

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL

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The Honorable Chair Capital Budget Overview Committee State House Concord, New Hampshire 03301

RE: Design-Build Construction of the Secure Psychiatric Forensic Hospital

### REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to provisions in RSA 21-I:80, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) requests that the Capital Budget Overview Committee approve the Department's intent to proceed with a design-build construction delivery method to construct a Forensic Hospital to treat patients currently being housed at the Department of Corrections Secure Psychiatric Unit. Funds include Fiscal Year 2021 amount of \$8,750,000 and an anticipated \$17,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2022.

### **EXPLANATION**

The scope of work includes working in all phases of design in coordination with the State of New Hampshire and its architectural and engineering design consultant. Work with this consultant has already begun and includes the deliverable of 15% complete specification for basis of design on the facility. The scope of work includes design completion (from approximately 15% to 100%) and construction of the Secure Psychiatric Forensic Hospital located on state property. Various locations are being considered for construction, including the grounds of the Gov. Hugh J. Gallen State Office Park near the intersection of Clinton St. and S. Fruit St. The building will have space for essential supportive functions, and the intent is to create 24 beds in the first phase of construction. The core of the building will be designed and constructed to allow additional patient rooms and facilities at a future date, without impacting the operation and occupancy of the building.

Your approval of this resolution is respectfully submitted.

Sincerely,

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