

Behavioral Health Housing Unit Project Update

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Diagram of the BHHU



Agenda

1. Project Overview
2. Inmate Population Data
3. Operational Cost Estimate
4. Construction Cost Estimate
5. Moving Forward
6. Discussion



Project Overview

- SB 863 - \$40 million grant award in November 2015
- 72 Bed Facility
- 32,800 square feet
- Mental Health Treatment Services:
 - Appropriate housing for incarcerated persons
 - Small group counseling
 - Increased out of cell time
 - Frequent and successful programming environment



Inmate Population Data

- 50% of adult jail population living with mental illness
 - 32% with serious mental illness
- 46% of population requiring specialized housing due to mental illness
- 32% of behavior health inmates experience special housing
- 57 incarcerated persons were discharged in FY 23-24 from the Bail Based Competency Treatment Program.
 - 42 Restored (average of 81 days to restore)

Operational Cost Estimate



37 new custodial staff positions

- 25 Correctional Deputies
- 3 Detention Specialists
- 1 Detention Assistant
- 2 Janitors
- 1 Lieutenant

\$11 million ongoing annual cost

\$6.6 million of ongoing County General Fund identified and set aside

Construction Cost Estimate

▶ \$69.5 million for design and construction

- \$1,848 cost per square foot

▶ \$53.95 million of funding allocated

- \$40 million in grant funding
- \$8.95 million in County General Fund



Next Steps



- Fund the current iteration of the BHHU
- Change the location
- Return the funding
- Invest in a community organization





Discussion and Questions

