

Outposted Therapeutic Housing Units (OTxHUs): Recent Updates

NYC Health + Hospitals/Correctional Health Services

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The OTxHU model

- Was conceived by CHS as the bridge between the level of care that can be provided on Rikers and on an acute inpatient basis
- Replicates the jail-based therapeutic housing model by clinically cohorting patients with serious medical, mental health, and/or substance use disorder needs
- Will have security, custody management, programming and other operational support provided by DOC
- Will have CHS continue to be the primary provider of health care but in closer coordination with hospital specialists
- Uniquely will meet the minimum standards and other regulations that apply to jails but will be located within a hospital with immediate proximity to specialty providers, technology, equipment, and ancillary services; and more accessible to community supports

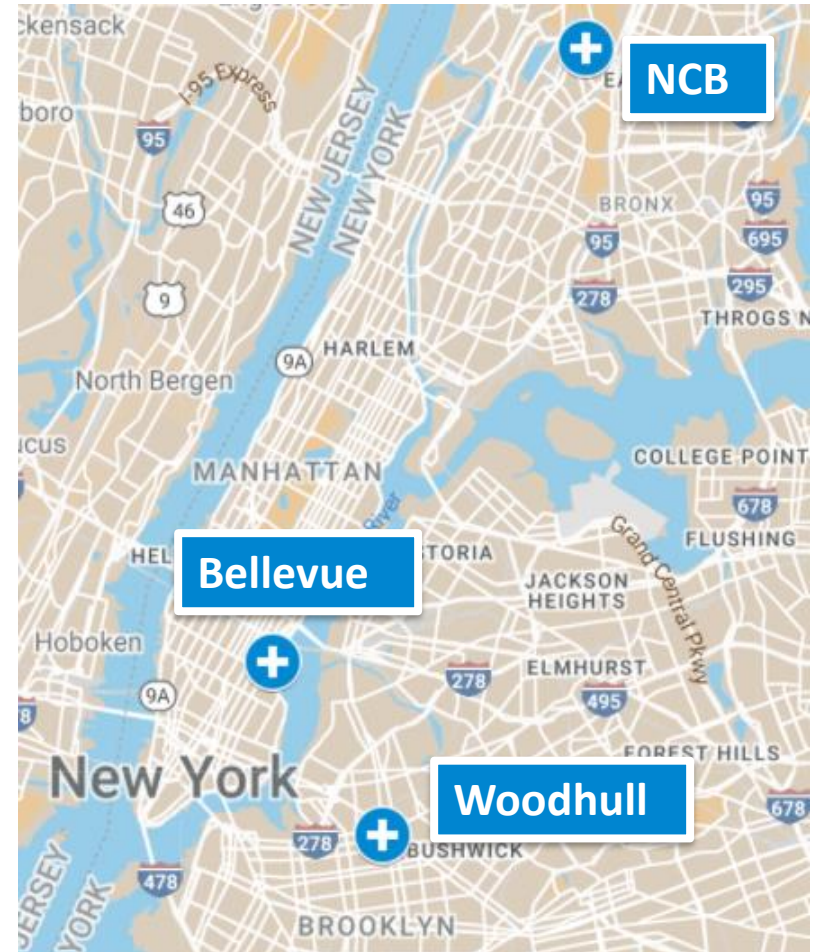


OTxHU locations, capacity, and budget

- Three OTxHUs totaling approximately 360 beds, subject to final designs

| Hospital | # of Beds in Unit |
|----------|-------------------|
| Bellevue | 104 |
| Woodhull | ~156 |
| NCB | ~103 |

- All OTxHUs are fully funded with capital investment of \$718m



OTxHU at NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue

- Anticipated completion by spring 2025
- Will primarily house patients who have serious medical conditions including those with comorbid medical and mental health conditions
- Designed to meet the Board's minimum standards regarding law library, recreation spaces, etc., as well as the standards of the State Commission on Correction
- Inpatient services for patients in custody will continue to be provided by Bellevue in its forensic hospital wards



A look inside the unit at Bellevue (under construction)



Right: Dorm unit/dayroom

Left: Clinical station



A preview of Bellevue



Left: Single occupancy unit; **Right:** Recreation deck



OTxHUs at Woodhull and NCB

- Phase I of the Woodhull project included renovation of new spaces for clinical and administrative programs, including inpatient pediatrics, outpatient substance use, and resident on-call areas
- Phase II of the Woodhull project involves fortification of the roof for the recreation space, and is currently underway
- Preliminary design work for the OTxHU units at both the Woodhull and NCB sites has been completed



OTxHUs at Woodhull and NCB

- On March 4, 2024, the Mayor directed NYC Health + Hospitals to proceed with construction of the Woodhull and NCB sites with the projected completion date of summer 2027
- The estimated timeline to deliver both the Woodhull and NCB sites is:
 - Finalize designs in time to issue solicitations for construction in late summer and early autumn of 2024
 - Begin construction at both sites by spring 2025
 - Complete construction and obtain state approvals by summer 2027



Questions

