### New Mexico Behavioral Health Institute – 2025 Update

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# **Topics to Discuss**

- Brief overview of services
- Census updates
- Clinical updates
- House Bill 8 preparation and updates
- Forensic Building Updates
- Substance use treatment facility update
- State of the institute



### **The 6 Service Lines**





### Census update









### **Clinical Highlights**

120.00%

Unique Patients Served Without A Seclusion Event



### Clinical Data -Hospital





#### Felt safe while I was in the hospital

### Clinical Data -Forensic







### Other Division Highlights

- CARE
  - Increasing admissions up to 6, working with CYFD
- Community Based Services
  - Working with the 4th judicial district to provide Assisted Outpatient Treatment
- Long-Term Care
  - Moved 2 patients from APD to Meadows

### House Bill 8 Civil Impact

- Multiple times civil commitment must be evaluated
- Will lead to an increase in referrals
- Over past 3 years 27% increase in census of 55 to 71
  - Today we have 77
- Taking steps to solve
  - Collaborating across agencies and with Managed Care Companies for discharge
    - Long-term care and group homes
    - LLCP taken multiple people
  - Two capital projects to re-open cottages
    - Will increase capacity current =80 and expanded =104

## House Bill 8 Forensic Impact

- No significant change to inpatient competency restoration eligibility
  - Added outpatient and AOT referrals
- Minor change to "1.5" eligibility
- 1.5 refers to not competent not restorable
- Change to discharge language
  - Monitor impact

#### New Forensic Building – where we started







#### Forensic Building – where we are



### New Forensic Building – Where we are headed





• Timeline – If funded, substantial completion in late 2027

### Substance Use Treatment Facility Update

- Will provide non-medical detox and treatment
- Working toward opening
- Purchased furniture/items
  - Currently installing and organizing
- Contacted Joint Commission
- Contacted Board of Pharmacy
- Started creating policies
- Scheduled interviews for director
- Best case will open in 8 weeks







### Academic Partnerships

- UNM
  - Psychiatric Residency
  - Nursing
  - Medical Students
  - Psychology
- Highlands
  - Social Work
  - Behavioral Health Therapists
  - Advanced practice nurses
- Smaller programs with many other schools for nursing



### State of the Institute

- Census is growing
- Positive Joint Commission and licensing surveys
- Successful recruitment for many licensed positions
- Improved partnerships
- Biggest need is Direct Care/ Tech level positions
  - Improved shift differentials
  - Improved hourly rate
  - Improved working conditions