

Comment on Proposed Fairview Health Services - Acadia Healthcare Mental Health Hospital

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Do you represent an organization?

No

What organization do you represent?

What is your comment on the proposed mental health hospital?

There is a dire need for expanded mental health treatment/care for inpatient care in MN, as well as the chemical dependency treatment. We are in a rural area and our ER is clogged with mentally ill patients awaiting placement day after day and especially a great number of minors in addition to the adult crisis we see.

If you could solve the nursing/staffing crisis with better pay/staffing at existing facilities first(unless they are unsafe buildings for pt to staff violence) makes more sense.

Please engage MDH and cooperatively incentivize working in mental health such as covering most of tuition costs, etc for those that commit to five years in the field of mental health treatment. This would be a worthwhile endeavor for use of my taxpayer dollars that would greatly benefit all MN communities.

We need updated, safe facilities but we also need to pay the front line staff working with these individuals.