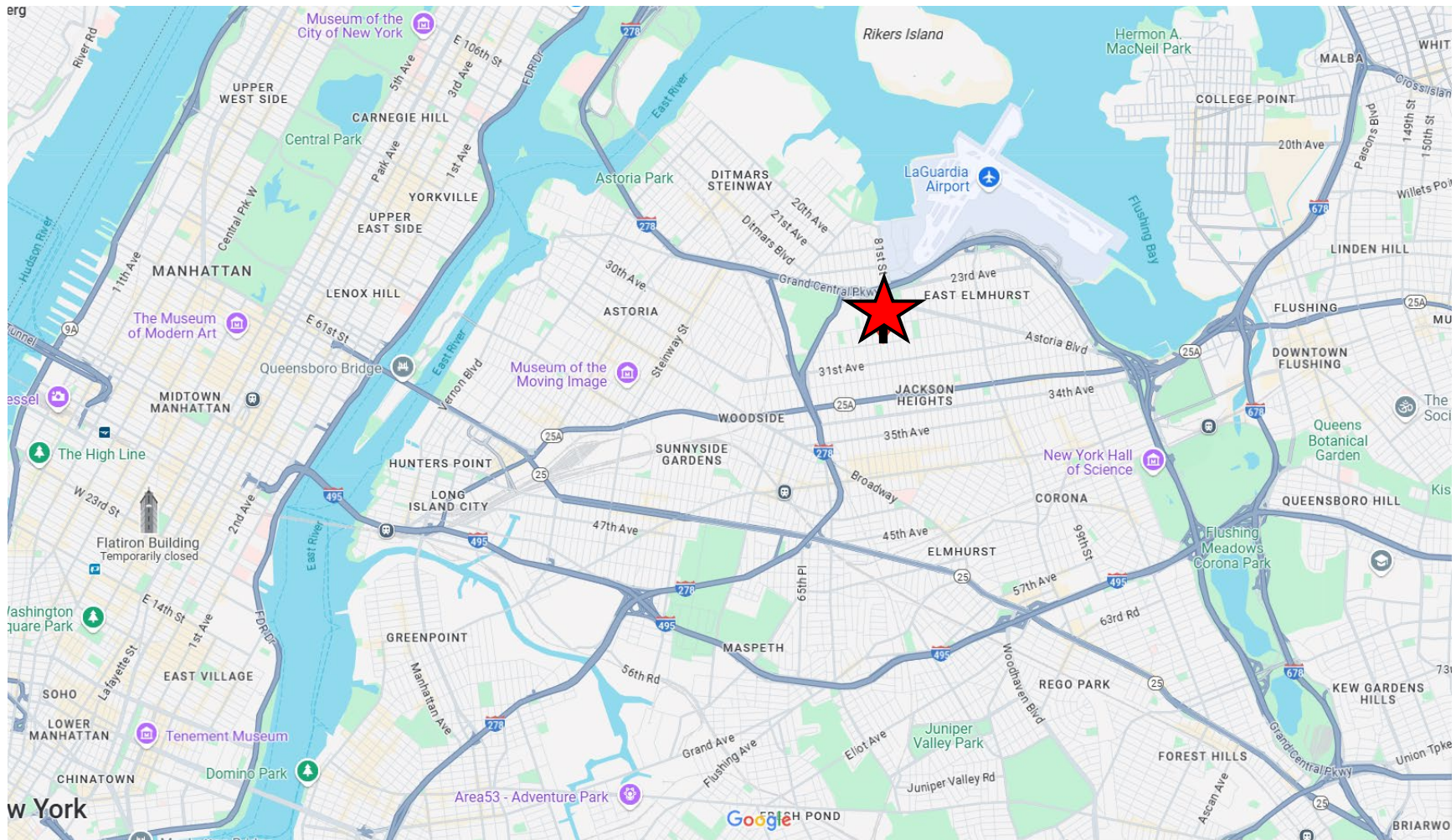
Capacity

Bed Capacity: 6

Fiscal Information

First Full Year of Anticipated Program Revenue		First Full Year of Anticipated Program Expenses	
Medicaid:	1,514,714	Staff Salaries:	755,167
Medicare:	0	Fringe Benefits:	196,343
Commercial Insurance:	0	Administrative Costs:	141,537
Grants:	0	Rent/Mortgage:	67,500
Other: Specify: Patient Fees	0	OTPS including utilities, ins, travel, office supplies,	270,811

		housekeeping, equipment	
Total Revenue:	\$1,514,714	Total Expenses:	\$1,431,358
Surplus:			\$ 83,356
Reviewer Recommendations			
Reviewer		Recommendation	
County - DOHMH (Queens County)		Approve with Conditions	
Office of Mental Health		Approve with Conditions	
Reviewer's Comments and Conditions: 1. Designate at least one authorized person to conduct Pre-Employment Checks. 2. Submit a copy of the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation. 3. Submit a copy of the architectural letter of substantial completion and FDNY sign-off upon completion of construction. 4. Complete a satisfactory site visit with the New York City Field Office.			



Young Adult Institute, Inc.
C-PAR #123
25-56 80th Street, Suite 1, Flushing, NY

BHSAC – Project Summary Form			
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Project Description			
Provider:	Young Adult Institute, Inc.		
Business Type:	Not-For-Profit Corporation		
Program Type:	Children's Crisis Residence		
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Given these statistics, as well as the fact that there are currently no other OMH-licensed Children's Crisis Residences (CCRs) operating in the proposed catchment area, the applicant believes they would receive the necessary referrals to support the programs. The most important factor YAI identified related to the need for the two CCRs came from interactions with the community. During their initial community outreach, and during a Community Board meeting, YAI learned that local providers and neighbors were very welcoming of the proposed residences.

YAI's proposed crisis residences will operate within the Part 589 regulations and guidelines to stabilize a child's psychiatric symptoms, restore the child to a level of functioning and stability that supports his/her transition to community-based supports and resources, and prevent or reduce future psychiatric crises. The applicant proposes that each of the

CCRs will be well equipped to serve a diverse population of children and youth for whom diagnoses are complicated and for whom treatment planning requires highly individualized attention. The population they intend to support in the CCRs will include youth who have behavioral health disorders, are at risk of losing their school placement due to complex mental/behavioral health needs, may have frequent psychiatric emergency room and psychiatric inpatient hospitalizations, and/or are experiencing a psychiatric crisis or challenges in their daily lives that create risk for an escalation of psychiatric symptoms that cannot be reasonably managed in their home and/or community environment. The CCRs will also serve as an appropriate step-down option for children and youth being discharged from psychiatric units before they return home. Psychiatric diagnoses will include, but not be limited to, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), impulse control disorder, major depression, and personality disorder.

Character and Competence

Applicant operates programs licensed by OMH	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
The applicant is in substantial compliance with other Government agencies (OPWDD: HCBS, Clinic; DOH: Children Health Home, Adult Care Management; OCFS)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Staffing

Clinical Staff Titles	Credentials	FTE
Director	LCSW, LMHC, LMFT	.5
CCR Supervisor	BA	.5
Registered Nurse	RN	.25
MH Clinicians	MA	1
Shift Supervisor Lead	BA	2.5
Respite Youth Support	HS diploma	11.5
Case Manager	BA	1
Total FTEs:		17.25

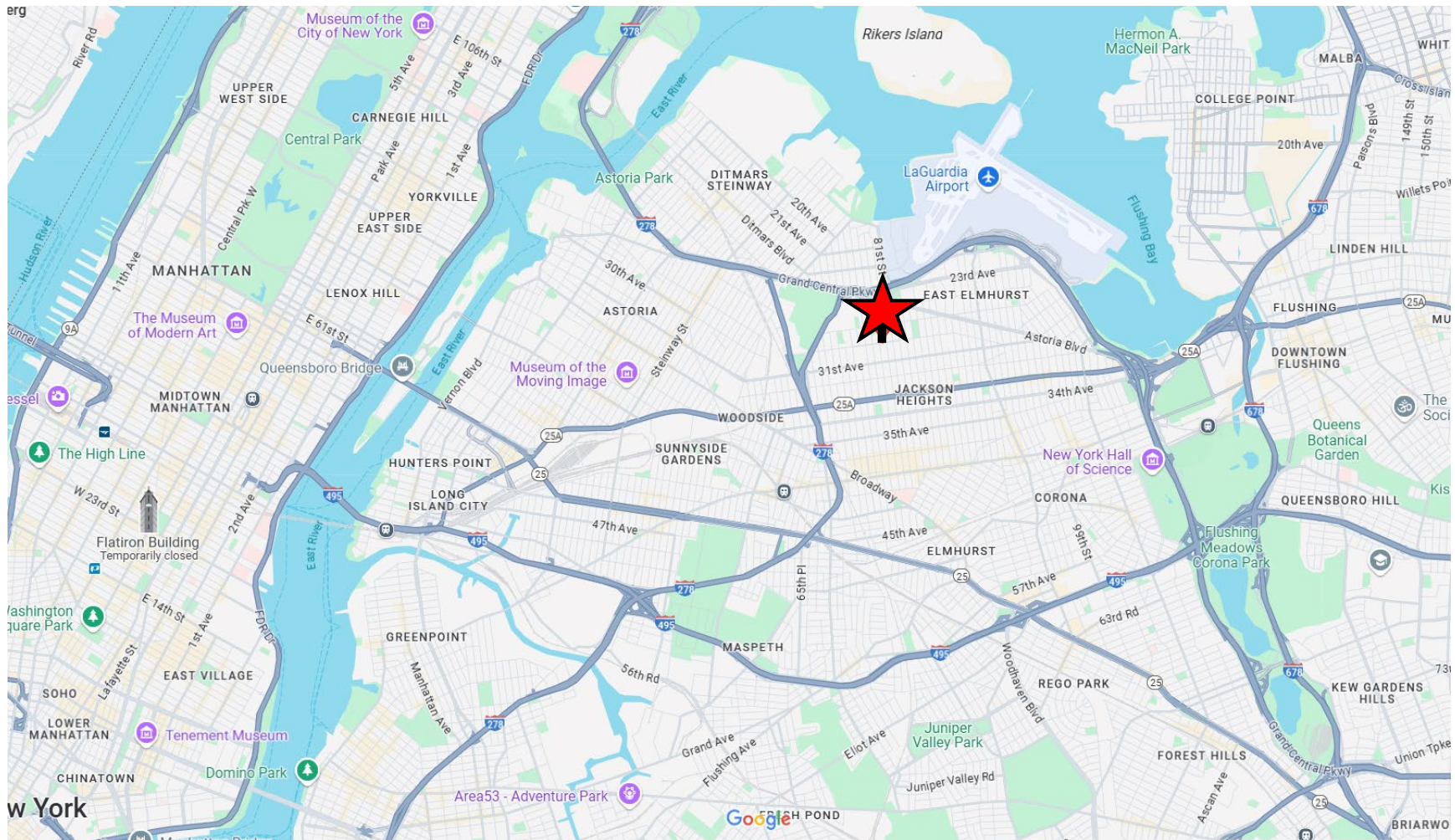
Capacity

Bed Capacity: 6

Fiscal Information

First Full Year of Anticipated Program Revenue		First Full Year of Anticipated Program Expenses	
Medicaid:	1,514,714	Staff Salaries:	755,167
Medicare:	0	Fringe Benefits:	196,343
Commercial Insurance:	0	Administrative Costs:	141,537
Grants:	0	Rent/Mortgage:	67,500
Other: Specify: Patient Fees	0	OTPS including utilities, ins, travel, office supplies, housekeeping, equipment	270,811

Total Revenue:	\$1,514,714	Total Expenses:	\$1,431,358
Surplus:			\$ 83,356
Reviewer Recommendations			
Reviewer		Recommendation	
County - DOHMH (Queens County)		Approve with Conditions	
Office of Mental Health		Approve with Conditions	
Reviewer's Comments and Conditions:			
1. Designate at least one authorized person to conduct Pre-Employment Checks.			
2. Submit a copy of the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation.			
3. Submit a copy of the architectural letter of substantial completion and FDNY sign-off upon completion of construction.			
4. Complete a satisfactory site visit with the New York City Field Office.			



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