



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

Fast Facts: 2012 Legislative Session

Minnesota Security Hospital: Renovation and construction planning

The 2012 Legislature approved \$3.7 million in bonding for the predesign and design of the first phase of a two-phase project to remodel existing facilities and develop new residential, program, activity and ancillary facilities for the Minnesota Security Hospital (MSH) on the upper campus of the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center. The renovation and construction is needed to improve safety for patients and employees as well as create a more therapeutic environment.

Background

- MSH provides evaluation and treatment to individuals who have been civilly committed as mentally ill and dangerous.
- MSH shares the St. Peter campus with the Minnesota Sex Offender Program (MSOP), two distinctly different programs. Designs are intended to address issues DHS faces as it operates MSH and MSOP on the same campus.

Project overview

- The first phase of the project will focus on design and development of a new secure admissions unit, renovation of the MSH living units, development of new residential space for the MSH transition programs, development of additional clinic space, construction of activity space and general site work on the upper campus.
- This project will result in the eventual relocation of all MSH residential and program activities from the lower campus to the upper campus. The lower campus will be reused and redeveloped for MSOP as a separate project.
- New facilities on the upper campus will allow the long-term needs of different populations served by MSH to be met.
- The improved facilities that will be developed from the project designs are intended to reduce the average length of treatment at MSH by 20 percent to 25 percent.

Related information

- DHS end-of-session fast facts, <https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfservlet/Public/DHS-6527-ENG>
- Minnesota Security Hospital FAQs, <https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfservlet/Public/DHS-6173-ENG>

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