



MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Behavioral Health Resource Center

The Need

Thousands of people in our community struggle every day with untreated disabilities like mental health or substance use disorders.

Among those in greatest need are people living outside, whose homelessness is more likely permanent than temporary as a direct result of their disabilities.

To ensure a path to long-term stability, people require their basic needs to be met, and connections to a range of resources.

Our Response

In April 2019, following months of evaluation, the County purchased a four-story building for \$4.34 million and an adjacent parking lot for \$1.5 million in downtown Portland at 333 S.W. Park.

We envision a comprehensive behavioral health resource center that would offer immediate basic services, including showers, laundry and mail service in a day center, as well as long-term stabilization through connections to services and treatment, short-term shelter and longer-term transitional housing.

Proposed Design

Working closely with people with lived experience, health providers, downtown neighbors and community members, the County is planning a trauma-informed, peer-supported center with:

Level 1 and 2

Day Center

Access to showers, laundry, peer counseling, meal service, postal boxes and connections to apply for supplemental income, veterans benefits, early morning and late night hours, etc.

Level 3

24-hour behavioral health shelter

Level 4

Transitional housing

Project Team

The County has hired Carleton Hart Architecture, Mortenson Construction and Klash Group (owner's representative) to renovate the building. The project is being led by the Office of Chair Deborah Kafoury, County Facilities and Property Management and the Health Department's Mental Health and Addiction Services Division.

The Board of County Commissioners set aside \$11 million in the FY 2020 budget to begin the renovation. The goal is to begin operations in early 2021.



Draft of the proposed exterior design for the Behavioral Health Resource Center.

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