State of New Hampshire

High Security Unit
New Hampshire Hospital

DHHS Oversight

October 25, 2024

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October 25, 2024 Agenda

- Community Outreach Sessions to date
- Community Outreach session Access and Engagement
- High Security Unit Design/Construction Timeline
- Why build a High Security Unit
- Patient population
- Construction Updates
- Architectural Renderings

Community Outreach Sessions

Six Community Outreach sessions have been held from October 2021 through August 29, 2024, to inform the public

At least one additional Community Outreach Session is scheduled for early summer of 2025, however, additional sessions are likely to be scheduled.

www.DHHS.NH.gov to view/listen to Community Outreach Sessions

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Community Outreach Sessions Access



NH DHHS website:
www.dhhs.nh.gov

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Who to contact with any questions about the Forensic Hospital

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- This email box is checked Monday – Friday
- A response will be received within 24-48 hours.

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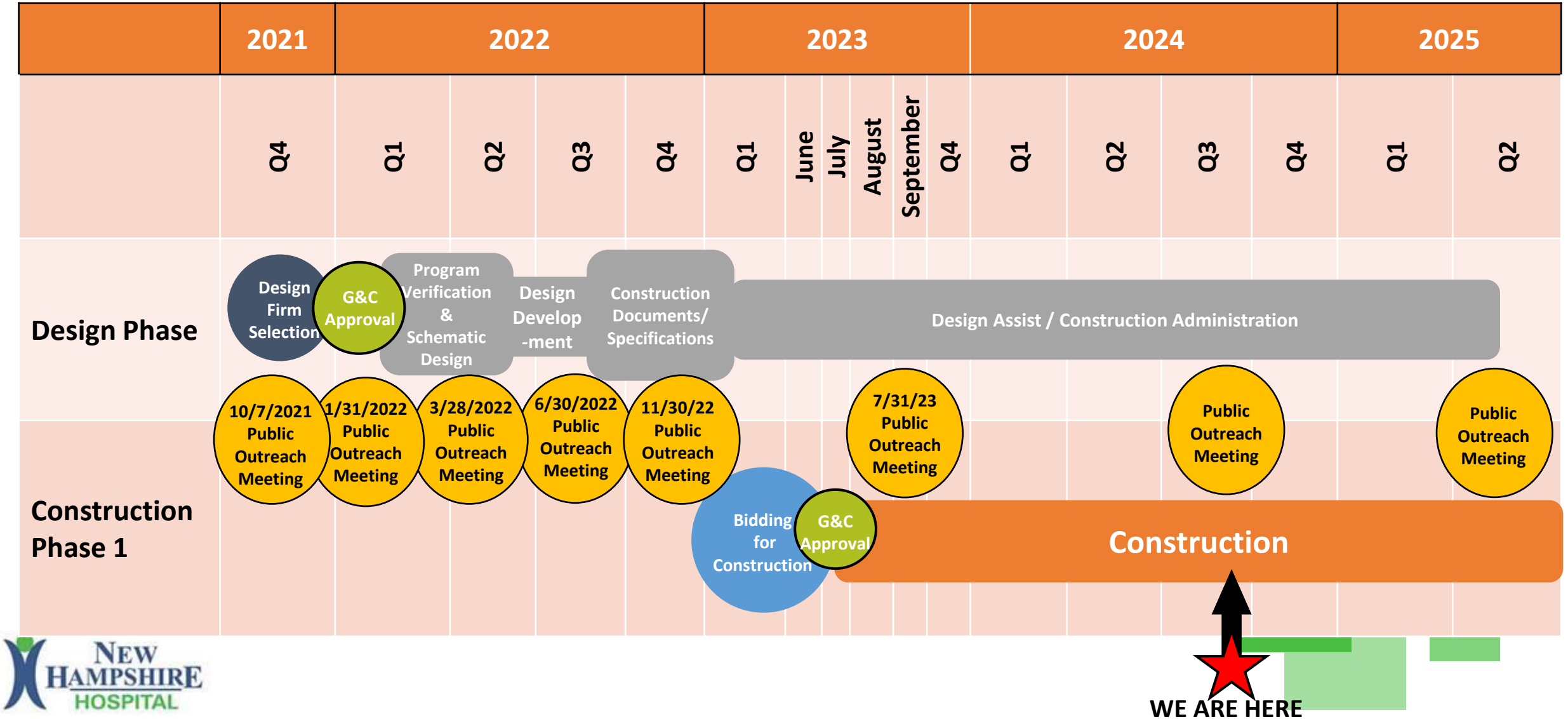
High Security Unit Design/Construction Timeline



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Why Build a High Security Unit?

- The State's 10 Year Mental Health Plan recommends improvements to mental health treatment for those patients who may be justice involved and require a high security healthcare environment ensuring that those with mental illness are provided with compassionate treatment in the least restrictive environment possible.
- In New Hampshire, there is no facility appropriate for treating acute mental illness for patients requiring a high security environment including those who are civilly committed for treatment.
- This treatment requires unique program elements and a higher degree of safety. These patients typically require longer lengths of stay.
- Construction of a high security unit adjacent to NHH will allow for skilled psychiatric treatment with some shared services and will provide a safe, therapeutic environment for these patients.

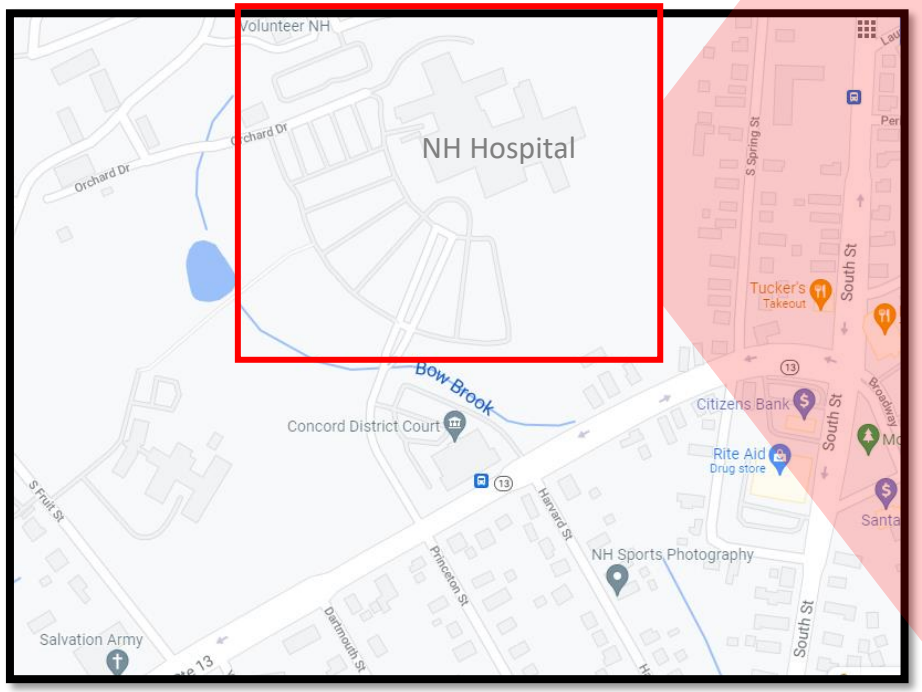
WHO? Patient Population

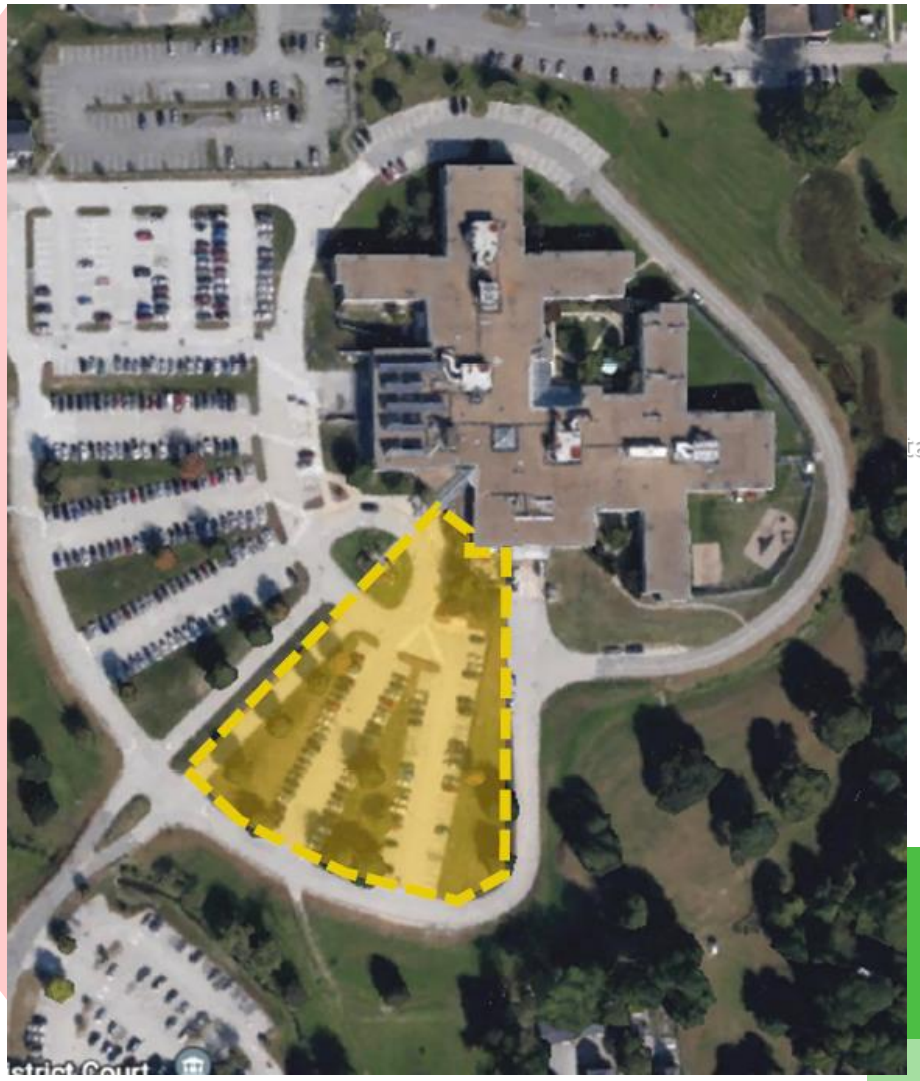
- Patients who have not committed an unlawful act but, because of their mental illness, are too dangerous to be treated at a conventional psychiatric hospital.
- Patients involved in the criminal justice system and suffering from serious mental illness and are acutely dangerous to themselves or others.
- Patients accused of an unlawful act but can not go to trial because of their illness and are acutely dangerous to themselves or others. (Incompetent to Stand Trial)

Design Review

- The facility is designed for 24 beds.
- The current design will allow additional units to be added if needed.
- Design location is adjacent to New Hampshire Hospital. This location will allow efficiency, economies of scale and access to specialty services currently provided at NHH.
- Design Focus: Therapeutic but safe and secure environment

Site Selection: Adjacent to NH Hospital





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Pictures of Progress



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New Hampshire Hospital

Renderings

Entry Rendering- Approach (view down driveway)



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West Elevation- Rendering



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Questions



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