



Behavioral Health Services Advisory Council

OMH Project Review Agenda

December 10, 2025

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Rising Child Center, Inc.

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BHSAC – Project Summary Form			
Review Date:	12/10/2025	Agency:	Rising Child Center, Inc.
Project #:	MH-C-2913	Project Type:	Establish a new program
Project Description			
Provider:	Rising Child Center, Inc. (originally submitted under Legadel)		
Business Type:	Not-For-Profit Corporation		
Program Type:	Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS)/ Children's Mental Health and Rehabilitation Services (CMHRS)		
Address:	747 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 308, Spring Valley, New York 10977		
Counties to be served:	Rockland County		
Population to be served:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adolescents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults (Ages 18-21)
Proposed Effective Date:	11/1/2025		
Applicant's Request:	Rising Child Center, Inc. seeks to establish a CFTSS/CMHRS program to provide Other Licensed Practitioner, Community Psychiatric Supports and Treatment, Psychosocial Rehabilitation, Youth Peer Support and Family Peer Support services to youth in Rockland County.		
Background			
<p>Rising Child Center, Inc. is a newly incorporated not-for-profit organization that was recently developed by the incorporators of Legadel with the intent to request approval to become an OMH-licensed provider of Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS)/ Children's Mental Health and Rehabilitation Services (CMHRS). The Comprehensive PAR application was originally submitted under Legadel, an entity established under the Religious Corporation Law. During the application review process the agency established Rising Child Center, Inc., an entity structure that meets OMH eligibility requirements for licensure.</p> <p>Legadel is headquartered in Spring Valley, New York and has been providing mental health services under NYSED Waiver #1625 to youth and their family members facing emotional, behavioral, and psychological challenges in Rockland County since 2021. Their licensed clinicians offer interventions in non-traditional settings, addressing issues such as anxiety, depression, trauma, and behavioral disorders. Legadel utilizes evidence-based therapies like Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Trauma-Focused CBT, along with family therapy, psychoeducation, and case management.</p> <p>Under the organization of Rising Child Center, Inc., the incorporators, Yitzchok Birnhack, Yosef Lichter, LMSW, and Lipa Kaufman, are now looking to integrate additional mental health services with developmental and educational support, to a proposed capacity of 200 children, adolescents and young adults, birth to age 21, to foster emotional regulation and resilience. If approved, they propose to operate the CFTSS/CMHRS program out of its current facility located in Spring Valley, New York, although the proposed catchment area will go well beyond the village of Spring Valley and will be able to provide services throughout Rockland County. One of Rising Child Center, Inc.'s premier services will be the CFTSS program, with the majority of the CFTSS services being provided offsite, so that transportation is not a service barrier for the</p>			

youth and their families. However, Rising Child Center, Inc. will also offer services onsite as requested and/or needed by the individual or family member. For individuals who do not have access to transportation and request to meet onsite, Rising Child Center, Inc. will assist with obtaining transportation from Medicaid FFS and Medicaid Managed Care plans for transport for eligible clients.

Mr. Yitzhok Birnhack, President/CEO and Founder of Legadel, brings extensive experience in the mental health field. While serving as a Remedial Director, he coordinated services for multiple private schools simultaneously. His team worked in partnership with these schools to provide student services including academic, behavioral health and related services such as speech, language, and occupational therapy.

Additionally, Mr. Birnhack worked as a Community Liaison at Achieve Behavioral Health, a federally designated Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHC) in Rockland County for more than five (5) years. In this role, he was responsible for coordinating services across various schools, programs, and the broader community. He also assisted in recruiting highly trained staff, such as clinician supervisors, who aligned with each community's cultural needs. Mr. Birnhack contends that his prior experience in these roles has provided him with valuable insight into the need for promoting and integrating behavioral health services within community settings, such as schools, after school programs and supporting individuals and families with diverse needs.

Yosef Licher, LMSW, has diverse work experience in healthcare and mentoring roles. Mr. Licher began his career in 2017 as a Child and Youth Mentor at Sharei Orah, where he worked until 2021. In 2019, he joined Achieve Behavioral Health and held a position in Psychosocial Rehabilitation until 2021 and later transitioned to the role of Director of Care Management. Mr. Licher also worked at Comfort Health from 2020 to 2021, initially as a Care Manager and later as a Care Manager Supervisor.

Lipa Kaufman brings over 20 years of leadership and operational management experience to the Board of Rising Child Center. In his professional capacity, Mr. Kaufman manages customer service operations, delivery coordination, multi-site accounts, sales oversight, and full inventory management of a large vendor-related business. His work includes supervising staff teams, maintaining high-quality service across numerous locations, and ensuring efficient logistical and operational systems.

Mr. Kaufman is well known within his community as a strong advocate for children with special needs and for supporting families navigating educational and service-related challenges. His commitment to this work is further shaped by his own family's experience navigating mental health services, which has given him a deep appreciation for the importance of accessible, compassionate care. His compassion, community involvement, and dedication to helping others are central to his service on the Board. Mr. Kaufman's combination of operational expertise and deep personal commitment to children and families makes him a valued asset to Rising Child Center.

Their combined experience in coordinating multidisciplinary services aligns with Rising Child Center, Inc.'s stated commitment to deliver comprehensive, person-centered care to the children in the CFTSS/CMHRS program.

Need

According to 2023 U.S. Census data, Rockland County, NY, is home to a population of 340,807 people, 29.9% (approximately 101,901) of which are under the age of 18. In a national study conducted between 2016 and 2019, 21.8% of U.S. children, ages 3 to 17, were found to have one or more of the commonly assessed mental, emotional, and behavioral health conditions. Additional Rockland County-specific data cited by the applicant identified the 3-year average suicide mortality rate to be 4.1 per 100,000 among Rockland teens, aged 15-19, in 2016, a considerable increase over the rate of 2.8 per 100,000 among Rockland teens reported in 2013.

Despite the existence of several licensed behavioral health programs in Rockland County, four of which are currently approved to offer CFTSS/CMHRS, access to mental health providers has been identified as one of the top three concerns reported by survey participants according to the 2022-2024 Mid-Hudson Community Health Plan. Rising Child Center, Inc. proposes that their CFTSS/CMHRS program will play a vital role in filling a gap in the community due to their ability to provide Yiddish-speaking center-based program and off-sites services to approximately 200 children and adolescents, birth to age 21, and their families.

Currently there are over 26,133 Yiddish speaking children, ages 0-18, living in Rockland County and studies cited by the applicant estimate that approximately 5,696 Yiddish speaking children are in need of mental health services.

Rising Child Center, Inc.'s CFTSS program mission will be to implement preventative measures and enhance public awareness of behavioral health needs and community-wide resources for children, adolescents, and their families. Rising Child Center, Inc. expects that there will be enough referrals to support their proposed caseload. Leadership will monitor referrals and assess how many children can be accepted into their program while retaining a high-quality program. The program plans to advertise and conduct outreach to Rockland County residents by attending community meetings, faith-based functions, school events, health fairs, and regional provider meetings in the first six months of CFTSS program approval. Rising Child Center, Inc. will continue to promote services through pamphlets, word of mouth, workshops, newsletters, announcement boards, social media, and newspapers in the first year of CFTSS operation. In the first two years of CFTSS operation, Rising Child Center, Inc. will focus on building new partnerships with community providers and stakeholders.

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 (NYSED)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

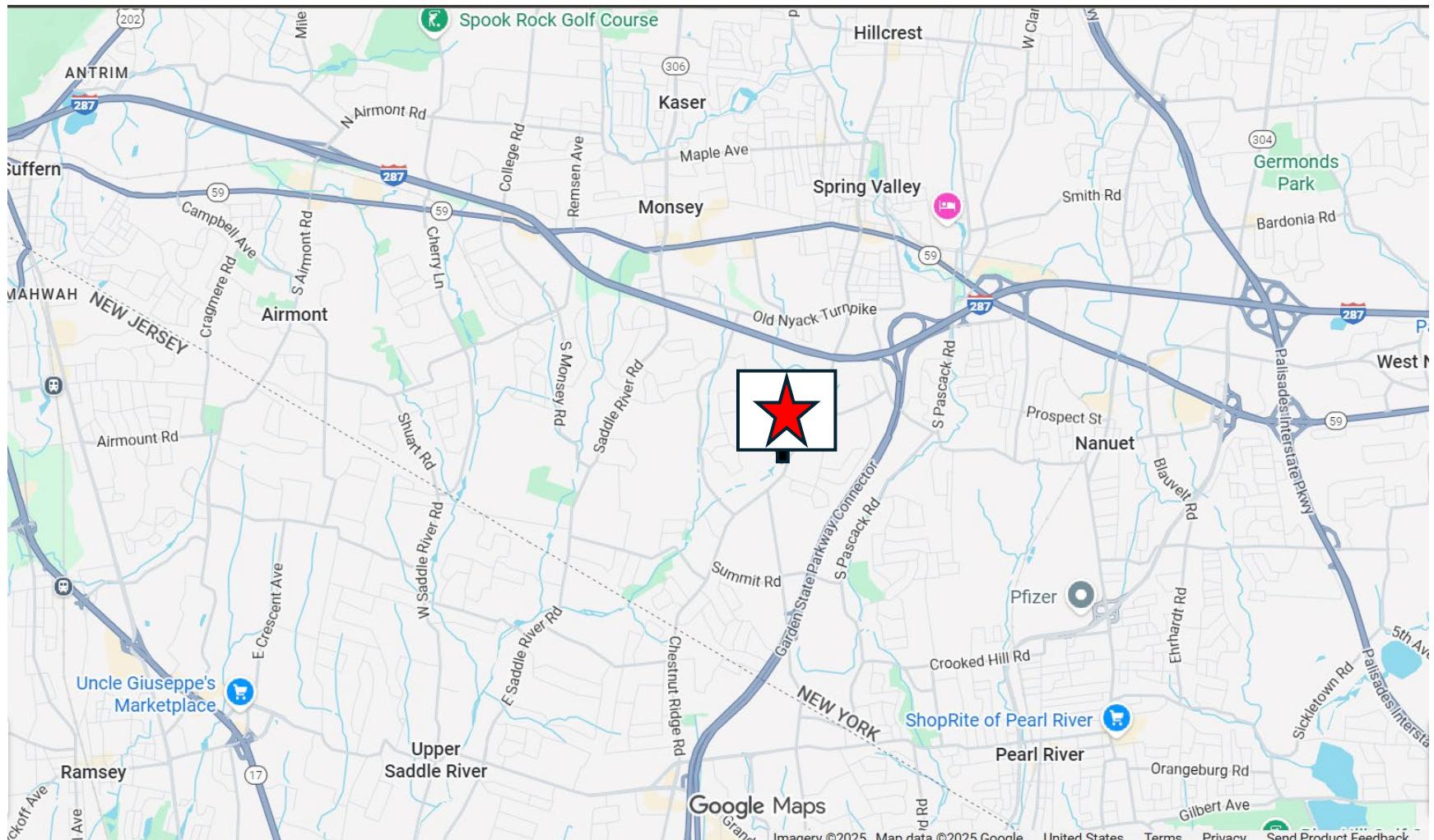
Staffing

Clinical Staff	Credentials	FTE
Psychologist, Clinical Director	LMSW	1.0
LCSW	LCSW	4.3

LMHC	LMHC	.6
LMSW/MSW	LMSW, MSW	2.0
Psychiatric Rehab Provider Unlicensed		5.5
Total FTEs:		13.4

Caseload			
CFTSS/CMHRS			
Annual Caseload: 200		Clinical Staff/Caseload Ratio: 1:27	
Fiscal Information			
First Full Year of Anticipated Program Revenue		First Full Year of Anticipated Program Expenses	
Medicaid:	1,760,310	Staff Salaries:	1,036,000
Medicare:	0	Fringe Benefits:	186,480
Commercial Insurance:	197,788	Administrative Costs:	327,381
Grants:	0	Rent/Mortgage:	50,400
Other: Specify: Patient Fees	19,779	OTPS including utilities, ins, travel, office supplies, housekeeping, equipment	223,606
Total Revenue:	\$1,977,877.00	Total Expenses:	\$1,823,867
Surplus		\$154,010.00	

Reviewer Recommendations	
Reviewer	Recommendation
County - Rockland County	Approve with Conditions
Office of Mental Health	Approve with Conditions
Reviewer's Comments and Conditions:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identification of at least one person who will be responsible to conduct Pre-Employment Checks. 2. Completion of a satisfactory pre-occupancy site visit with the OMH Hudson River Field Office. 	



Rising Child Center, Inc.

MH-C-2913

747 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 308, Spring Valley, New York 10977

BHSAC – Project Summary Form			
Review Date:	12/10/2025	Agency:	St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center dba Mount Sinai Morningside
Project #: CON #:	CPAR 184 251158	Project Type:	Capital Project/Increase in Capacity
Provider:	St. Luke's-Roosevelt CPEP Adult Satellite		
Business Type:	Not-For-Profit Corporation		
Program Type:	CPEP		
Address:	1000 10 th Avenue, New York, NY 10019-1147		
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:	4/30/2027		
Applicant's Request:	The applicant seeks approval to undertake a capital project to expand the space for their existing Satellite Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP) located on the ground floor of the West Building. They intend to increase the square footage from 970 to 3,622 feet, which will allow them to add clinical spaces and four (4) extended observation beds for a total capacity of five (5) beds to serve adults.		
Background			
<p>Mount Sinai West (MSW) is a part of the Mount Sinai Health System and serves the Upper Manhattan neighborhood in New York City. MSW was originally founded as the Roosevelt Hospital in 1871 and is currently a five hundred and fifteen (515) bed acute care hospital with a full range of medical specialties. It also offers a thirty-two (32) bed behavioral health unit that serves the adult population. The MSW emergency department on 59th Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues, serves more than 65,000 individuals per year. The CPEP at MSW, which currently offers one (1) extended observation bed (EOB), is a satellite of the main CPEP located at Mount Sinai Morningside in the Morningside Heights neighborhood.</p> <p>The renovation project will be completed in two (2) phases so that the CPEP can remain open and operational. The construction work will be separated from other existing areas of the hospital through the use of temporary doors and partitions, without compromising life safety, thereby limiting any disruption to the ongoing operations of the adjacent clinical areas.</p> <p>The first phase will renovate vacant space adjacent to the current CPEP, leaving the current CPEP space open during Phase 1 of the renovation. The vacant space adjacent to the current CPEP was used for administrative functions (e.g., security office, administrative offices), which have been relocated to other spaces within the Hospital.</p> <p>When the Phase 1 work is completed, the CPEP and staff will move into the newly renovated Phase 1 space and the current CPEP space will be vacated and renovated as Phase 2.</p>			

The anticipated start date of the Phase 1 renovation is January 2, 2026, with an anticipated completion and fully operational target date of April 30, 2027, following both phases of the renovation.

Need

The proposed project is part of Mount Sinai's planned restructuring of CPEP services in Upper Manhattan across three (3) facilities (Mount Sinai West, Mount Sinai Morningside and Mount Sinai Hospital) to enhance and improve access to needed CPEP services for the residents of Manhattan. This proposal to expand MSW's CPEP is in keeping with Governor Hochul's transformation plan to expand access to mental health care and to ensure appropriate levels of care in the mental health care system.

The CPEP Satellite at MSW plays a major role in the mental health system in Manhattan, providing a high volume of assessments of patients presenting to MSW with acute episodes of mental illness. The applicant believes that the expanded footprint of the CPEP and additional clinical treatment space will allow them to better meet the needs of those seeking services and provide a more comfortable setting for assessment and treatment. MSW asserts that this proposed project will also preserve and enhance access to and use of crisis services and crisis stabilization options, including hospitalization and alternatives, for individuals experiencing an acute mental health episode in need of intensive and supportive care. As a member facility of Mount Sinai Health System, MSW can link patients to the full array of behavioral health services offered across the Health System, including partial hospitalization programs, Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) services offered throughout the MHOTRS programs within the Health System, and the soon-to-be opened intensive crisis residence service for adults, which will be located at the Mount Sinai-Behavioral Health Center in lower Manhattan and 45 Rivington Street.

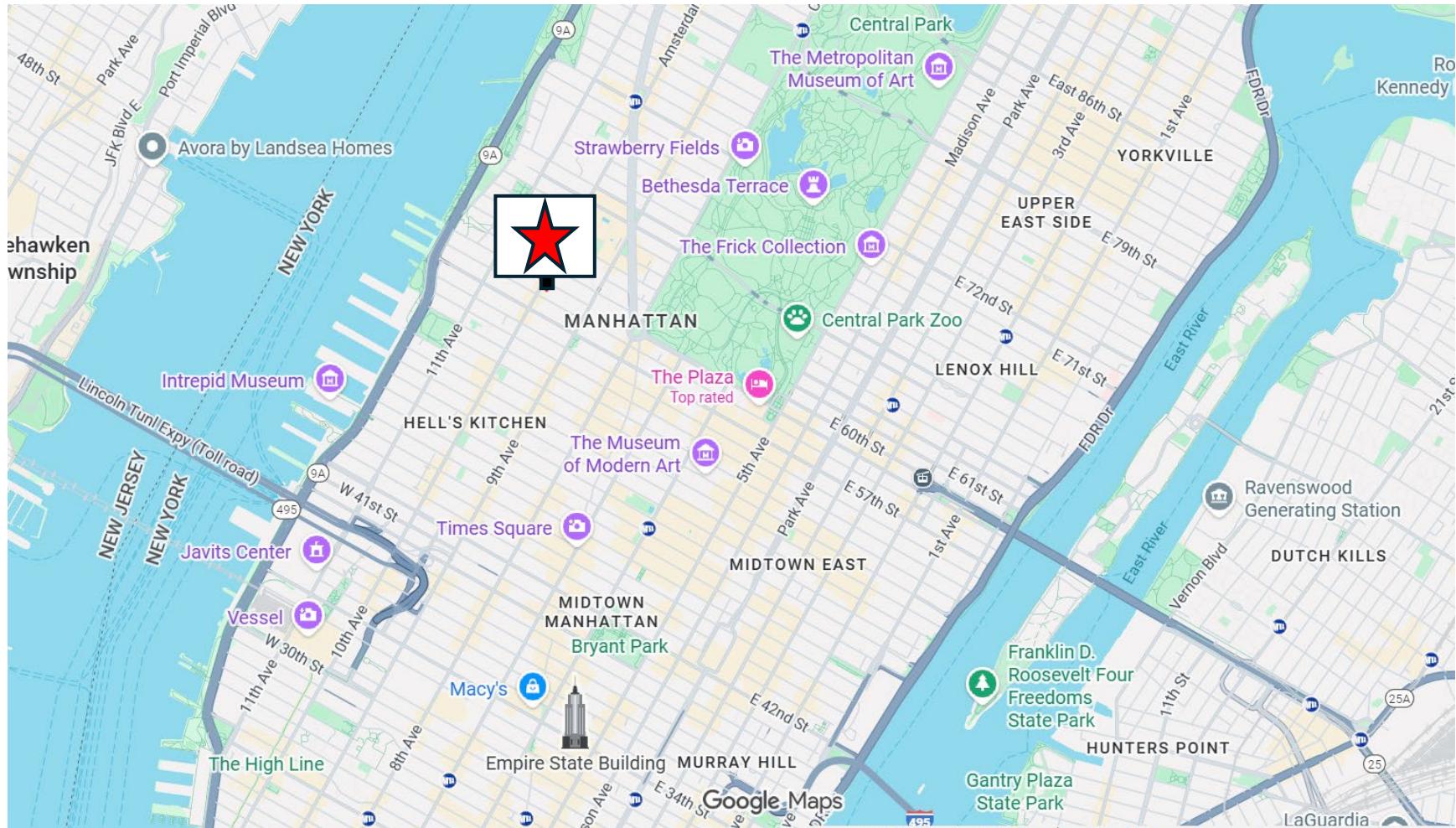
Character and Competence

Applicant operates programs licensed by OMH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Indicate the number of licensed programs	5 Outpatient	2 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 other Government agencies: DOH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Staffing

Staffing Impact:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Full Staffing FTE	Current FTE: 34.14	Proposed FTE: 46.84
New/Additional Clinical Staff FTE	Credentials	FTE
Program Manager	Master's in Healthcare Administration	0.20
Registered Nurse	RN, BSN	2.80
Patient Care Associate	Medical Assistant/Patient Care Technician	2.80

Social Worker	LMSW, LCSW	0.40
Social Work Assistant	BSW	0.60
Creative Arts Therapist	LCAT	0.60
Total Additional Clinical FTEs:		7.40
Capacity		
Extended Observation Beds		
Current Bed Capacity: 1	Proposed Bed Capacity: 5	% Change: 400
Fiscal Information		
First Full Year of Anticipated Program Revenue		First Full Year of Anticipated Program Expenses
Medicaid:	\$1,659,865	Staff Salaries: \$5,166,961
Medicare:	\$207,263	Fringe Benefits: \$1,889,041
Commercial Insurance:	\$665,961	Administrative Costs: \$157,433
Patient Fees:	\$7,370	Rent/Mortgage: \$0
Other: Deficit funding from Mount Sinai Health System	\$4,717,476	OTPS: \$44,500
Total Revenue:	\$7,257,935	Total Expenses: \$7,257,935
Surplus/Deficit:		\$0
Capital Renovations Funding Information:		
Project cost is estimated at \$7,975,090 and will be paid for by the applicant using accumulated funds.		
Reviewer Recommendations		
Reviewer		Recommendation
County - New York (NYC DOHMH):		Approve with Conditions
Office of Mental Health:		Approve with Conditions
Reviewer's Comments and Conditions:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a letter of substantial completion from the project architect upon completion of the project. 2. Provide documentation of project completion from the New York City Fire Department and Department of Buildings. 3. Satisfactory pre-occupancy site visit conducted by the New York City Field Office. 4. Approval from the NYS Department of Health of the corresponding Certificate of Need (CON) application. 		



St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center dba Mount Sinai Morningside

CPAR 184

1000 10th Avenue, New York, NY 10019-1147

BHSAC – Project Summary Form			
Review Date:	12/10/2025	Agency:	Columbia Memorial Hospital
Project #: CON #:	CPAR 197 251193	Project Type:	Capital Renovation Project and Capacity Increase of Inpatient Psychiatric Unit
Project Description			
Provider:	Columbia Memorial Hospital		
Business Type:	Not-For-Profit Corporation		
Program Type:	Inpatient		
Address:	71 Prospect Ave, 5 th Floor, Hudson, New York, 12534-2907		
Counties to be served:	Columbia County		
Population to be served:	<input type="checkbox"/> Children	<input type="checkbox"/> Adolescents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults
Proposed Effective Date:	10/1/2026		
Applicant's Request:	<p>Columbia Memorial Hospital (CMH) is proposing to expand their inpatient psychiatric program by 20 adult beds across two floors of the existing hospital. Approximately 4,420 square feet of space on the fifth floor will be renovated to accommodate the addition of six (6) single occupancy rooms and one (1) double occupancy room, for a total of eight (8) adult beds, to the existing unit. Renovations of the fifth floor will require the consolidation and relocation of outpatient mental health offices to another floor of the facility. The existing unit's social and dining area will be expanded to accommodate the increased number of patients, and additional consult rooms will be added. The existing nurse station will be expanded to allow direct staff visibility to the new expansion patient bedroom corridor and social areas, while maintaining a central staff core with access to existing medication room, staff lounge, staff toilet, and emergency equipment storage. Staff offices and conference room supporting the unit will be relocated within the space to accommodate the new layout.</p> <p>Approximately 8,260 square feet of a currently unused medical/surgical unit and a former obstetrics suite on the second floor will also be undergo a gut renovation to allow for the addition of six (6) single occupancy and three (3) double occupancy rooms, for a total of twelve (12) beds, dedicated to serve the geriatric psychiatric population. Patient therapeutic and social spaces will be added including group therapy rooms, consult rooms, sensory room, seclusion room, social and dining areas. The main social and dining areas will be positioned away from patient bedrooms to facilitate a quiet environment when needed in those rooms, although some of the social and therapeutic areas will be positioned closer to the main patient bedroom corridor, for ease of access by patients with limited mobility. Patient bedrooms will be designed to provide increased visibility into the bedrooms to enhance patient and staff safety.</p>		

	The renovations on both floors will include improved staff stations that provide a clearer line of sight to the new patient room corridors and milieu spaces. All construction is planned to occur simultaneously and has been estimated to be completed within a 6-month period. There will be no impact on the current inpatient bed capacity during the renovations.		
Background			
<p>Columbia Memorial Hospital (CMH) is a 192-bed acute care hospital located in Hudson, NY and is an affiliate of Albany Med Health System. In 2024, CMH received notification of a \$5 million award under the Capital for Expanding Inpatient Psychiatric Capacity for Adults, Children and Adolescents in Article 28s and Not for Profit Article 31s RFP issued by the NYS Office of Mental Health and are now requesting approval to proceed with the proposed project. Based on the 2022-24 Community Health Needs Assessment, Implementation Strategy, Community Health Improvement Plan, and Service Plan for Columbia and Greene Counties, there is a significant incidence of emergency department visits and hospitalizations due to mental health-related conditions for residents of both counties and the limiting factor to ensure timely access to services is inadequate inpatient bed capacity. CMH has operated at an occupancy rate of greater than 94% for the past five years, excluding years directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. As the only hospital in these counties, CMH provides care for over two-thirds of this vulnerable population.</p>			
Need			
<p>The need for this proposed increase of twenty (20) inpatient beds is evidenced by the number of patients held within an emergency department setting within the Albany Medical Health System. For example, in 2021-2023, an annual average of 648 mental health patients were held in the emergency department awaiting availability of an inpatient bed. The average time spent holding in the emergency department ranged from 9.2 to 12.7 hours. Annually, there were on average 280 mental health transfer requests from one referring center to another in the region. Other hospitals within the service area describe a similar patient experience. CMH frequently reaches its current inpatient capacity and between 2021 and 2023, transferred between 90 and 110 patients annually who required inpatient psychiatric care and could not be accommodated by the current capacity of 22 licensed beds. In addition to a growing general demand for inpatient adult psychiatry services, there is also a growing demand for services aimed at the aging population. Within CMH's core service area of Columbia and Greene Counties, the 65+ age cohort, which makes up a quarter of the population today, is forecasted to grow 10% over the next five years. In that same period, the demand for behavioral health services by this group is projected to grow by 27%.</p>			
Character and Competence			
<p>Applicant operates programs licensed by OMH</p>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Indicate the number of licensed programs	0 Outpatient	1 Inpatient	0 Residential
<p>The applicant is in substantial compliance with OMH regulations.</p>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

The applicant is in substantial compliance with other Government agencies: DOH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Staffing

Staffing Impact:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Staffing FTE	Current FTE: 42.5	Total Proposed FTE: 90.6

Additional Clinical Staff FTE	Credentials	FTE
Licensed Practitioners	MD, NP, PA	4.0
Nursing Supervisor	RN – Manager/Coordinator	1.0
Nursing	RN	15
Social Work/Discharge Coordinators	LMSW	4.2
Mental Health Aides/Associates		23.9
Total Additional FTEs for Inpatient Psychiatric Program Expansion:		48.1

Inpatient Psychiatric Bed Capacity

Current Bed Capacity: 22	Proposed Bed Capacity: 42	% Change: 91%
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Fiscal Information

First Full Year of Anticipated Program Revenue	First Full Year of Anticipated Program Expenses		
Medicaid:	\$3,173,081	Staff Salaries:	\$3,642,748
Medicare:	\$669,322	Fringe Benefits:	\$655,695
Commercial Insurance:	\$1,452,184	Administrative Costs:	\$451,208
Grants:	--	Mortgage:	--
Other:	--	OTPS:	\$213,636
Total Revenue:	\$5,294,587	Total Expenses:	\$4,963,287
Surplus:			\$331,300

Capital Renovations Funding Information:

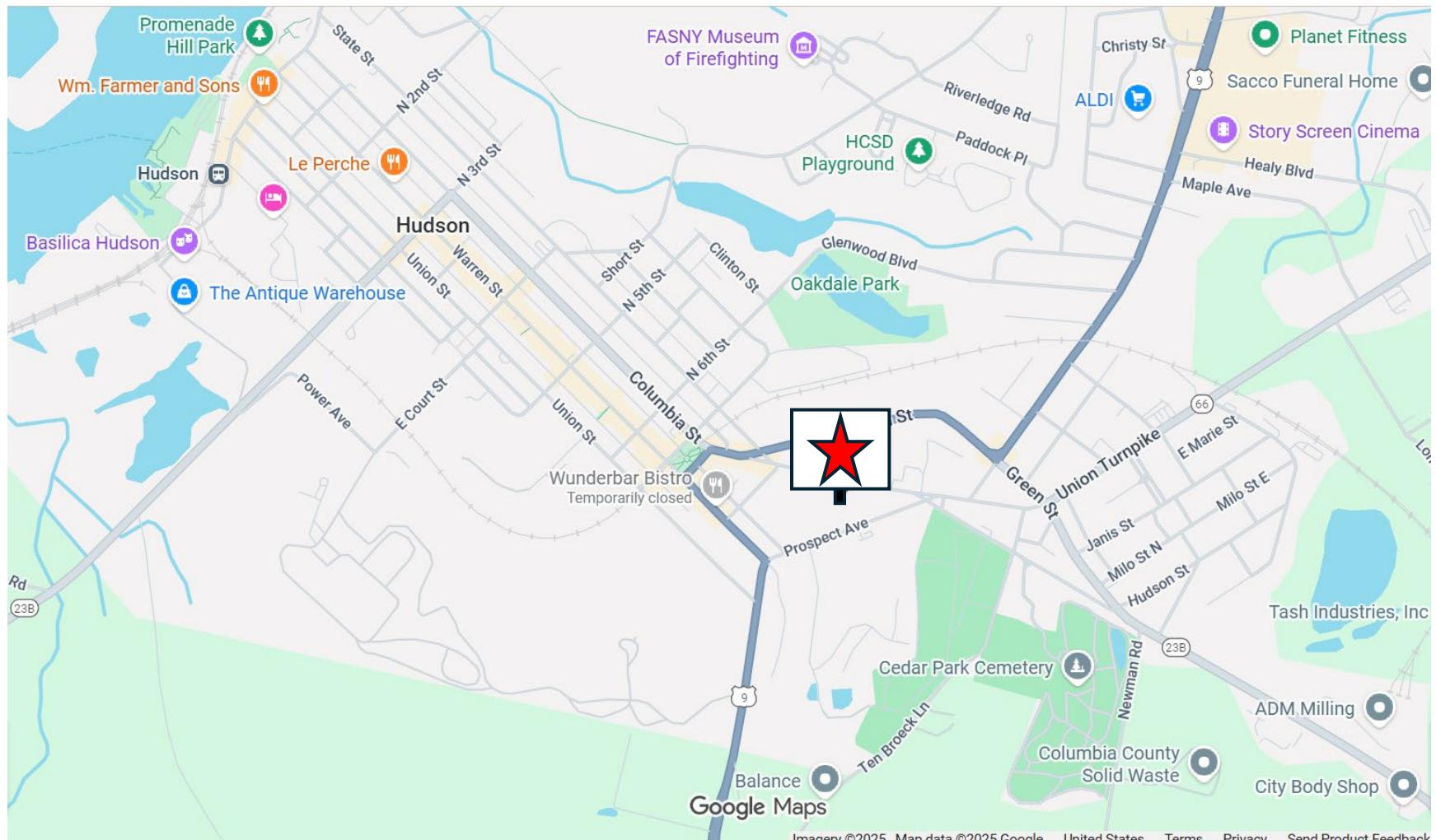
The total project cost of \$5,479,275 will be funded by a \$5 million dollar grant from the Office of Mental Health with the remaining \$479,275 to be paid by the applicant via accumulated funds.

Reviewer Recommendations

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

Reviewer's Comments and Conditions:

1. Satisfactory pre-occupancy site visit conducted by the OMH Hudson River Field Office.
2. Submission of the project architect's letter of substantial completion.
3. Approval from the NYS Department of Health of the corresponding Certificate of Need application.



Columbia Memorial Hospital

CPAR 197

71 Prospect Ave, 5th Floor, Hudson, New York, 12534-2907

BHSAC – Project Summary Form			
Review Date:	12/10/2025	Agency:	St. Barnabas Hospital
Project #: CON #:	CPAR 213 251281	Project Type:	Capital Renovation Project and Capacity Increase of Inpatient Psychiatric Unit
Project Description			
Provider:	St. Barnabas Hospital		
Business Type:	Not-For-Profit Corporation		
Program Type:	Inpatient Psychiatric Unit of a General Hospital		
Address:	4422 Third Avenue, Bronx, NY 10457		
Counties to be served:	Bronx		
Population to be served:	<input type="checkbox"/> Children	<input type="checkbox"/> Adolescents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults
Proposed Effective Date:	10/26/2028		
Applicant's Request:	<p>St. Barnabas Hospital (SBH) is seeking approval to increase inpatient psychiatric bed capacity from 49 to 72. This increase of 23 beds will be achieved through the gut renovation of space on the 4th floor, which currently houses an inpatient chemical dependence - detoxification unit, will be renovated to establish a new 24 bed inpatient psychiatric unit. The chemical dependence beds will be relocated to the 6th floor. Two existing inpatient psychiatry units, located on the second and third floors, each with 24 beds, will also undergo gut renovation. The renovation will be completed in three phases to prevent any disruption in the provision of inpatient psychiatric care. Upon project completion, SBH will have achieved three 24-bed inpatient psychiatric units for a total of 72 beds. The updated inpatient program will have modernized environments, will be compliant with all codes and standards, will have added features such as de-escalation rooms and common areas, improved patient and staff safety and comfort, and an improved nursing station to facilitate direct patient observation during care.</p> <p>Construction is projected to begin in May 2026 and each phase is anticipated to take approximately eight to nine months complete. The anticipated construction completion date for the project in its entirety is 9/16/2028 with all 72 beds expected to be fully operational on 10/26/2028.</p>		
Provider's Background			
<p>SBH is a not-for profit Article 28 corporation, providing health care services to the communities of the Bronx for nearly 160 years and is the oldest continuing healthcare</p>			

facility in New York. Since the 1980s it has provided a medical education program that trains residents. In the 1990s St. Barnabas achieved state designation as a Level 2 Trauma Center, an AIDS Center, a Stroke Center, and established a federally designated Community Center of Excellence in Women's Health. SBH also began providing inpatient psychiatric care treatment in the 1990s and has satisfactorily maintained OMH-licensure since that time. SBH also operates two OMH-licensed MHOTRS programs, one for children and adolescents and one for adults, at 260 East 188th Street in the Bronx.

Need

SBH has indicated the Bronx had the highest bed use rate compared to the other boroughs in New York City and Statewide during the five-(5)-year period of 2018 through 2022. Also, the percentage occupancy of the 420 adult beds available in the Bronx in 2022 was 87.2%. Occupancy rates in the past few years at SBH have been 71.7% in 2020, 82.4% in 2021, 88.1% in 2022, and 89.0% in 2023 and 86.0% in 2024. Optimal utilization of inpatient psychiatric unit occupancy generally aims to strike a balance between patient needs, staff well-being and the potential for quality of care. SBH referenced research indicates occupancy rates should ideally be below 85% and utilization rates greater than 80% create a more stressful work environment and rates above 85% are associated with a deterioration in the quality of care. SBH's proposal to add 23 psychiatric beds will provide additional adult psychiatric bed capacity in Bronx County that facilitates optimal utilization of the beds available in the Bronx and is responsive to Governor Hochul's transformation plan to enhance access to mental health services.

Concurrent with this PAR Application, SBH submitted a certificate of need application to the NYS Department of Health which was contingently approved by the Public Health and Health Planning Council at its September 2025 meeting.

Character and Competence

Applicant operates programs licensed by OMH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Number of OMH-licensed programs	2 Outpatient	1 Inpatient	0 Residential
The applicant is in substantial compliance with other Government agencies (NYS DOH)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Inpatient Psychiatric Bed Capacity

Current: 49 Proposed: 72 % Change: 47%

Staffing

Staffing Impact:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Full Staffing FTE	Current FTE: 118.54	Total Proposed FTE: 172.84

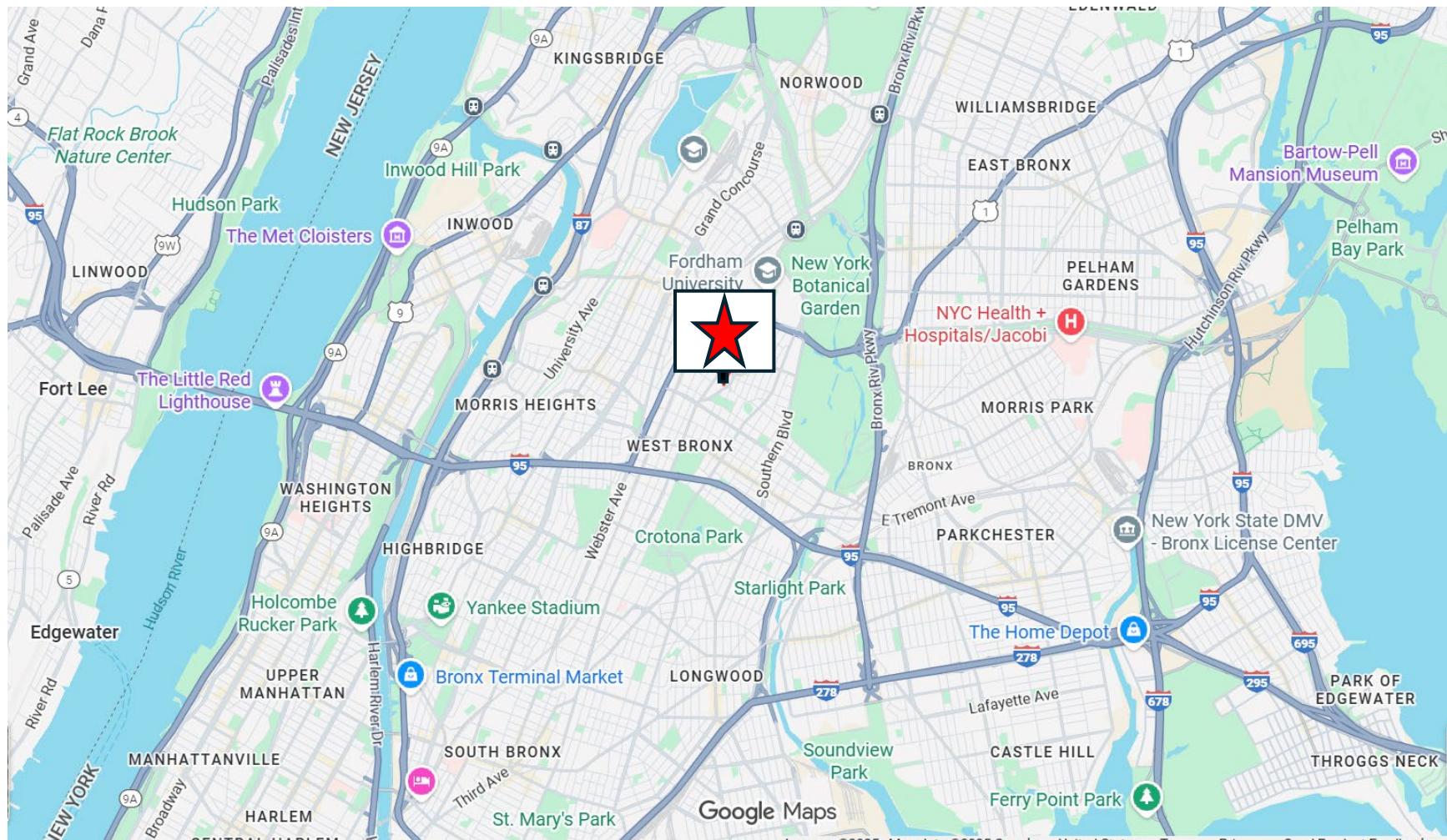
Additional Clinical Staff FTE

Credentials

FTE

Additional Clinical Staff FTE	Credentials	FTE
Psychiatrist	MD, Bd certified in Psychiatry	3.80
Psychologist	PhD; NYS Licensure	1.0
Social Worker	LCSW/LMSW	2.0
Registered Nurse	RN; NYS Licensure	14.8

Certified Nursing Assistant	Certification - Nurse Aide Training Program	20.0	
Resident Physician	Post Graduate Year	5.0	
Activity Therapist	BS/BA; NCTRC Certification (preferred)	1.0	
Total Additional Clinical FTEs		47.6	
Fiscal Information			
First Full Year of Anticipated Program Revenue		First Full Year of Anticipated Program Expenses	
Medicaid:	\$ 1,385,362	Personnel	\$ 5,119,521
Medicaid - Managed care:	\$ 11,943,312	Fringe	\$ 2,223,224
Medicare:	\$ 1,614,250	Food	\$ 96,120
Self-Pay:	\$ 44,976	Supplies	\$ 19,284
Private Insurance:	\$ 605,135	Administration/Overhead	\$ 528,805
Total	\$ 15,593,035	Total	\$ 7,986,954
Capital Renovations Funding Information:			
The total project cost is \$26,994,670. The project will be primarily funded by a Statewide Heath Care Facility Transformation Program III (SHCFT) grant in the amount of \$26,541,506. The hospital will utilize accumulated funds to cover the remaining \$453,164 associated with the project.			
Reviewer Recommendations			
Reviewer		Recommendation	
County – NYC DOHMH:		Approve with Conditions	
Office of Mental Health		Approve with Conditions	
Reviewer's Comments and Condition:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completion of a satisfactory pre-occupancy site visit by the OMH NYC Field Office upon completion of each phase of the renovations. 2. Submission of the project architect's attestation of substantial completion. 3. Approval from the NYS Department of Health of the corresponding Certificate of Need application. 			



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