



Behavioral Health Services Advisory Council
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Review Date:	9/23/2026	Agency:	Jamaica Hospital Medical Center
PAR:	CPAR 244	Project	Capital Project
CON:	CON 221082	Type:	
Provider:	Jamaica Hospital Medical Center		
Business Type:	Not-For-Profit Corporation		
Program Type:	CPEP		
Address:	8900 Van Wyck Expressway, Jamaica, NY 11418-2897		
Counties to be served:	Queens		
Population to be served:	☐ Children	☐ Adolescents	☒ Adults
Proposed Effective Date:	10/31/2028		
Applicant's Request:	The applicant seeks to create an addition to their first-floor area to create a new space for the Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP) as part of a larger renovation and expansion project of the Emergency Department (ED) at Jamaica Hospital Medical Center (JHMC). JHMC plans to construct a three-story building that will house two critical care units on the second and third floors and a larger expansion of the ED on the first floor where the CPEP will be housed. This capital project, funded by the Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program IV-ED for Emergency Department modernization, will result in a state-of-the-art facility with the latest design consideration for patient access, triage, holding, treatment, and safety, staff and patient support, and service areas to allow for optimized patient workflows. The renovated CPEP area will include six (6) patient bays that will each accommodate two (2) recliners. The Extended Observation Bed (EOB) component will include six (6) beds comprised of three (3) patient rooms, each room designed to accommodate two (2) patients. The CPEP will also be equipped with two (2) infection control rooms, one (1) search room, one (1) triage room, one (1) treatment room, and one (1) secure holding room. The current square footage of programmatic space is 3,840 square feet and the new space will increase to 5,480 square feet. There will be no interruption to CPEP services during construction. The existing CPEP will remain operational in its current location and continue providing services until the new space is completed, approved for occupancy, and ready to receive patients.		
JHMC was established in 1898 and currently operates with over 400 beds, a comprehensive array of clinical services, and is a designated Level I Trauma Center.			

JHMC has significant experience operating Article 31 licensed mental health programs including a fifty-six (56) bed inpatient psychiatric program for adults, a Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Services (MHOTRS) program, and the aforementioned CPEP that was established in 2013. This application will not impact the program operations, and the hospital will seek to continue to deliver high-quality care throughout the renovation process.

Need

JHMC seeks to bring their ED, which will house the relocated CPEP, up to all current design and code standards with particular attention to patient isolation and infection control, such as additional isolation rooms and critical care treatment rooms for patients on ventilators requiring more intensive monitoring. They believe this proposed project will improve the therapeutic environment where they propose to offer trauma-informed and culturally appropriate care.

JHMC anticipates a volume of approximately 5,810 visits annually with an average of about sixteen (16) individuals per day. JHMC will meet these needs through the use of a multidisciplinary team and timely disposition planning. In cases where the CPEP's volume approaches or reaches its available capacity, JHMC has a clear plan to include higher level leadership in the provision of clinically appropriate services.

Character and Competence

Applicant operates programs licensed by OMH		☒ Yes	☐ No
Indicate the number of licensed programs	2 Outpatient	1 Inpatient	0 Residential
The applicant is in substantial compliance with OMH regulations		☒ Yes	☐ No
The applicant is in compliance with the Department of Health.		☒ Yes	☐ No

Extended Observation Bed Capacity

CPEP

Current Bed Capacity: 6	Proposed Bed Capacity: 6	% Change: 0
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Fiscal Information

Fiscal Comments:

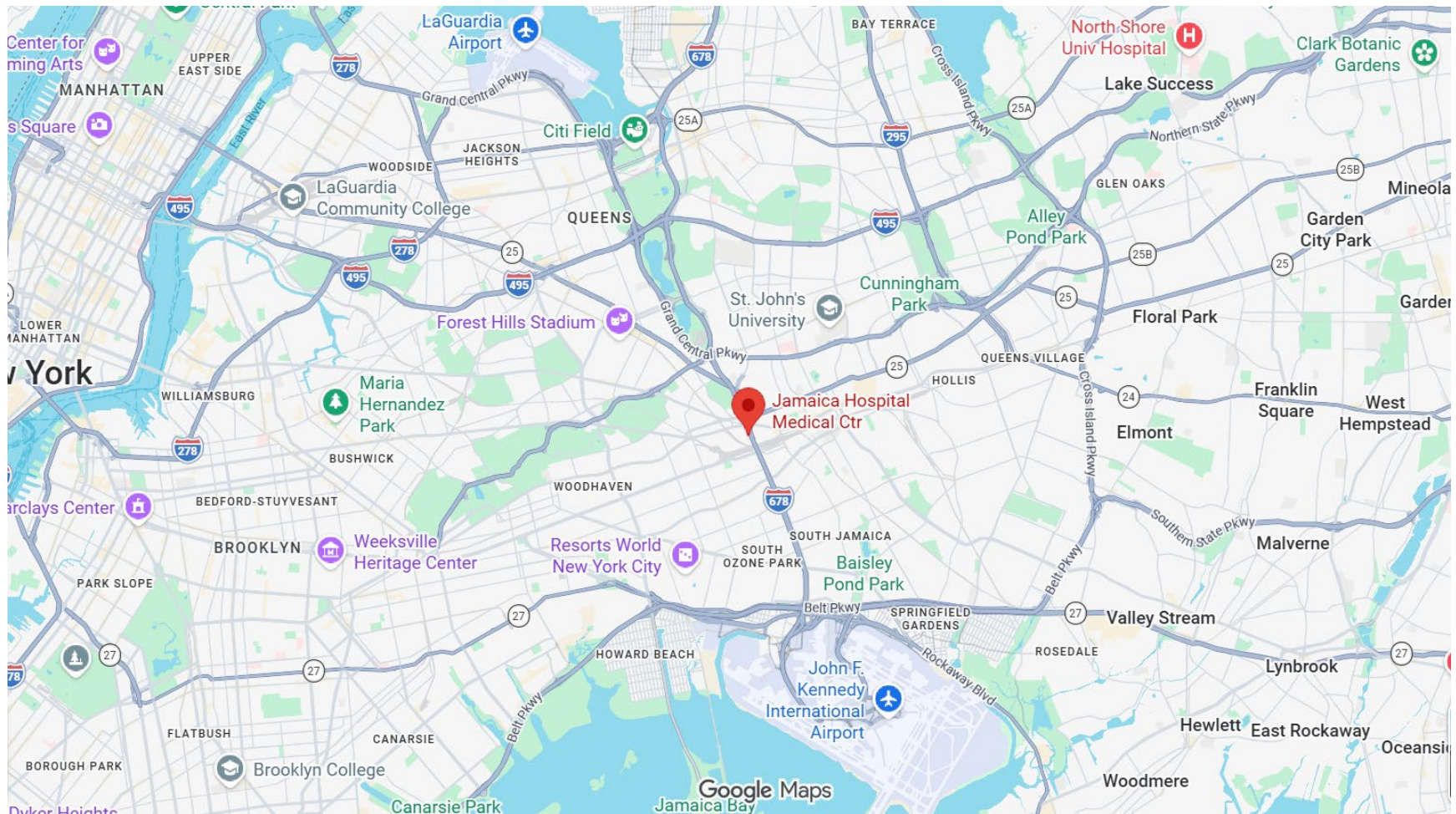
The estimated total project cost for the CPEP is \$4,630,000. The project will be funded by the Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program IV-ED.

Reviewer Recommendations

Reviewer	Recommendation
County - Queens (NYC DOHMH):	Approve with Conditions
Office of Mental Health:	Approve with Conditions

Conditions of Approval:

1. Submission of the architectural letter of substantial compliance.
2. NYS Department of Health approval of the corresponding CON.
3. Submission of a valid Certificate of Occupancy.
4. Satisfactory completion of a pre occupancy site visit with the New York City Field Office.



Jamaica Hospital Medical Center

CPAR #244

8900 Van Wyck Expressway, Jamaica, NY 11418-2897

BHSAC – Project Summary Form			
Review Date: 9/23/2026		Agency: Flushing Hospital and Medical Center dba Flushing Hospital Medical Center	
CPAR #: 260 CON #: 261102		Project Type: Capital Project/Establish a New Program	
Project Description			
Provider:		Flushing Hospital Medical Center	
Business Type:		Not-For-Profit Corporation	
Program Type:		CPEP	
Address:		45-00 Parsons Blvd, Flushing, New York 11355-2205	
Counties to be served:		Queens	
Population to be served:		☐ Children	☐ Adolescents ☒ Adults
Proposed Effective Date:		4/3/2028	
Applicant's Request:	The applicant seeks approval for the capital renovations and establishment of a Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP) to serve adults. The proposed program intends to include eight (8) patient bays, an interview room, a treatment room, a dining area that doubles as an activity area, and three (3) double bedrooms for a total of six (6) Extended Observation Beds (EOB) in a 5,812 square foot space on the first floor, adjacent to the Emergency Department (ED). The staff spaces for the CPEP will include a nurses' station, equipment storage, and a staff lounge and locker area. FHMC anticipates that this program will alleviate the pressure on the main ED while connecting patients to trauma-informed care. The FHMC CPEP will provide immediate, patient-centered care for individuals facing psychiatric emergencies, addressing a critical gap in local services. Although the CPEP will primarily serve adults, it will continue to offer pediatric emergency services through partnerships with nearby hospitals. The capital component of this project is being funded by a grant from the Office of Mental Health's Capital for Expanding CPEPs and two Center of Excellence Awards from Fidelis and Healthfirst.		
Background			
Founded in 1884, Flushing Hospital Medical Center (FHMC) today is an Article 28, 293-bed, not-for-profit teaching hospital. The medical center is in one of the city's most culturally diverse boroughs, has served the health care needs of the community for more than a century, and is a vital part of the infrastructure of the city itself. The hospital began providing mental health services at its outpatient clinic treatment program in 1992. In			

1999 the hospital opened its 18-bed inpatient psychiatric unit, which is currently in the process of being renovated and expanding into a 30-bed unit. Both programs have been successful in continuously maintaining OMH-licensure since each of their respective starts. FHMC also operates an Article 32 Substance Use Disorder Outpatient Program. The proposed CPEP would make the behavioral health services at FHMC more integrated and robust.

Need

The applicant has indicated that the overall rates of individuals affected by serious mental illness are higher in Queens and, more specifically, the surrounding areas of FHMC. Individuals seeking mental health treatment experience many barriers such as lack of health insurance, limited provider evening and weekend hours, physicians who don't accept Medicaid, health literacy, lack of childcare, geographic proximity and lack of transportation, waiting lists, and lack of providers that speak a patient's language or are familiar with their culture. FHMC proposes that the CPEP will reduce these barriers and is expected to serve approximately 5,000 individuals as evidenced by nearby programs with similar utilization rates. While the FHMC will serve adults ages eighteen and up, the hospital is within close proximity to two CPEPs that serve children and youth. FHMC currently has an MOU with one of these programs, with plans to develop an MOU with the other youth-serving CPEP.

Although there are a large number of health care resources in FHMC's service area, the number of primary care and mental health providers is insufficient to meet the needs of area residents, as evidenced by the HRSA-designated HPSAs for the Medicaid eligible population in West Queens. In addition, there are only three (3) CPEPs in the FHMC service area, one of which is operated by FHMC's affiliate, Jamaica Hospital Medical Center, which has six (6) adult CPEP bays. The other two hospitals offering CPEP services are NYC-HHC Elmhurst Hospital that serves children, adolescents, and adults and NYC-HHC Queens Hospital that serves the adolescent and adult populations.

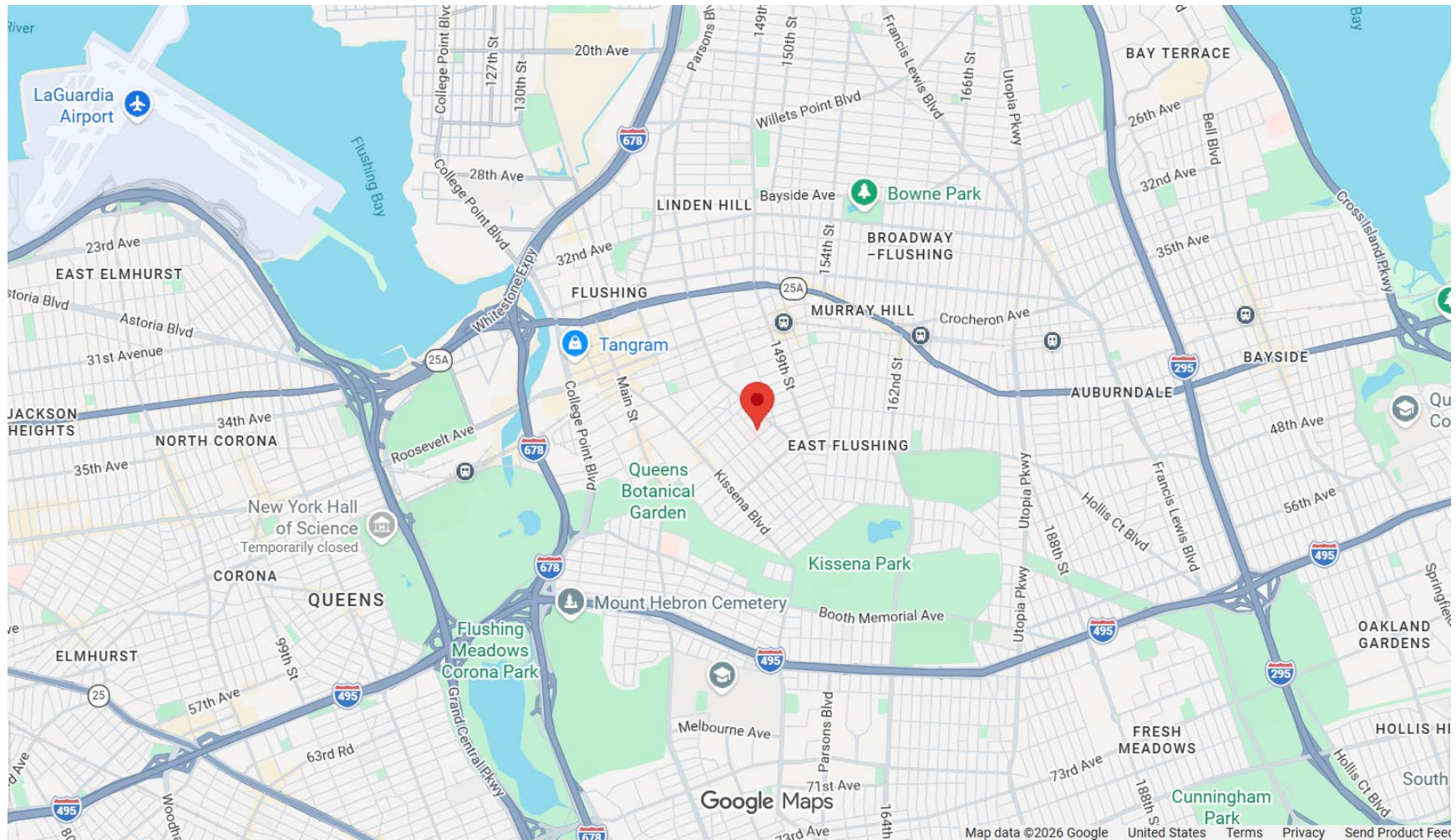
Character and Competence

Applicant operates programs licensed by OMH		☒ Yes	☐ No
Indicate the number of licensed programs	1 Outpatient	1 Inpatient	0 Residential
The applicant is in substantial compliance with OMH regulations		☒ Yes	☐ No
The applicant is in substantial compliance with other Government agencies		☒ Yes	☐ No

Staffing

Clinical Staff Titles	Credentials	FTE
Medical Director	MD	1.0
Psychiatrist	MD	10.0
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner	NPP	1.0
Psychotherapist	LCSW/PhD	2.5

Clinical Nurse Manager	RN	1.0	
Registered Nurse	RN	24.0	
Peer Advocate/Specialist	PSS	1.2	
Behavioral Health Associate	BHA	5.0	
Ward Clerk		3.0	
Certified Nurse Assistant	CNA	12.6	
Total FTEs:		61.3	
Staffing Comments:			
FHMC is proposing to utilize a Clinical Services Contract for the purpose of filling the Medical Director and Psychiatrist staff titles.			
Caseload			
Extended Observation Beds			
Current Bed Capacity: 0	Proposed Bed Capacity: 6		
Fiscal Information			
First Full Year of Anticipated Program Revenue		First Full Year of Anticipated Program Expenses	
Medicaid:	\$6,227,481	Staff Salaries:	\$3,949,448
Medicare:	\$1,321,917	Fringe Benefits:	\$1,974,724
Commercial Insurance:	\$899,071	Administrative Costs:	\$1,500,000
Grants:	0	Depreciation:	\$622,933
Other: Specify:	0	OTPS:	\$315,700
Total Revenue:	\$ 8,448,469	Total Expenses:	\$8,362,805
Surplus:		\$85,664	
Capital Renovations Budget			
The total project cost of \$8,544,000 will be funded entirely by the following grants/awards:			
NYS OMH CPEP RFP: \$4,569,000			
BH COE Award (Fidelis): \$1,987,500			
BH COE Award (Healthfirst): \$1,987,500			
Reviewer Recommendations			
Reviewer		Recommendation	
County – Queens (NYS DOHMH):		Approve with Conditions	
Office of Mental Health:		Approve with Conditions	
Conditions of Approval:			
1. Submission/approval of the Clinical Services Contract for medical/psychiatry staff.			
2. Submission of the architectural letter of substantial compliance.			
3. NYS Department of Health (DOH) approval of the corresponding CON.			
4. Satisfactory completion of a pre occupancy site visit with the New York City Field Office.			



Flushing Hospital and Medical Center dba Flushing Hospital Medical Center

CPAR #260

45-00 Parsons Blvd, Flushing, New York 11355-2205

BHSAC – Project Summary Form			
Review Date:	9/23/2026	Agency:	Hillside Children's Center
PAR #:	263	Project Type:	Capital Project
Provider:	Hillside Children's Center		
Business Type:	Not-For-Profit Corporation		
Program Type:	Residential Treatment Facility (RTF)		
Address:	2075 Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY 14623-2021		
Counties to be served:	Monroe		
Population to be served:	☒ Children	☒ Adolescents	☐ Adults
Proposed Effective Date:	2/26/2027		
Applicant's Request:	The applicant requests approval for a capital project involving renovations and an addition of space to the Olympia Cottage building that is on the Hillside Children's Center Crestwood Campus. This building is a part of the Residential Treatment Facility program and has nine (9) single bedrooms in a one-story building. The current building is approximately 4,430 square feet and will expand by 930 square feet at the completion of the project. This is the second phase of a three-phase project that will also include the completion of courtyard enhancements between the nearby newly built Jenkins Cottage (recently approved via CPAR 253) and Olympia Cottage. Hillside's plans include an area that will offer residents access to a centralized gathering and play area, surrounded by thoughtfully designed natural landscaping to create a calm, welcoming, and restorative outdoor environment.		
Hillside Children's Center is a not-for-profit organization that provides community-based services, education, and residential treatment to youth and families who have experienced trauma. The organization has been in existence since 1837, when it began serving the needs of vulnerable children. They currently operate ten (10) OMH-licensed programs that include Day Treatment, Children and Youth Assertive Community Treatment, and Residential Treatment Facility programs. Crestwood Campus is a Residential Treatment Facility that serves eighteen children and youth, ages five to fourteen. The program has been licensed by OMH since 2014 and currently serves individuals in two residential cottages which each house nine (9) youth.			
The current residential cottages, built in 1960, were in need of substantial renovations to provide an improved living and therapeutic environment for the children and youth served. Hillside Children's Center applied for and received funding through a Department of Health Transformation Grant. The applicant used this funding opportunity to implement a three-phase plan to build a new cottage (Jenkins Cottage) and renovate the two existing cottages.			

Upon completion of phase one, residents of Olympia Cottage were moved to the newly built Jenkins Cottage, allowing for the next phase of the renovations to occur. This CPAR application represents phase two for the renovations and construction of an addition to Olympia Cottage that will ultimately house the remaining youth of the OMH-licensed programs, currently residing in Valhalla Cottage.

The construction and renovations will not have any impact on the overall bed capacity of the RTF campus, and the phased renovation plan will prevent any disruption in services to youth served.

Phase three of the project will include renovations to the Valhalla Cottage which will ultimately house an Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) program and will no longer be part of the OMH-licensed footprint upon final approval of this current CPAR application and relocation of the youth to Olympia Cottage.

Character and Competence

Applicant operates programs licensed by OMH		☒ Yes	☐ No
Indicate the number of licensed programs	6 Outpatient	4 Inpatient	0 Residential
The applicant is in compliance with OMH regulations		☒ Yes	☐ No

The total cost of the RTF capital project is \$7,020,638 and was funded through a \$3,000,000 Department of Health Transformation Grant, \$2,020,638 in agency funds, and \$2,000,000 in donations.

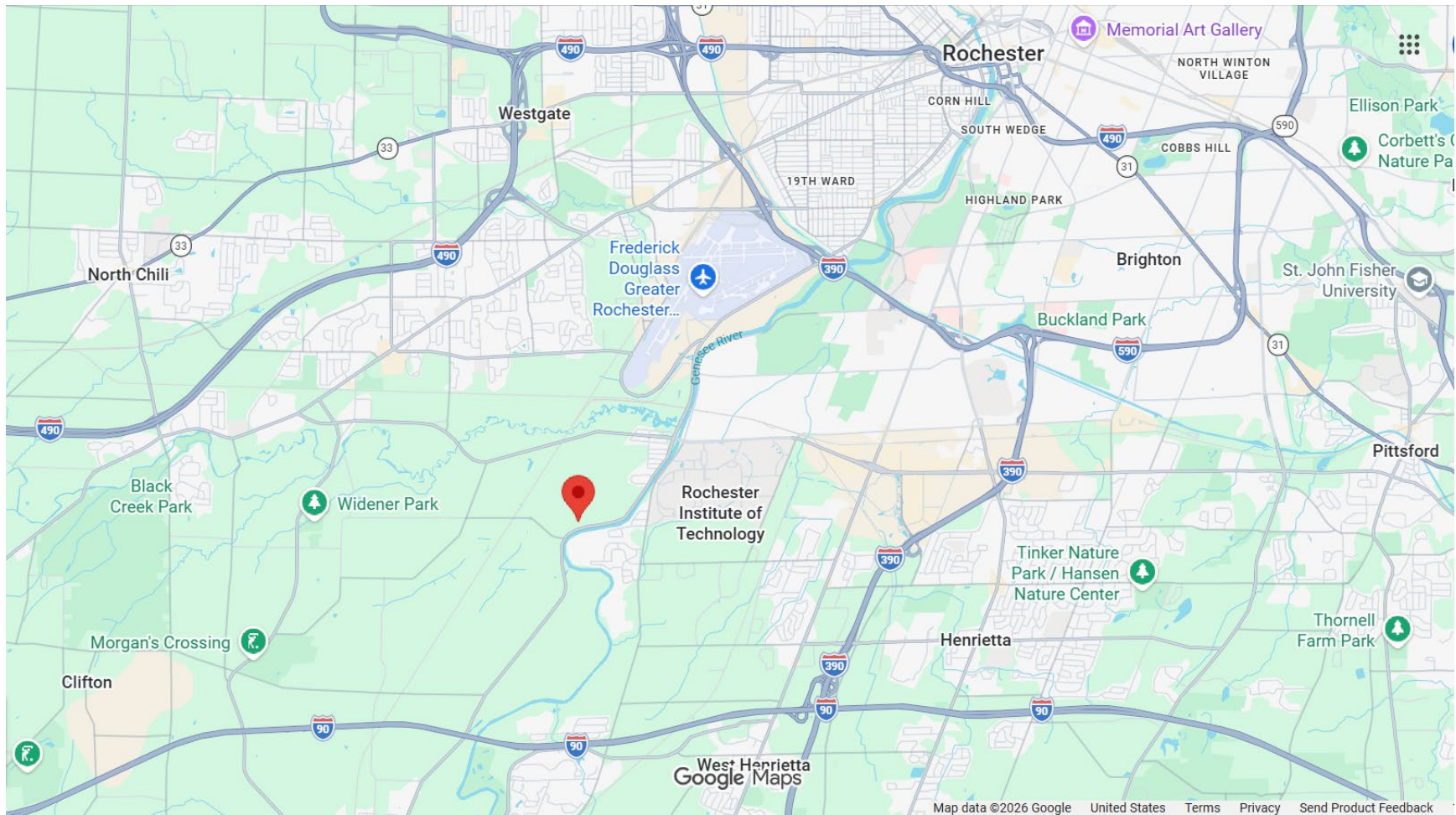
The OMH Western New York Fiscal Unit recommended approval of the proposed project budget based on a review of the applicant's recent financials and determination that they appear to be fiscally viable.

Reviewer Recommendations

Reviewer	Recommendation
County - Monroe:	Approve
Office of Mental Health:	Approve with Conditions

Conditions of Approval:

1. Satisfactory completion of items identified during the architectural review.
2. Submission and satisfactory review of all hardware and furniture that will be used for Olympia Cottage.
3. Submission of the Architectural Letter of Substantial Completion.
4. Submission of a valid Certificate of Occupancy.
5. Satisfactory completion of a pre occupancy site visit by the Western New York Field Office.



Hillside Children's Center

CPAR #263

2075 Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY 14623-2021

BHSAC – Project Summary Form

Review Date:	9/23/2026	Agency:	Amae Health New York, Inc.
Project #:	CPAR 216	Project Type:	Establish a new program
Provider:	Amae Health New York, Inc.		
Business Type:	Not-For-Profit Corporation		
Program Type:	Clinic Treatment Program		
Address:	207 E. 94 th Street Suite 300 New York, NY 10128-3705		
Counties to be served:	New York		
Population to be served:	☐ Children	☐ Adolescents	☒ Adults
Proposed Effective Date:	January 4, 2027		
Applicant's Request:	Amae Health New York, Inc. seeks to establish a Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Services (MHOTRS) program serving adults.		

Background

Amae Health New York, Inc. is a New York Not-For-Profit organization established in January 2025 that is seeking to establish an OMH-licensed Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Services (MHOTRS) program serving adults.

The proposed target area of the program is Manhattan Community District 8 (CD8), including the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island. Amae Health New York, Inc. supplements this core catchment area with adjacent districts, including Community District 6 and Community District 11, reflecting their intention to provide services to adults throughout the broader East Side corridor.

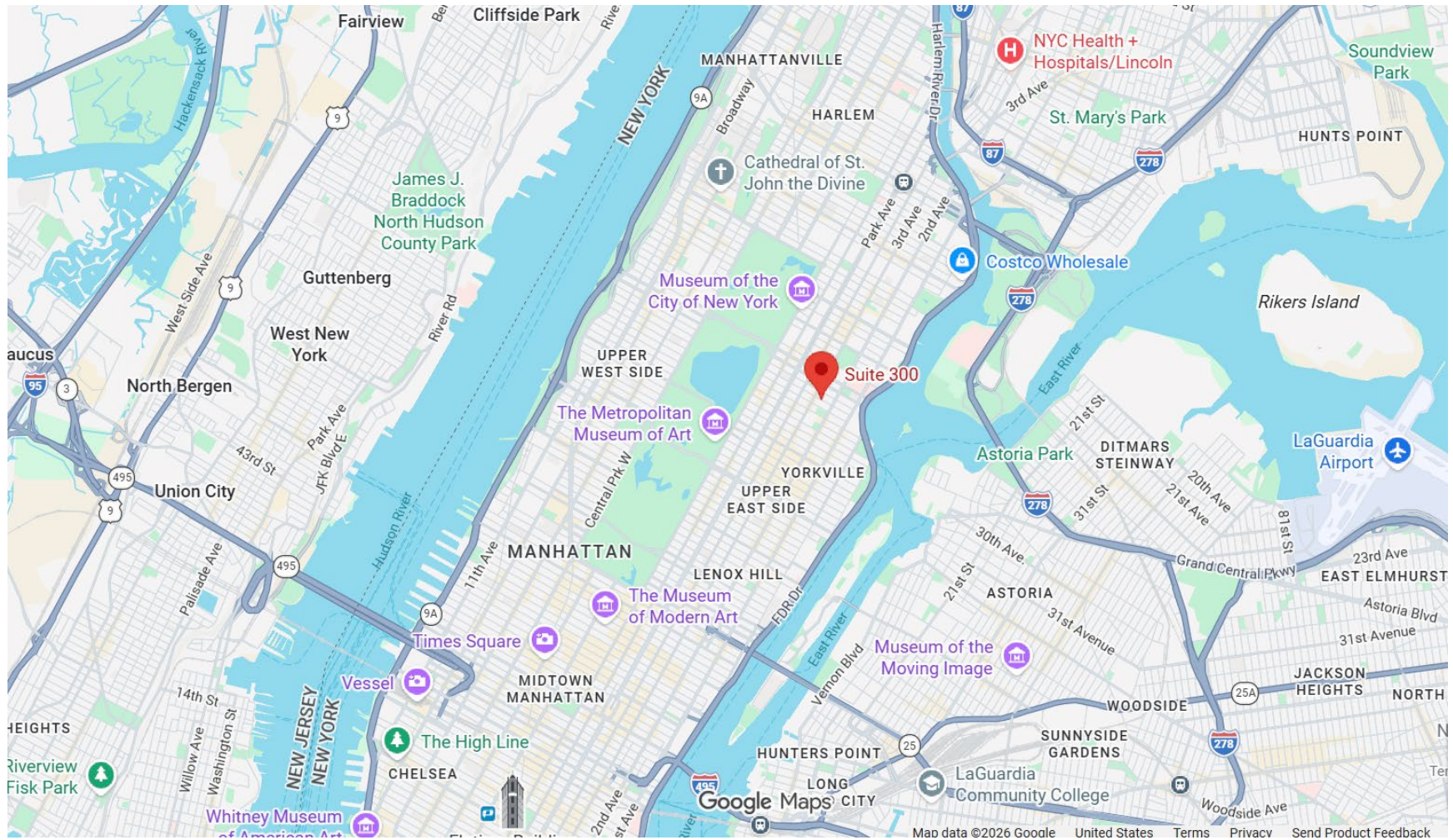
The proposed Article 31 program will operate Mondays and Fridays from 9AM-5PM and Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9AM-7PM. The program intends to serve individuals ages 18 and above. The projected annual census is 150 individuals. Telehealth services will be offered to individuals determined to be appropriate for the service modality.

Amae Health New York, Inc. intends to offer Intensive Outpatient (IOP) services at the proposed MHOTRS program from inception. Per Amae's CPAR application, the agency's core mission is to "deliver intensive, evidence-based, and community-integrated mental health treatment to individuals with serious mental illness who are at heightened risk of destabilization following discharge from inpatient psychiatric care." Amae Health New York reports partnering with New York-Presbyterian and other Manhattan-based hospitals to implement a coordinated referral and discharge planning protocol.

While the program intends to provide IOP services and specialize in post-hospitalization behavioral health treatment as a "step-down" from higher levels of care, the program will be available to all adults eligible and appropriate for MHOTRS services. At full implementation, the program anticipates that 60 percent of enrolled individuals will be served at the IOP level of care at admission.

Need		
Within their application, Amae Health New York, Inc. indicates that there is a significant service gap within the proposed program's catchment area for "intensive, community-based outpatient services to support high-acuity individuals during the critical transition from inpatient psychiatric care to sustained recovery in the community." Amae references elevated psychiatric inpatient censuses, protracted lengths of stay, discharge delays, and rates of re-hospitalizations. Per the Uniform Reporting System (URS) Mental Health Data Results (SAMHSA), the 30-day psychiatric readmission rate was 13.4% as of 2023. Amae proposes to offer an IOP level of care to engage individuals following hospital discharge and thus support the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Local Services Plan's goals to serve "New Yorkers in mental health crisis through a health-led response." Amae's application references the Local Services Plan's call for a "comprehensive response system that is trauma-informed, meets the appropriate level of need, and is easy to navigate and access." Amae's intent is to reduce the rehospitalization rate within the service area via their targeted intensive outpatient services. While the proposed program intends to target individuals in transition from inpatient care with IOP services, Amae will provide MHOTRS services to any individual appropriate for outpatient care. Amae intends to also emphasize outreach and engagement of East Harlem's predominantly Black and Latinx population, including by hiring culturally and linguistically competent staff. As part of Amae's assessment of community need, Amae conducted outreach to existing OMH-licensed programs within the proposed service areas. The information obtained identified limitations in access to outpatient mental health services, including limited availability for new patients and waitlists for individual therapy and medication management services.		
Character and Competence		
Applicant operates programs licensed by OMH	☐ Yes	☒ No
Clinical Staff Titles	Credentials	FTE
Clinic Director	LCSW, LMFT, LMHC, PsyD, or PhD	1.0
Medical Director/Psychiatrist	MD or DO	1.0
Psychiatrists	MD or DO	1.5
Clinical Supervisors	LCSW, LMHC, LMFT, PhD, or PsyD	2.0
Clinicians	LCSW, LMFT, LMHC, PsyD, or PhD	8.0
Certified Peer Specialist	CPS	6.5
Total FTEs:		20.00
Clinic		
Units of Service: 104,453	Annual Caseload: 150	

Clinical Staff/Caseload Ratio: 1:19			
Fiscal Information			
First Full Year of Anticipated Program Revenue		First Full Year of Anticipated Program Expenses	
Medicaid:	3,307,593	Staff Salaries:	2,242,000
Medicare:	0	Fringe Benefits:	448,400
Commercial Insurance:	850,505	Administrative Costs (Management Services):	1,006,480
Grants:	0	Rent/Mortgage:	336,000
Other: (Self-Pay) Specify:	70,875	OTPS:	85,000
Total Revenue:	\$ 4,228,973.00	Total Expenses:	\$ 4,117,880.00
Surplus/Deficit:		111,093	
Fiscal Comments: A Management Services Agreement with Amae Health, Inc., a for-profit business corporation, is projected as a \$1,006,480 annual expense and includes repayment of all expenses covered by the Management Services Organization (MSO) on behalf of Amae Health New York, plus 15%. This expense replaces agency overhead on the budget and includes contracted administrative staff (including administrative assistants, billing specialist, and quality assurance staff).			
Amae Health New York, Inc. intends to draw down \$400,000 of a loan from their MSO through Year 1 to cover anticipated start-up and programmatic costs while the program is becoming established. Amae Health New York, Inc. will have a loan repayment beginning in Year 2 and anticipated through Year 6. The loan repayment will be an annual expense of \$110,200. The proposed program will have an anticipated surplus of \$893 from Years 2-6.			
Reviewer Recommendations			
Reviewer		Recommendation	
County – New York (NYC DOHMH):		Approve with Conditions	
Office of Mental Health:		Approve with Conditions	
Conditions of Approval:			
1. Amend the Certificate of Incorporation of Amae Health New York, Inc. to include the following language: “To operate programs for the mentally disabled pursuant to Article 31 of the Mental Hygiene Law and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, as each may be amended from time to time, which shall require as a condition precedent before engaging in the conduct of such services, an Operating Certificate from the New York State Office of Mental Health and the corporation may not establish any such facility or program without first obtaining such Operating Certificate.”			
2. Work with OMH’s Pre-Employment Check (PEC) Specialist to complete all necessary requirements.			
3. Satisfactory completion of a pre occupancy site visit by the New York City Field Office.			



Amae Health New York, Inc.

CPAR #216

207 E. 94th Street Suite 300 New York, NY 10128-3705

BHSAC – Project Summary Form			
Review Date:	9/23/2026	Agency:	NYSARC, Inc. d/b/a AHRC New York City
Project #:	CPAR 226	Project Type:	Establish a new program
Provider:	NYSARC, Inc. d/b/a AHRC New York City		
Business Type:	Not-For-Profit Corporation		
Program Type:	Clinic Treatment Program		
Address:	2488 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10458-3114		
Counties to be served:	Bronx		
Population to be served:	☒ Children	☒ Adolescents	☒ Adults
Proposed Effective Date:	1/4/2027		
Applicant's Request:	NYSARC, Inc. d/b/a AHRC New York City seeks to establish a Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Services (MHOTRS) program serving children, adolescents, and adults.		
Background			
NYSARC, Inc. is a Type B New York Not-For-Profit organization, and AHRC New York City is a recognized assumed name for the chapter of NYSARC, Inc. operating in New York City. While AHRC New York City is a chapter of NYSARC, Inc., it operates largely independently within the broader framework established by NYSARC, Inc.'s governing documents. AHRC New York City, as a d/b/a, maintains its own Board governance, management and program operations structure, financial systems, and tax identification for operational and reporting purposes. AHRC requests to operate a new MHOTRS program. AHRC New York City (hereafter AHRC) currently supports more than 15,000 individuals annually through an array of licensed services, including OPWDD-certified residential programs, day and employment services, Article 16 clinics, education and transition supports, and targeted care coordination. AHRC is seeking OMH-licensure in order to provide accessible, developmentally competent mental health care to individuals, with a specialization in serving individuals with I/DD or cognitive vulnerabilities. The target area of the program includes Bronx Community District 5 (including Fordha, Mount Hope, University Heights, and Morris Heights). The proposed Article 31 program would operate Mondays and Wednesdays from 9AM-6PM, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9AM-8PM, Fridays from 8AM-5PM, and Saturdays from 9AM-2PM. The program will offer a comprehensive range of services, including individual and group psychotherapy, crisis intervention, assessment including health screening, complex care management, psychiatric assessment, and medication management. Each patient will receive a personalized treatment plan based on a thorough assessment of their mental health needs. The projected annual census is 400			

individuals ranging from age 5 through adulthood. Telehealth services will be available for individuals determined to be appropriate for the modality.

Need

AHRC identifies that there is a significant need in the targeted service area for mental health services with a specific focus on treatment for individuals with a co-occurring diagnosis(es) of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and/or cognitive impairments, indicating that this population, in particular, is underserved in traditional outpatient mental health settings due to frequent presentations with complex behavioral health profiles, limited verbal or cognitive capacity, high rates of trauma exposure, and/or fragmented service histories. While the program will serve all individuals with identified mental health needs (not only those with co-occurring I/DD), the proposed cross-trained clinical team would aim to provide an integrated care environment where individuals with dual MH and I/DD diagnoses can receive effective, compassionate, and continuous treatment.

As of 2015, the New York State Department of Health estimated that 1.5%-2.5% of the general population has an intellectual or developmental disability. The prevalence of co-occurring psychiatric disorders is documented in studies indicating that 21% to 34% of adults with I/DD experience a Designated Mental Illness (DMI). Based on this data, AHRC estimates there may be approximately 12,500 individuals in the Bronx alone that experience both I/DD and a DMI.

In preparing their application to establish a MHOTRS program, AHRC noted that, as of February 2025, only two (2) OMH-Certified MHOTRS locations across NYC's five boroughs are designated as "MI/MR" capable, and none are located within the Bronx. While there are forty-two (42) established MHOTRS programs in the Bronx, these programs do not offer specialized care for co-occurring I/DD.

In June and July of 2026, AHRC contacted outpatient MH programs located within or serving their proposed catchment area to determine the earliest clinically useable appointment. Their aggregate data indicated that multiple programs had a 3-month or greater waitlist for general outpatient services, with 6-8 month waits for psychiatric evaluation, medication-related services, or specialized treatment.

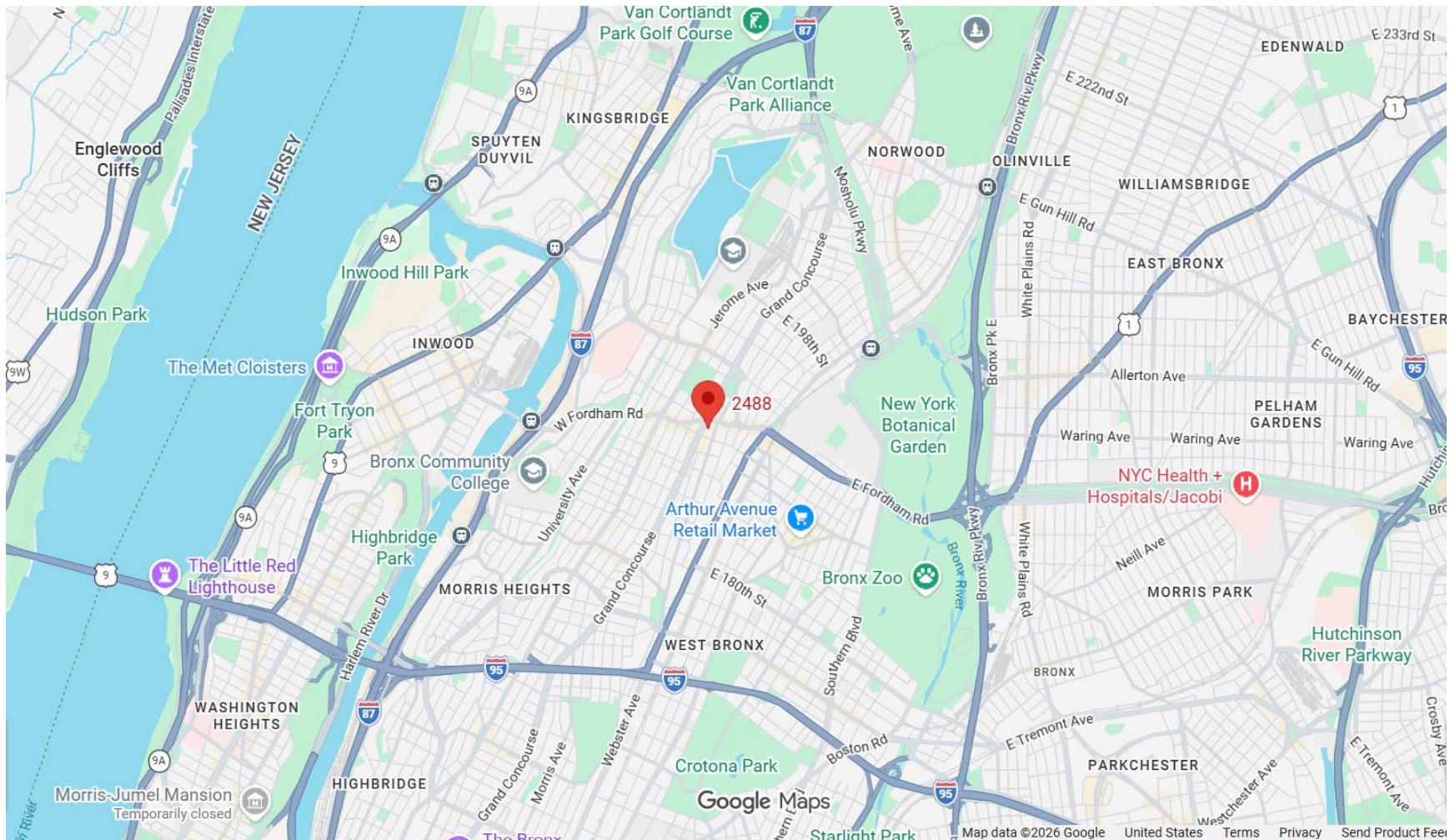
While AHRC is able to provide I/DD-focused habilitative and clinical services through their Article 16 clinic, they have identified a need for services for individuals with an independently diagnosable mental health condition requiring an Article 31 level of care. Additionally, some individuals with I/DD or suspected developmental disabilities are not eligible for OPWDD services (or have not yet established their eligibility).

Character and Competence

Applicant operates programs licensed by OMH	☐ Yes	☒ No
The applicant is in compliance with other Government agencies (OPWDD)	☒ Yes	☐ No

Staffing

Clinical Staff Titles		Credentials		FTE
Clinical Director		LCSW, LMHC, PsyD, or PhD		1.0
Clinical Supervisor		LCSW or LMHC		2.0
Clinician (Social Worker)		LCSW, LMSW, or LMHC		9.0
Psychiatrist (Medical Director)		MD (Board Certified Psychiatrist)		0.2
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner		PMHNP		0.7
Peer Specialist		CPS		1.0
Total FTEs:				13.9
Clinic				
Units of Service: 18,797		Annual Caseload: 400		
Clinical Staff/Caseload Ratio:1:36				
First Full Year of Anticipated Program Revenue		First Full Year of Anticipated Program Expenses		
Medicaid:	2,177,430	Staff Salaries:	1,275,000	
Medicare:	0	Fringe Benefits:	446,250	
Commercial Insurance:	217,736	Administrative Costs:	288,529	
Grants:	0	Rent/Mortgage:	48,238	
Other:		OTPS:	202,278	
Specify:	0			
Total Revenue:	\$ 2,395,166.00	Total Expenses:	\$ 2,260,295.00	
Surplus/Deficit:		134,871		
Reviewer		Recommendation		
County – Bronx (DOHMH):		Approve with Conditions		
Office of Mental Health:		Approve with Conditions		
Reviewer's Comments and Conditions:				
1. Amend the Certificate of Incorporation of NYSARC, Inc. to include required OMH language. 2. Submission of a valid Certificate of Occupancy. 3. _____ ork City 4. Work with OMH's Pre Employment Check (PEC) Specialist to complete all necessary requirements.				



NYSARC, Inc. d/b/a AHRC New York City

CPAR #226

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BHSAC – Project Summary Form			
Review Date:	9/23/2026	Agency:	Collective Clinic LLC
Project #:	CPAR 172	Project Type:	Establish a new program
Provider:	Collective Clinic LLC		
Business Type:	Limited Liability Company		
Program Type:	Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Services (MHOTRS)		
Address:	111 East Merrick Road, Valley Stream, NY 11580		
Counties to be served:	Nassau		
Population to be served:	☒ Children	☒ Adolescents	☒ Adults
Proposed Effective Date:	4/1/2027		
Applicant's Request:	Establish a Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Services (MHOTRS) program serving children, adolescents and adults.		
Background			
Collective Clinic LLC is a limited liability company headquartered in Brooklyn, New York. Collective Clinic has operated a community service program providing outreach and support to families of individuals with mental illness in Brooklyn and Long Island since 2022. Its outreach to the Orthodox Jewish community has included education about mental illness and assistance connecting individuals and families with culturally competent mental health treatment and resources across the continuum of care. The program established an LLC in March 2024. Since its inception, Collective Clinic, LLC has worked cooperatively with Hatzalah Emergency Services, in Brooklyn, NY, to respond to individuals experiencing mental health crises. These efforts are intended to facilitate timely access to community-based treatment and rehabilitative services and, when clinically appropriate, reduce unnecessary emergency department (ED) visits and inpatient hospitalizations. Collective Clinic LLC seeks to establish an Article 31 Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Services (MHOTRS) program serving children, adolescents and adults residing in Valley Stream and throughout Nassau County. The applicant indicates that the proposed program would enhance the existing continuum of care in Nassau County by providing culturally responsive services to the Jewish community, as well as African American and Hispanic communities within the proposed service area. Collective Clinic will employ clinicians with the ability to communicate with clients in Yiddish, Hebrew, Spanish and Creole and will have access to a language line to provide interpreter services to clients in additional languages. Collective Clinic LLC plans to admit patients regardless of their ability to pay and will use a sliding scale fee for those individuals without health insurance and will be based upon ability to pay. Collective Clinic LLC is managed by four members: Mutty Solomon (25%), Sheya Landa (45%), Avigdor Mendkowitz (15%) and Israel Weinstock (15%). Abraham			

Solomon, Avi Mendlowitz and Israel Weinstock have many years of human-services related professional and volunteer experience in Brooklyn, Queens and Nassau County. In 2022, Sheya Landa and his family reached out to them during a mental health crisis. They were able to connect him to culturally competent mental health resources, although not in Nassau County, where there were less than 20 MHOTRS Programs in an area with a population of 1,395,774 (US Census 2020). This experience laid the foundation for these four individuals partnering to seek OMH-licensure to operate a MHOTRS Program in Valley Stream, NY, in Nassau County.

Mr. Solomon, LMHC-D, LPC, has been licensed as a Mental Health Counselor in New York State since 2014 and as a Professional Counselor (Marriage and Family Therapy) in the state of New Jersey since 2018. He has experience providing clinical services in both Article 31 and private practice settings and brings over seven years of leadership experience at an OMH-licensed MHOTRS program to the Collective Clinic management team. Mr. Mendlowitz, MSW, also brings administrative oversight experience in an OMH-licensed MHOTRS program and has served as the Chief of Psychiatric First Responders for an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) organization since 1998. Mr. Weinstock brings business experience, along with volunteer experience as a patient liaison at Manhattan and Kingsboro Psychiatric Centers. Mr. Landa's lived experience led him to be the driving force for establishing this program to assist in improving culturally competent mental health treatment and advocacy for mental health services for the Orthodox Jewish Community, specifically in Nassau County. As such, Collective Clinic LLC plans to utilize peer support services to enhance meaningful service engagement, advocacy and self-empowerment.

Need

Collective Clinic plans to bring much-needed mental health resources to the growing Orthodox Jewish population, including individuals who may be experiencing barriers to mental health. Prior to formally establishing as an LLC, Collective Clinic reports having worked in collaboration with Zucker Hillside Hospital beginning in 2022 to assist with identifying and facilitating referrals to outpatient mental health resources for people being discharged from inpatient mental health treatment. During this time, they report having identified approximately 825 individuals from Nassau County per year in need of MHOTRS services with which they experienced great difficulty linking to culturally competent services.

In addition, during 2023, Collective Clinic reports having received approximately 2,050 phone calls, e-mails or in-person inquiries seeking guidance, referrals and a helping hand to navigate the mental health system, including people experiencing an acute episode of mental illness. Approximately 53% of these inquiries were from people with family members with a serious mental illness (Schizophrenia, Bipolar Disorder or Major Depressive Disorder).

The establishment of the Collective Clinic MHOTRS Program would provide local access to residents of Nassau County, who are poor and in need of mental health services, and who currently travel outside their neighborhood to receive services, or who are not currently receiving any services. The MHOTRS program would also reduce the use of Emergency Department care and inpatient care for mentally ill individuals from Nassau County, who would be able to receive ongoing MHOTRS services.

The 2018-2020 suicide mortality rate of 6.9 per 100,000 among Nassau County youth, aged 15 to 19 years, has risen as compared to 2015-2017 when it was 5.2 per 100,000. This rate is also higher than the NYS rate of 6.2 per 100,000 for the 2018-2020 period. Additionally, the aftermath of the COVID-19 Pandemic has resulted in multiple stressors on the population of Nassau County, including job losses, inability to pay rent/mortgages, food insecurity, interruption to school attendance, pressure on childcare arrangements, isolation from family and friends, as well as the loss of family members and friends. For these reasons and others, anxiety and depression have increased among Nassau County residents.

The 2022-2024 Northwell Health Community Health Needs Assessment reported that focus group participants identified existing community resources as inadequate to meet mental health needs, including insufficient mental health resources for youth and other vulnerable populations.

Character and Competence

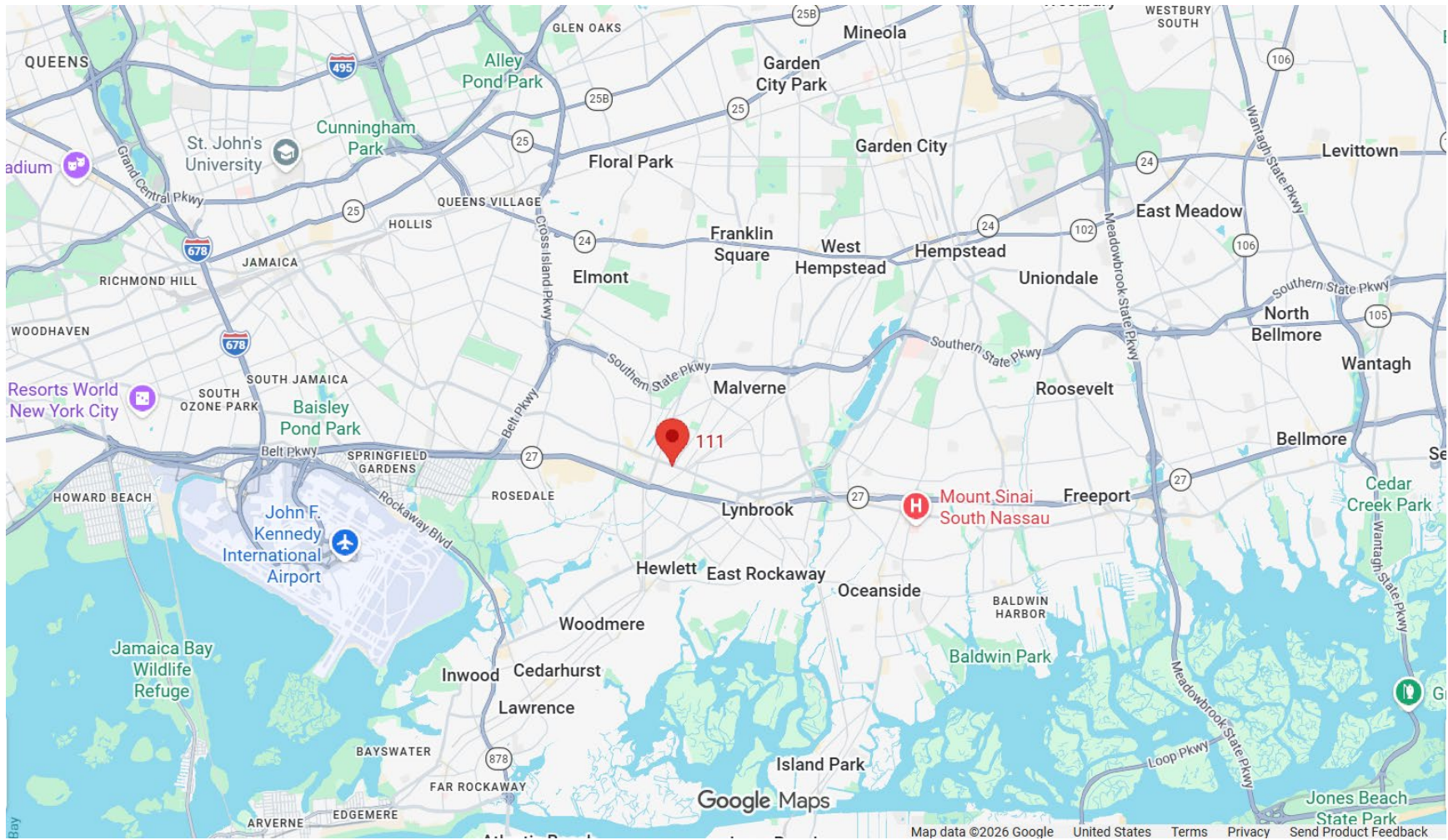
Applicant operates programs licensed by OMH	☐ Yes	☒ No
Applicant operates programs licensed/certified by other Government agencies	☐ Yes	☒ No

Staff Titles	Credentials	FTE
Program Director	LCSW, PhD	1
Medical Director	MD, PSYCH	0.25
Nurse Practitioners	NPP	1.8
Therapists	LCSW, PhD	9.4
Peer Advocates		1
Reception/Clerical		3
Total FTEs:		16.45

Units of Service: 15,000	Annual Caseload: 400-500
Clinical Staff/Caseload Ratio 1:35 (Therapist); 1:140 (Prescriber)	

First Full Year of Anticipated Program Revenue	First Full Year of Anticipated Program Expenses
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Medicaid:	1,114,340.37	Staff Salaries:	1,148,600.00
Medicare:	162,198.00	Fringe Benefits:	134,235.00
Commercial Insurance:	697,104.00	Administrative Costs:	215,075.25
Grants:	---	Rent/Mortgage:	100,000.00
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Other: Specify: Patient Fees	20,000.00	OTPS: Utilities, Supplies, Housekeeping, travel	92,000.00
Total Revenue:	\$1,993,642.37	Total Expenses:	1,698,910.25
Surplus		\$294,732.12	
Reviewer Recommendations			
Reviewer		Recommendation	
County - Nassau:		Approve with Conditions	
Office of Mental Health:		Approve with Conditions	
Conditions of Approval: 1. Amend the Articles of Organization of Collective Clinic LLC to include the OMH required language. 2. Work with OMH’s Pre-Employment Check (PEC) Specialist to complete all necessary requirements. 3. Submission of a valid Certificate of Occupancy. 4. Completion of a satisfactory pre occupancy site visit with the NYS OMH Long Island Field Office.			



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