

Oregon State Hospital Replacement Project (OSHRP)

The Oregon State Hospital Replacement Project (OSHRP) is an effort to revitalize and modernize Oregon's mental health system of care with "front-end" services that prevent the need for hospitalization and "back-end" or community services that will ensure a patient's successful recovery after hospitalization.

Based on recommendations from a Joint Legislative and Executive Branch Task Force, the 2007 Oregon Legislature authorized \$458.1 million to build two new state-operated psychiatric facilities to replace the existing Oregon State Hospital (OSH); a 620-bed facility in Salem and a 360-bed facility in Junction City.

For decades, Oregon has been in critical need of a new hospital for its citizens with mental illness. OSH is one of the oldest and continuously used mental health hospitals on the West Coast. It also has the distinction of being one of most decrepit of mental health facilities in the nation.

The Salem facility is scheduled to open in 2011 and the Junction City facility in 2013. Both sites will be modern psychiatric treatment and recovery facilities. They will be structured, along with a strengthened community mental health system, to support healing, recovery and a return to successful community living.

An integral part of this project is the implementation of a new computer system. Leading this initiative is the OSHRP's Behavioral Health Integration Project team. BHIP will further assure patient safety and quality of care by bringing a modern information system to both the hospital and, in the future, to the community mental health and addiction system.

To date, the hospital replacement team has enlisted expertise from renowned architectural, construction and engineering firms, including numerous subcontractors, who are working together to deliver the best mental health facility for Oregonians while strengthening the statewide mental health system. The OSHRP design and construction team includes, CH2MHILL, Inc. (project management); HOK and SRG Partnership (architects and engineers); and Hoffman Construction Co. (general contractor).

In addition, project team members and consultants have worked with OSH administrators, staff, patients, health care providers, a 40-member stakeholders group and numerous other interested parties to guide the development of the new facility to ensure Oregonians with mental illness have access to coordinated, comprehensive, and community-based medical and social supports for their needs regardless of place of residence, age or income.

More information about the OSH Replacement Project can be found at www.oregon.gov/DHS/HRP/

Send questions for the OSH Project Replacement Team to osh.project@state.or.us

Milestones

- October 2003:** Gov. Ted Kulongoski established the 21-member Governor's Mental Health Task Force to identify key problems in the state's mental health system, recommend improvements and outline achievable outcomes.
- September 2004:** The Governor's Mental Health Task Force report "A Blueprint for Action" recommended changes to the Oregon State Hospital.
- February 2005:** DHS signed the first of two contracts with KMD Architects to begin preparing a master plan for replacing the OSH.
- June 2006:** State leadership named a 10-member committee to draft hospital site-selection criteria used to evaluate proposed sites.
- July 2006:** Oregon State Site Selection Criteria Committee held its first meeting at the Capitol to review and discuss the master plan and solicit public comment.
- February 2007:** State officials selected the Salem and Junction City sites as most appropriate for the two recommended facilities.
- August 2007:** DHS contracted with CH2MHill, Inc. an international engineering and construction firm for project management.
- September 2007:** DHS held its first quarterly OSHRP Stakeholders Meeting.
- November 2007:** DHS contracted with architecture-engineer HOK and Portland-based SRG Partnership to design the two new facilities.
- December 2007:** DHS contracted with Hoffman Construction Co. to be the project's general contractor.
- February 2008:** The National Register of Historic Places designated the OSH campus as a historic district.
- September 2008:** OSHRP held Groundbreaking Ceremony and hosted public tours of the J Building and service tunnel system.
- February 2009:** OSH opened the first transitional patient cottage; OSHRP hosted tours for 300 people.
- April 2009:** Dismantling of the J Building begins.
- 2011:** The new 620-bed state hospital will open in Salem.
- 2013:** The new 360-bed state hospital will open in Junction City.