



Behavioral Health Services Advisory Council

OMH Project Review Agenda

February 16, 2022

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BHSAC – Project Summary Form			
Review Date:	2/16/2022	Agency:	SUNY Health Science Center-University Hospital
Project #:	CPAR # 94 CON #: 212135	Project Type:	Expand Existing Inpatient Psychiatric Unit Capacity
Project Description			
Provider:	SUNY Health Science Center-University Hospital (Upstate)		
Business Type:	Not-For-Profit Corporation		
Program Type:	Inpatient Psychiatric Unit of a General Hospital		
Address:	750 East Adams Street, Syracuse		
Counties to be served:	Onondaga		
Population to be served:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adolescents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults 18-21
Proposed Effective Date:	12/1/2022		
Applicant's Request:	<p>The applicant proposes to create a division of Upstate to provide inpatient behavioral health services to adolescents and children, expanding its current capacity of 32 (24 adults, 8 adolescents) by 29 for a total of 61. The new beds will be located at 620 Madison Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13210 (at site of Richard H. Hutchings Psychiatric Center), which is less than a half-mile from Upstate. The current 32 bed inpatient psychiatric unit will remain at its current location at 750 East Adams Street, Syracuse, NY. The proposed facility, to be named "Upstate University Hospital at Hutchings", will house the 29-bed unit, of which 18 will be for adolescents (aged 12 to 17) and 11 for children and adolescents dually diagnosed with psychiatric and developmental disorders (ages 5 to 17).</p> <p>This project will also require capital project renovations and upgrades to bring the proposed space into compliance with Article 28 and OMH standards and codes. The facility had a complete renovation in 2010, which modernized the building, so the needed upgrades will not be as extensive. Proposed renovations to the second and third floors will accommodate programmatic changes favorable to Upstate as operator, provide more treatment and observation spaces, and provide a dedicated seclusion suite with a restroom. Included in the scope of renovations are new doors, hardware upgrades, ligature risk mitigation equipment, and minor space conditioning. The renovations are planned to take place from July to December of 2022, at which time operation of the 29-bed unit will begin.</p>		
Provider's Background			

Established in 1965, Upstate is a 752-bed non-profit teaching hospital. Upstate also operates a 25-bed adult inpatient psychiatric unit at Upstate University Hospital at Community Campus, a general hospital in Syracuse, NY, which Upstate acquired in 2011. Upstate also operates an OMH certified clinic in Syracuse.

Need

The new unit will replace the Children and Adolescent Inpatient Unit (budgeted capacity of 23) currently operated by OMH which will be permanently closing this year. A driving force of this project is the need to enhance and preserve access to pediatric and adolescent inpatient mental health care for the 17-county region served by Upstate, the only academic medical center in Central New York. The area has a population of over 1.9 million and stretches from the Canadian border North to the Pennsylvania border in the South. The proposal also seeks to address a Statewide need for inpatient beds for dually diagnosed children as, currently, none exists that is designed to address the clinical needs of these children. Upstate indicates that families seeking this specialized inpatient care are forced to go to out-of-state facilities, often at great hardship from long-distance separations, conflicting schedules, lengthy transportation, costs, and lack of accommodations for families to participate in treatment and provide support to children.

In years past, Upstate has also reported hundreds of cases where children eligible for admission had to be diverted to out of County and out of State providers, while others were placed in CPEP extended observation beds, pediatric inpatient beds and emergency rooms due to bed shortages.

A 2017 to 2018 census also showed twelve of the counties served by Upstate had a higher-than-average daily census rate per 100,000 children and adolescents when compared to the Statewide rate. Nine of the counties also do not have child and adolescent inpatient capacity. Overall, the average daily capacity for Central New York is 94.3% compared to that of Western New York which is 88.8% of total inpatient capacity.

This proposal is Upstate's effort at collaborating with needs expressed by staff of the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) and OMH regarding major shortages for dually diagnosed individuals in the Central NY region.

Character and Competence

Applicant operates programs licensed by OMH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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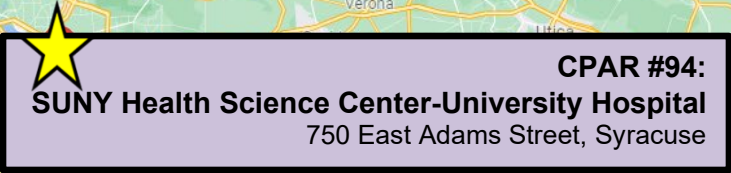
The applicant is in substantial compliance with other Government agencies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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DOH has also made a favorable recommendation regarding the facility's current compliance pursuant to 2802-(3)(e) of the New York State Public Health Law.

Staffing

Staffing:	Total Program FTE 71.6
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Clinical Staff Titles		Credentials		FTE
Physicians		Bd. Certified		6.2
Social Worker/Psychologists		LCSW		8.0
Registered Nurses		RN		28.2
Licensed Practical Nurse		LPN		20.2
Nurse Practitioner		NP		1.0
Therapists				8
Caseload Capacity				
Current: 32		Proposed: 61		
Fiscal Information				
Program Incremental Operating Revenue			Program Incremental Operating Expense	
Medicaid:	\$ 5,819,349	Staff Salaries:	\$ 7,218,973	
Medicaid MC	\$ 7,384,401	Fringe Benefits:	\$ 3,104,158	
3 rd party	\$ 1,997,394	OTPS:	\$ 3,029,321	
		Rent	\$ 1,073,223	
		Administrative	\$ 1,763,125	
Total Revenue:	\$15,201,144.00	Total Expenses:	\$16,188,800.00	
Deficit:		\$ 987,656		
Construction Cost: \$3,086,375 to be covered by Upstate				
Reviewer Recommendations				
Reviewer		Recommendation		
County – Onondaga:		Approve		
Field Office - Central New York:		Approve with Conditions		
Reviewer's Comments and Condition:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain the need to transfer patients to psychiatric centers should the length of stay exceed up to two weeks. Clarify the criteria for not allowing a longer period if clinically necessary. 2. As it appears that those under 12 with only behavioral health needs—not dually diagnosed—will not be admitted, clarify a plan for these presentations in your emergency department and from referrals. 3. A satisfactory pre-occupancy site visit from the Field Office. 				



BHSAC - Project Summary Form	
Review Date: February 16, 2022	Agency: Villa of Hope
Project #: CPAR 95	Project Type: CLOSE Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (RTF)
Project Description and Background	
Provider:	Villa of Hope
Business Type:	Not-For-Profit Corporation
Program Type:	Residential Treatment Facility - Children & Youth
Address:	3300 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616-3795
Counties served:	Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates
Population served:	Adolescents ages 13 -18
Proposed Effective Date:	Mid-to-late February 2022
Provider's Background	
<p>The 14-bed Villa of Hope RTF (7598040) opened over three decades ago.</p> <p>In addition to the OMH-licensed programs listed below, the agency runs a variety of non-licensed, OMH-contracted programs including seven Adult BH Home and Community Based Service HCBS programs; Children's HCBS Waiver Youth Peer Advocate; Non-Medicaid Care Coordination, Health Home Non-Medicaid Care Management, School Mental Health Program, and Advocacy/Support Services (Youth Mentor Program).</p>	
Need	
<p>Villa of Hope submitted CPAR 95 to close its RTF, citing high fixed costs and projected deficit; no flexibility to providing other services to RTF youth to reduce deficit; limited staff and space; small scope/limited impact compared to other programs such as the clinic; and lack of alignment with their strategy and 2030 vision.</p> <p>At the time of CPAR submission, the RTF had a census of 7 youth (half of its licensed capacity of 14). Due to a severe staffing shortage, the program had ceased admissions on 6/18/21 when its census was 12.</p>	
Character and Competence	
<p>Villa of Hope operates three other OMH-licensed programs:</p> <p>ONE Children and Youth Community Residence: Tuckahoe Road Children's Community Residence (7598431) - 8 beds - <i>opened before 2000</i></p> <p>TWO Outpatient programs: Villa of Hope Behavioral Health Services (7598022A) <i>opened Feb 2016</i> CFTSS: Children's Mental Health Rehabilitation Services (7598066A) <i>opened Dec 2020</i></p>	

The applicant is not in substantial compliance with OMH regulations.

Following routine recertification activities ending in June 2021, OMH issued a Monitoring Outcome Report on 7/29/21 that identified significant issues leading OMH not to reissue its operating certificates. The accompanying letter informed Villa of Hope that OMH would begin conducting focused provider monitoring and assistance to ensure resolution of issues, including sustained staffing challenges across the agency's OMH-licensed programs; several repeat findings which remained uncorrected dating back to 2016; quality of care concerns; inadequate delivery of required services across the programs based on clients' needs; and inadequate documentation in many case records. Villa of Hope responded with its proposal to close the RTF.

The applicant is in substantial compliance with other government agencies:

OCFS: Verified substantial compliance 10/21/21

OASAS: Verified substantial compliance 10/22/21

Staffing

Staffing Comments:

Villa of Hope has maintained adequate staffing at the RTF as the census has gone down, and expects to retain most of the RTF staff in its other programs following closure.

Fiscal Information

Fiscal Comments:

OMH has accepted the provider's proposal to use the following periods for optimal billing during the closure:

Phase one: July 1 - September 30

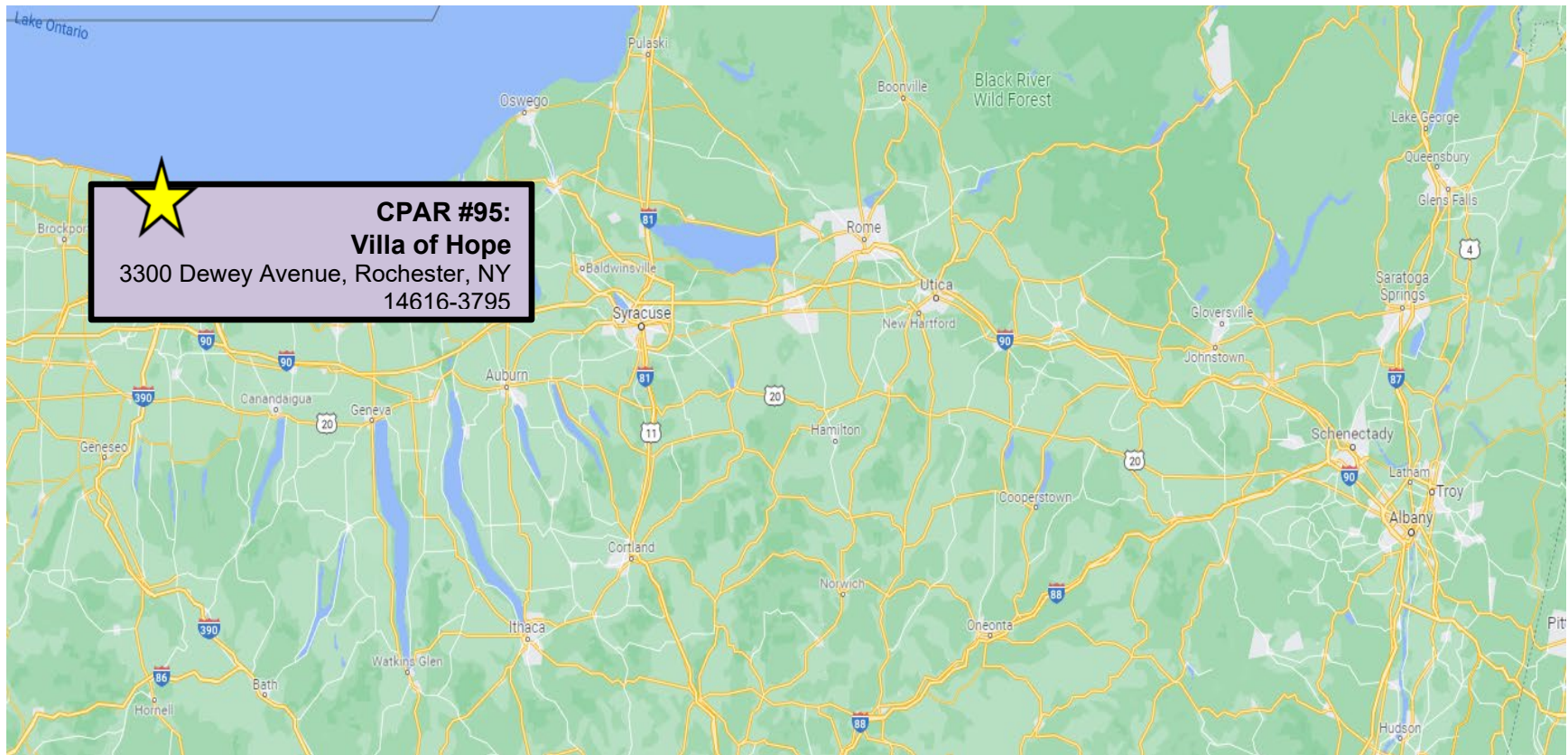
Phase two: October 1 - *Closure date TBD*

Reviewer Recommendations

Reviewer	Recommendation
Monroe County:	No objection
Western NY Field Office:	Approve with Conditions
OMH Division of Integrated Children and Family Services:	Approve with Conditions
OMH Fiscal:	Approve with Conditions

Reviewers' Comments and Conditions:

At the time of this writeup in mid-January, Villa of Hope has been working closely with OMH throughout this closure and expects the remaining two youths to be discharged in February. Conditionals of approval include OMH receipt of the final disposition list with confirmation that all youths have been appropriately discharged, and all service and billing data are accurately and completely entered in the system.



BHSAC – Project Summary Form			
Review Date:	2/16/2022	Agency:	ABBA Human Services Foundation
Project #:	MH-C-2858	Project Type:	Establish a new Clinic Treatment program
Project Description			
Provider:	ABBA Human Services Foundation (ABBA)		
Business Type:	Not-For-Profit Corporation		
Program Type:	Clinic Treatment Program		
Address:	2622 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, NY 10590		
Counties to be served:	Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster		
Population to be served:	<input type="checkbox"/> Children	<input type="checkbox"/> Adolescents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults
Proposed Effective Date:	5/2/2022		
Applicant's Request:	ABBA is requesting to establish an Article 31 Clinic Treatment Program that will serve Adults in Dutchess County and surrounding areas, including Orange and Ulster counties.		
Background			
<p>ABBA's Board of Directors met in 2019 to identify health care and social service needs in the region. In an effort to expand the availability of mental health services in Dutchess and surrounding counties they created the ABBA Human Services Foundation. Although ABBA is a new entity with no experience providing mental health services, they have ensured their Board of Directors and leadership staff include experienced mental health providers. ABBA's leadership, including the Director of Mental Health Services, Assistant Director of Mental Health Services, Medical Director, and board members have experience working in Article 28 and Article 31 inpatient and outpatient programs. ABBA is also focused on recruiting clinical staff who have experience working in an Article 31 Clinic setting.</p>			
Need			
<p>ABBA will primarily serve Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster counties. The <i>NYS County Profiles and Cultural Report</i> identified that these counties have significant Caucasian, Hispanic, and African American populations. The data indicates that 13.7 percent of adults in Dutchess County reported having a mental health condition. This population also faces high rates of unemployment and co-occurring substance use disorder and physical health diagnoses. The <i>OMH Patient Characteristic Survey 2019</i> and <i>The Mid-Hudson Region Community Health Assessment of 2019-2021</i> identified that adults in the service area struggled to access services due to the limited availability of affordable, culturally competent, and quality mental health providers.</p> <p>ABBA is focused on addressing the unmet needs of the community. They will promote an inclusive environment by recruiting staff reflective of the prevalent populations and providing linguistic supports, as needed. They will provide case management services and supports to the unemployed and medically indigent. Staff will utilize evidence-based practices, including dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) and motivational interviewing. Additionally, ABBA has reached out to Council on Addiction Prevention</p>			

and Education (C.A.P.E.) to provide Narcan training to staff and clients. ABBA is focused on collaborating with community providers, especially to support clients with complex co-occurring diagnoses, including PEOPLE USA, Four Winds Hospital, MHA of Dutchess, and Good Samaritan Hospital.

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Explain items marked no, include sanctions imposed by governing agencies:
ABBA Human Services Foundation is a new entity and does not have experience providing mental health services. They have ensured their leadership has experience supporting Article 31 programs. Additionally, they are focused on recruiting clinical staff with Article 31 experience.

Staffing

Clinical Staff Titles	Credentials	FTE
Executive Director	Nurse Practitioner in Substance Use	0.20
Clinic Director	LCSW-R	1.00
Assistant Director	LCSW	1.00
Psychiatrist	MD, Board Certified	0.75
Psychiatrist, Per Diem	MD, Board Certified	0.20
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner	PNP, Board Certified	0.50
Registered Nurse	BSN	1.00
Therapist	LCSW, LMSW, LMHC	4.00
Therapist, Per Diem	LCSW, LMSW, LMHC	0.20
Case Manager (contract with People USA)	BA	1.00
Administrative Assistants		2.00
Total FTEs:		11.85

Staffing Comments:

This staffing plan is based on the projected volume during the first six to twelve months of operation. After the first year the clinic plans to have a full-time Psychiatrist and five full-time therapists.

Caseload Capacity

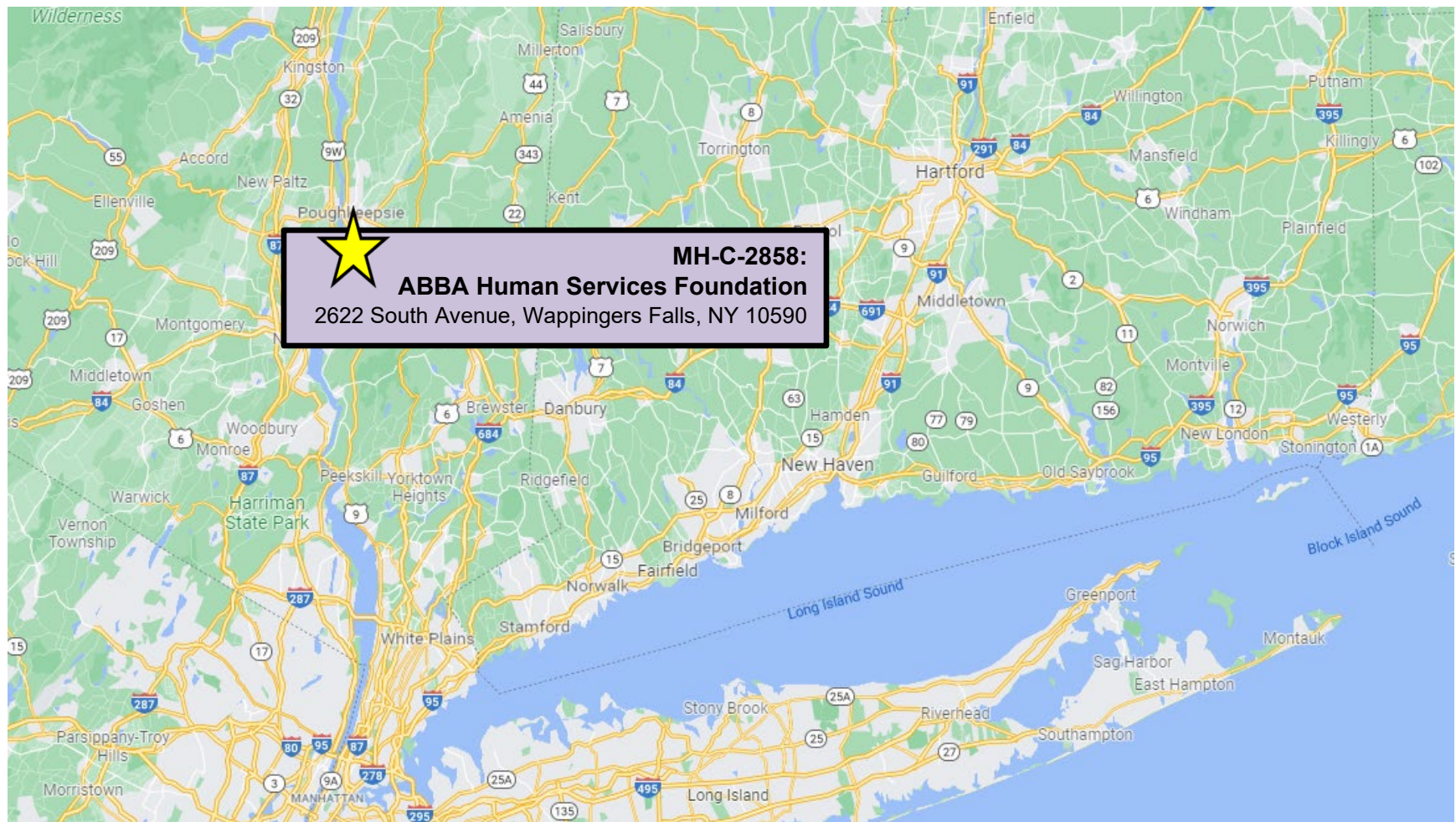
Clinic

Annual Caseload: 140	Clinician's Caseload: 35 clients/clinician
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Fiscal Information

First Full Year of Anticipated Program Revenue		First Full Year of Anticipated Program Expenses	
Medicaid:	851,329.00	Staff Salaries:	658,000.00
Medicare:	26,265.00	Fringe Benefits:	149,037.00
Commercial Insurance:	26,208.00	Administrative Costs:	130,000.00
Grants:	100,000.00	Rent/Mortgage:	24,000.00
Other:		OTPS:	

Specify: Patient Fees	49,920.00		92010.00
Total Revenue:	\$1,053,722.00	Total Expenses:	\$1,053,047.00
Surplus:		\$675.00	
Fiscal Comments: ABBA has received the Sunshine Grant, in the amount of \$100,000, to cover the startup costs associated with establishing the Article 31 Clinic Treatment Program. They will continue to explore grant and fundraising opportunities to compliment projected revenue detailed above.			
Reviewer Recommendations			
Reviewer		Recommendation	
County - Dutchess:		Approve	
Field Office - Hudson River:		Approve with Conditions	
OMH Central Office Program:		Approve	
Hudson River Field Office Fiscal:		Approve with Conditions	
OMH Central Office Cultural Competence:		Approve	
OMH Central Office Consumer Affairs:		Approve	
Reviewer's Comments and Conditions: 1. Indicate when the Sunshine Grant funds will be available to ABBA. 2. Complete Staff Exclusion List (SEL), Criminal Background Check (CBC), and State Central Registry (SCR) clearances for all staff. 3. Successfully complete a pre-occupancy visit with the Hudson River Field Office.			



BHSAC – Project Summary Form			
Review Date:	2/16/2022	Agency:	CASA-Trinity, Inc.
Project #:	MH-A-2860	Project Type:	Establish a Clinic Treatment Program
Project Description			
Provider:	CASA-Trinity, Inc.		
Business Type:	Not-For-Profit Corporation		
Program Type:	Clinic Treatment Program		
Address:	4612 Millennium Drive, Geneseo, NY 14454		
Counties to be served:	Livingston		
Population to be served:	<input type="checkbox"/> Children	<input type="checkbox"/> Adolescents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults
Proposed Effective Date:	4/1/2022		
Applicant's Request:	CASA-Trinity, Inc. is requesting to establish a Clinic Treatment Program that will provide mental health services to Adults in Livingston County.		
Background			
<p>CASA-Trinity, Inc. (CASA) is currently licensed by the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) to provide addiction recovery and prevention services in outpatient, inpatient, detoxification, residential, and school-based settings. CASA has a history of providing prevention, education, treatment, referral, and recovery services to individuals and families affected by substance use disorders (SUD) since 1974.</p> <p>CASA is requesting to establish an Article 31 Clinic Treatment Program that will be co-located with their OASAS certified clinic and serve Adults in Livingston County. CASA received an expansion grant from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to expand the availability of behavioral health services through the development of a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC).</p> <p>Although CASA does not currently operate programs licensed by OMH their Clinical Operating Officer has over ten years of experience in Article 31 Clinic leadership roles and will provide clinical supervision until a clinical supervisor is hired.</p>			
Need			
<p>Livingston County is located in rural upstate New York, which has high rates of poverty, substance use and mental health disorders. Roughly 92 percent of the population is white. Of the clients currently receiving SUD services at CASA's OASAS program about 60 percent have Medicaid and 25 percent are self-pay (i.e., uninsured, underinsured, or unable to pay).</p> <p>Historically, CASA has provided SUD services to approximately 1,900 individuals per year. In 2019 this number more than doubled with CASA serving 4,977 clients. The two mental health clinic treatment providers in Livingston County, Livingston County Mental Health and Noyes Mental Health & Wellness, have reported wait times of 45 days or more for an initial appointment due to a high demand for outpatient services. Livingston County is severely below the state and regional average of provider to population ratio.</p>			

The National Institute on Drug Abuse's (NIH) research indicates that 37.9 percent of individuals with a substance use disorder (SUD) have a comorbid mental health (MH) disorder. Based on this data it is estimated that 725 of the 1,912 individuals that CASA served between February 2019 and February 2020 in their OASAS program also had a co-occurring mental health disorder. Based on needs assessment completed in Livingston, Chemung, and Steuben counties there is a need for additional treatment and recovery services, to improve coordination between existing services, especially transitions between levels of care, and support for families.

Based on their history of providing quality SUD services and with their Clinical Operating Officer's experience operating mental health programs CASA is eager to expand the availability of behavioral health services to Livingston County residents.

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Explain items marked no, include sanctions imposed by governing agencies: Although, CASA does not currently operate programs licensed by OMH their Clinical Operating Officer has over ten years of experience in Article 31 Clinic leadership roles and will provide clinical supervision until a clinical supervisor is hired.

Staffing

Clinical Staff Titles	Credentials	FTE
Medical Director	Board-Certified Psychiatrist	0.13
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner (NPP)	Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner	0.75
Registered Nurse	Registered Nurse	0.50
Clinical Supervisor	LCSW	1.00
MH Therapist	LCSW, LMSW, LMSW-P, LMHC, or LMHC-P	4.00
Billing		0.33
Reception		0.33
Total FTEs:		7.04

Staffing Comments:

A NPP, LCSW, and LMHC have been identified. CASA will recruit for the remaining positions and utilize master level interns within the agency who are working to complete their internships. The Clinical Supervisor position will be covered by the Clinical Operating Officer who is an LCSW.

Caseload Capacity

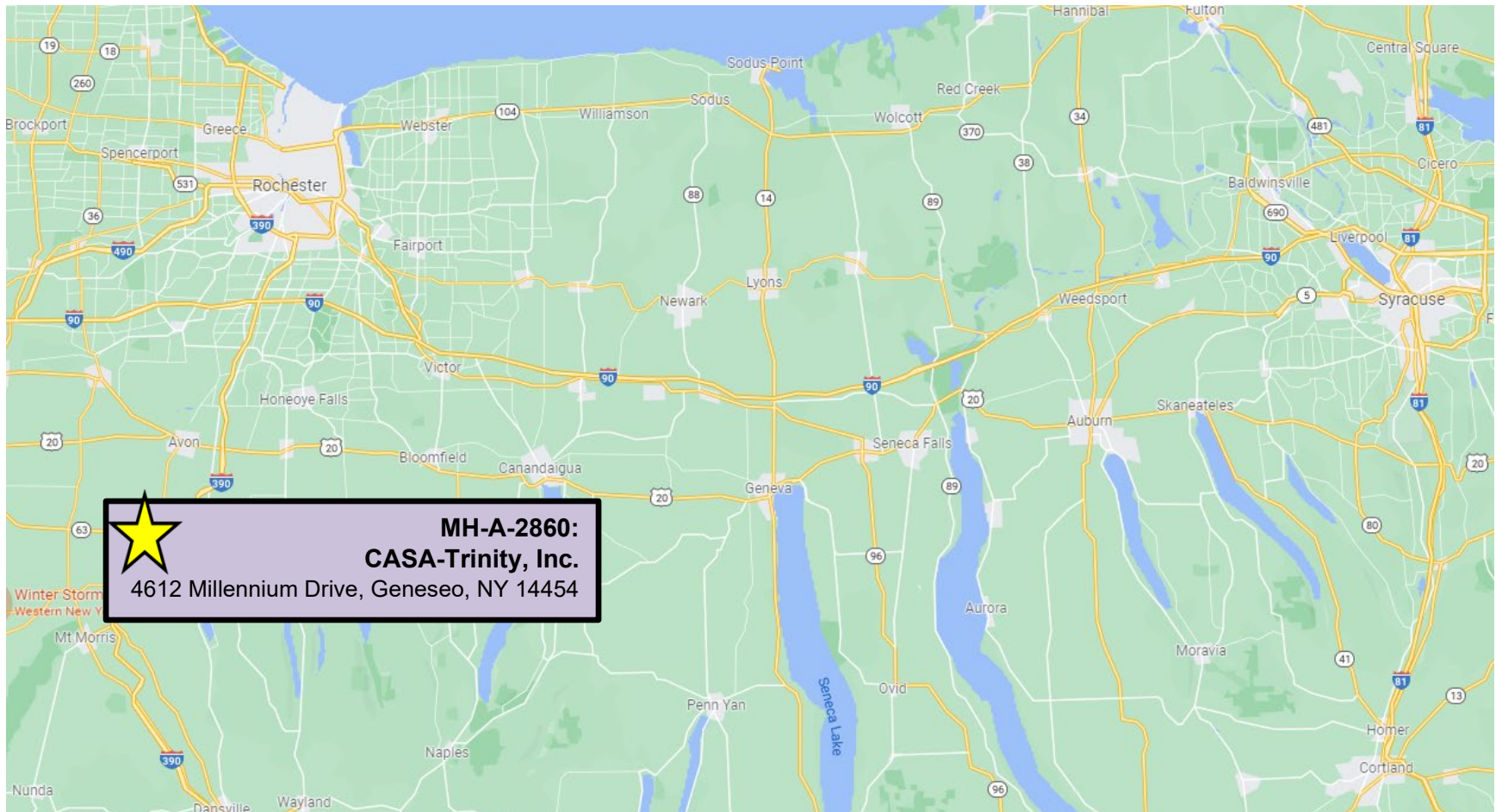
Clinic

Annual Caseload: 260	Clinician Caseload: 80 clients/full-time clinician
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Fiscal Information

First Full Year of Anticipated Program Revenue		First Full Year of Anticipated Program Expenses	
Medicaid:	433,950.00	Staff Salaries:	453,700.00
Medicare:		Fringe Benefits:	92,331.00

Commercial Insurance:	114,448.00	Administrative Costs:	79,495.00
Grants:		Rent/Mortgage:	17,735.00
Other: Specify: Patient Fees	82,657.00	OTPS:	51,273.00
Total Revenue:	\$631,055.00	Total Expenses:	\$694,534.00
Deficit:		(\$63,479.00)	
Fiscal Comments:			
The provider is projecting a small deficit during the first year while services ramp up which will be covered with funds from the CCBHC Expansion Grant.			
Reviewer Recommendations			
Reviewer		Recommendation	
County - Livingston:		Approve	
Field Office - Western New York:		Approve with Conditions	
OMH Central Office Program:		Approve	
OMH Central Office CBFM:		Approve with Conditions	
OMH Cultural Competence:		Approve	
OMH Consumer Affairs:		Approve	
Reviewer's Comments and Conditions:			
1. Confirm your understanding that if the CCBHC Expansion Grant is not renewed by SAMSHA there is not currently a replacement for the funds available from OMH.			
2. Complete Staff Exclusion List (SEL), Criminal Background Check (CBC), and State Central Registry (SCR) clearances for all staff.			
3. Successfully complete a pre-occupancy visit with the Western New York Field Office.			



BHSAC – Project Summary Form			
Review Date: 2/16/2022		Agency: NYU Langone Health System	
Project #: CPAR # MH-E- 2862 CON #: 212009		Project Change of Sponsor Type:	
Project Description			
Provider:		Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center, Inc.	
Business Type:		Not-For-Profit Corporation	
Program Type:		Inpatient Psychiatric Unit of a General Hospital	
Address:		101 Hospital Road, Patchogue, NY 11772	
Counties to be served:		Suffolk	
Population to be served:		<input type="checkbox"/> Children	<input type="checkbox"/> Adolescents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults 18-21
Proposed Effective Date:		3/1/2022	
Applicant's Request:		<p>NYU Langone Health System (the Health System) seeks approval to become the sponsor of Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center, Inc. dba Long Island Community Hospital (LICH), an Article 28 provider and currently certified to operate a OMH 20-bed inpatient psychiatric unit for adults.</p> <p>Currently, the unit is temporarily closed due to accidental flooding that occurred in March 2021 that rendered the unit non-operational. The unit has been closed since then and has no patients. The applicant is committed to re-opening the unit and is actively seeking to secure the necessary funding to renovate the damaged space and will work closely with OMH to this end. In the meantime, the hospital continues to see patients who come to the Emergency Department and refers them to local area inpatient units or outpatient services.</p> <p>To effect the change of sponsor, LICH will amend its Bylaws to show the Health System as the sole member.</p> <p>The change of sponsor is the first phase of a plan for the Health System to revamp its corporate structure to better manage a network of hospitals and services in the community. In phase 2 of the plan, it will seek to merge with one of its affiliates, NYU Langone Hospitals.</p> <p>There will be no change in authorized services, staffing, the number or type of beds, or utilization from the approval of this project. There is no purchase price and no costs associated with this project. Upon completion, LICH will remain a separate</p>	

<p>not-for-profit corporation maintaining its discrete Article 28 operating certification. The name of the hospital will also change to Long Island Community Hospital at NYU Langone Health (LICH).</p>	
<p align="center">Provider's Background</p>	
<p>NYU Langone Health System, Inc. is a Not-for-Profit Corporation established in 2014. The Health System, whose sole member is New York University, is a key component of NYU Langone, an integrated health care delivery system which includes NYU Langone Health, NYU Langone Hospitals, NYU Grossman School of Medicine, NYU Long Island School of Medicine, corporate affiliations with several New York City and other downstate hospitals, and a number of other health care facilities. In this role, the Health System oversees the operation of 1,350 licensed beds in six inpatient general hospital facilities, over 350 ambulatory facilities throughout the NYC area, an Article 36 license to operate a Certified Home Health agency, Article 31 inpatient psychiatric unit, seven full service primary care clinics, over 45 school based health centers, and is co-operator of a federally qualified health center.</p>	
<p align="center">Need</p>	
<p>As the new sponsor, the Health System will streamline the provision and coordination of quality patient care and improve LICH's financial stability. LICH has a 65-year history in serving the communities of south and central Suffolk, but it currently lacks adequate cash flow to make significant investments and improvements at its facilities and various programs. The additional capital from the Health System and its operational guidance and strategies will contribute to efforts to improve financial stability and expand and strengthen service delivery across all programs.</p>	
<p align="center">Character and Competence</p>	
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>DOH has made a favorable recommendation regarding the facility's compliance pursuant to 2802-(3)(e) of the New York State Public Health Law.</p>	
<p align="center">Reviewer Recommendations</p>	
Reviewer	Recommendation
County – Suffolk:	Approve
Field Office - Long Island:	Approve

