Nixon Forensic Center (NFC)

FULTON STATE HOSPITAL

How did we get here?

- ► In 2013 the legislature appropriated \$13M for planning and design to replace 300 beds in the maximum and intermediate security units at Fulton State Hospital
- ► The legislature subsequently approved the sale of bonds to pay for the construction of a new hospital building and the demolition of antiquated buildings, some of which dated back to the 1800's and were no longer functional
- ► The total value of the project is \$211 Million and is expected to be completed in October 2018

What does NFC include?

- 300 high security beds with sufficient space for treatment activities
- ► A treatment mall that provides a centralized location for recreational and therapeutic activities
- Improved treatment and staff office space located adjacent to living areas
- Dietary production, materials management, information technology, housekeeping, and maintenance facilities are located in the existing environmental control center (ECC)
- ► Administrative office space

When completed, what buildings remain?

- Both the Guhleman and Hearnes complexes as well as some outlying storage facilities will remain
- Once NFC opens, the Biggs building will be demolished leaving space for future potential expansion
- Capital Improvement projects totaling \$7,282,599 have been funded for infrastructure improvements to the Guhleman and Hearnes complexes
- Upon completion, patients and staff in these areas are expected to experience improved environmental controls



Administrative Services

- ► Hospital administration, human resources, quality management, health information management, and accounting will be located in a three story section which fronts State Street
- ► The building sits atop the location of previous administration buildings and preserves the traditional entrance to the hospital
- Adjacent to the administrative services area will be space for processing new admissions and for outpatient forensic evaluations



Reception

- ► Staff and visitors will enter through a spacious reception area
- Located off the reception will be facilities for employee lockers and an employee wellness center
- One goal for construction of the NFC is improved lighting in all areas of the building



Preserving the hospital's history

- ► Within the lobby there will be space to display items that showcase the 166 years of the hospital's history
- This area will be immediately outside a new auditorium and will be open for public viewing



Auditorium

- ► A 250-seat auditorium will be used for hospital functions, including training, continuing education, and other hospital events
- ► The auditorium may also be used to host events involving the Fulton community and DMH functions
- ► With classroom space located near the auditorium, conferences can be offered which include concurrent educational sessions



Entering the secure perimeter

- ► The sally port entrance to the secure perimeter for employees and visitors is located immediately off the reception area
- Staff and visitors will continue to be subject to metal detection and x-ray screening of packages and handbags entering the secure perimeter
- ▶ Video feed from throughout NFC will be centrally monitored from the control room to alert to potential security issues



Visitation

- Patients will receive visitors in a new visitation area located directly within the secure perimeter
- ► The visitation area provides non-contact visitation areas and space for visits between attorneys and patients for enhanced privacy
- ▶ In addition to space for visitation, a video courtroom will also be located near the sally port to reduce unnecessary transportation of clients



Patient Living Areas

- The living areas provide larger and more comfortable space for patient living
- Dining, group rooms, staff offices, and a private courtyard are included on each living area
- Living unit design allows for direct observation of all hallways and bedroom doors
- ▶ In addition to private bedrooms, living areas will have three small areas for conversations and television viewing which will reduce overall noise levels



Community space

- ► Each program will have its own community space located adjacent to the living areas
- ► The communities will each have space for staff offices and break rooms
- ▶ Patients from each program will have access to group rooms, therapeutic classrooms, a media center, and fitness space in the community
- ▶ In addition to classrooms and group rooms, the community space also has outdoor areas for fresh air breaks to help minimize patient movement



The Hope Center – a treatment mall

- ► The Hope Center, located in the central core of the secure perimeter, provides access to a canteen, gymnasiums, a clothing exchange, patient banking facilities, and other treatment and recreational opportunities
- Patients' pass privileges will determine what activities and with what supervision the Hope Center is accessed by patients



The Hope Center

- Religious services and other staff and patient meetings will be held in a large multipurpose room located in the Hope Center
- Stained glass art located currently in the Biggs building will be incorporated into the design of the multipurpose room
- Across from multipurpose room, a patient library will continue to provide opportunities for patients to have access to materials for self-improvement and leisure





So where are we now?

- Construction of NCF remains on time and on budget
- Efforts to prepare for the transition to a new hospital are ongoing
- Strategic advanced planning will lead to a smoother transition for staff and patients



Strategic Planning

- ▶ Eight major domains to provide direction moving forward
 - ► Human Resources
 - ▶ Treatment
 - ▶ Communication
 - Client Involvement
 - Security
 - Physical Environment
 - ► SORTS/HFC
 - Leadership

Human Resources

- Recruitment and Retention: Hire RRO, A/B Schedule, Mentor Interviews, Social Media
- Pay Structure
- Uniform/Dress Code
- Supervisor Training Curriculum Development
- Labor Distribution Profile
- Staffing Analysis
- Improve Staff Morale: "Applause" Employee recognition and "Good Catch" Program, Nurses Appreciating Nurses, shift change process, Blameworthy Action vs. Blameless Error
- Human Resources Onboarding
- Program-Based Scheduling

Treatment

- Consolidating Programs
 - ▶ NFC--Four programs each with 3 living areas of 25 beds each
 - CRAFT—Competency Restoration and Acute Forensic Treatment
 - ► NOP—New Outlook Program
 - ► SLP—Social Learning Program
 - RSM—Recovery and Self-Motivation Program
- ► SORTS—Gains access to entire GFC complex

Treatment

- Safety and security of new building enables high quality treatment spaces
- Merging cultures, developing consistent practices, building larger teams
- Thinking outside of the box, being creative and innovative with new treatment spaces and technology
- Revise internal pass system
- Expand array of treatment and rehabilitation services
- Increased focus on trauma informed care

Communication

- ► Listening Sessions
- ► FAQs
- Monthly Construction Updates
- Drone Pictures
- Strategic Planning Kickoff Event (9/12/17)
- Virtual Tour
- https://dmh.mo.gov/fulton
- http://fultonrebuild.mo.gov
- https://www.facebook.com/DMHFSH

Client Involvement

- Post Blue prints, artistic renderings and FAQs in hallways and common areas
- Listening Sessions by Program
- Strategic Planning Kick-off event for clients
- Virtual Tour of space and more opportunities for treatment, activity and work
- Plan events for getting to know clients and staff from both BFC and GFC
- Provide communication and support to clients who may be anxious about moving to a new environment
- Give clients an opportunity to say goodbye
- Develop a process for "the move"

Security

- Security Consolidation Combining Intermediate and Maximum Security into "High Security"
- Security Technology
- Law Enforcement Enhancement
- Technology and Treatment
- ► Escorting, Transportation, and Staffing
- Policies and Procedures

Physical Environment

- Development of policies and procedures for movement of support department activities and initiatives hospital wide.
- Development of leisure events, scheduling, and other rehabilitation activities within Nixon, SORTS, and Hearnes Forensic Center.
- Development of vocational training program and new client jobs within the Nixon facility.
- Personalize and beautify program and activity spaces with client art.
- Design work stations in client living areas for consistency.
- Assist with the selection and purchasing of furniture and equipment within the facility.

SORTS/HFC

- Hire Associate Nursing Director to improve nursing care and accountability
- ► Plan for use of space: SORTS Transitional Group Home, SORTS expansion and ward movement, Treatment Spaces, Staff Offices
- Physical Environment Enhancements: Landscaping, tuck-pointing, sidewalk between GFC and HFC, HFC external sally port, roofing, basketball court, new furnishings and artwork, crosswalk at Wood/Route O intersection
- Security support for HFC
- Retention strategies for staff

Leadership

- Trauma Informed Care: ASAP, Resiliency Training
- Decrease assault related injuries with the use of technology and involvement of Program Leadership, Intensive Psychiatric Care Unit
- ► Technology: Improved availability of modern health care technology such as automated dispensing cabinets
- ► High Reliability: Blameworthy Action vs. Blameless Error, Robust Process Improvement Training
- Partner with William Woods University to support Nursing Education Program
- ► Training Priorities: Diversity and Inclusion, Supervision
- Zero Suicide