



State of New Hampshire  
Forensic Hospital Informational  
Meeting

06/30/2022

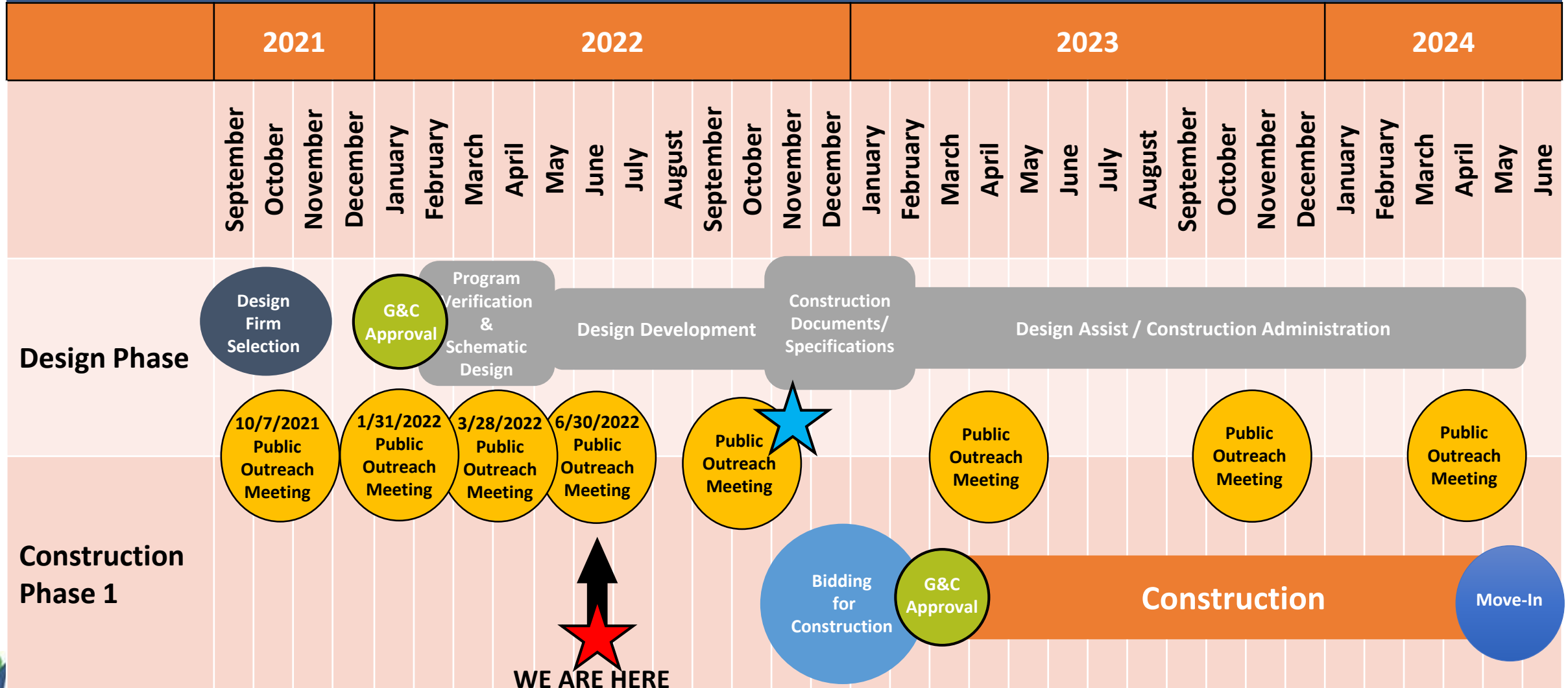
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# Agenda

- Forensic Hospital Design/Construction Timeline
- Highlights from the last three information sessions
- Where to find a recording of each previous public outreach session
- Who to contact with any questions about the forensic hospital
- ★ • Next meeting
- Questions

# Forensic Hospital Design/Construction Timeline



# Outreach Session #1 *(October 7, 2021)*

1. Why construct a Forensic Hospital
  - Why there is a need for a forensic hospital in NH
  - Current environment
  - Aligns with State's 10-Year Mental Health Plan
  - Efficiencies and shared services with NHH
2. Design and Construction Process Review
  - 24 bed facility
  - Adjacent to NHH
3. Approach and Timeline
  - How the architectural firm was selected
  - How a construction company will be selected
4. Next Steps



# Outreach Session #2 *(January 31, 2022)*

1. Forensic Hospital Design/Construction Timeline
2. Overview of Forensic Hospital Patient Population
  - Patients involved in the criminal justice system and suffering from serious mental illness.
  - Patients accused of an unlawful act but can not go to trial because of their illness.
  - Patients have been found not guilty of the unlawful act because the act was the result of their illness.
  - 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.

# Outreach Session #2, continued

## 3. Forensic Programs in New Hampshire: Current State

- Secure Psychiatric Unit and NHH

## 4. Forensic Patient Care Best Practices

- Daily/weekly assessments with doctor and nurses
- Psychiatric medications
- Individual and/or group therapy sessions
- Groups focus on mental illness, substance abuse, stress and anxiety management, and coping, social and interpersonal skills

## 5. Forensic Programs in New Hampshire: Future State

- Therapies specific to the needs of forensic patients
- Treatment will be overseen and provided by trained mental health professionals in hospital setting rather than in a prison environment
- Much like at NHH, security will be provided by safety professionals specifically trained in mental health-centered approaches

# Outreach Session #3 *(March 28, 2022)*

1. Forensic Hospital Design/Construction Timeline
2. Design Update from SMRT Architects
  - Efficient, community safety, direct visitors to a single front door, preserve/enhance the existing site, minimize disruptions, create a clear future intent, obtain broad stakeholder input.
3. Response to questions
  - Several views of the property and proposed locations
  - Parking study and traffic study
4. Examples of Psychiatric Forensic Facilities in other Communities



# Outreach Session #4 - Today

- Where to find recordings of each public outreach session
  - NH DHHS website, [www.dhhs.nh.gov](http://www.dhhs.nh.gov)
    - About DHHS > Locations & Facilities > New Hampshire Hospital > Proposed Forensic Hospital Information Sessions
  - Or “Search The Site” (top of page above logo)
  - ★ Or scroll to the bottom of the main page and there is a listing of “What's New at DHHS”
- Who to contact with any questions about the Forensic Hospital
  - [nhadminsupport@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:nhadminsupport@dhhs.nh.gov)
    - This email box is checked Monday – Friday.
    - A response will be received within 24-48 hours.





# Next Session

- We're on schedule
- Newly added session – Fall of 2022
- More design-specific information
- Visual design renderings
- Timeline and construction updates
- Audience questions



# Questions

