

**MONDAY MORNING GROUP OF WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY
ANNUAL ADVOCACY TRIP – SACRAMENTO, CA
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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WELLNESS CENTER

ISSUE: Riverside University Health System (RUHS) is seeking to build a new facility that would expand the number of acute care psychiatric beds in Riverside County. Currently, there are fewer than nine behavioral health beds per 100,000 residents in the County and there are no acute care psychiatric beds for children under the age of 12. The proposed Behavioral Health Wellness Center would be built on the Moreno Valley Medical Center Campus, enhancing access to care for Riverside County’s growing population.

ACTION: The Monday Morning Group urges leaders in the Legislature and Administration to look for opportunities to enhance behavioral health resources available throughout the state. Without adequate funding for the Wellness Center and campus expansions, the County could experience continued behavioral health shortfalls.

The Monday Morning Group supports funding mechanisms, including revolving loans (to address the chronic need for additional acute care psychiatric beds). Legislation, including SB 45 by Senator Richard Roth, establishes such a revolving fund that would provide matching funds that could be used to develop a facility that integrates mental health, substance abuse, and physical health services. These matching funds would support the development of 180,000 in additional square feet of space, housing up to 100 inpatient acute behavioral health beds.

BACKGROUND: Riverside County, like most counties in the state, requires significant investment in expanding the number of available psychiatric beds. Combined with population growth and an increase in mental health emergencies, the need for additional behavioral health care facilities in the region is on the rise.

State investments will allow Riverside County and RUHS to develop a facility that reduces the burden of untreated behavioral health conditions in our communities and meets the increasing demands of care by integrating mental health, substance use, and physical health services. By replacing and consolidating the current facility with a modern, centrally located center on the existing RUHS-MC Moreno Valley Campus, the County of Riverside will create a comprehensive structure that increases capacity as a safety-net hospital that is better suited to the needs of its community.

Wellness Center:

Construction Timeline: Design process to begin Spring 2023, major construction begins Spring 2024, project completion anticipated Fall 2027
Construction cost per bed: \$4.5M per bed

Total Projected Cost: \$450 million+ based on current market studies; RFPs pending for this project

Wellness Center Grant Summary:

Awarded Grants: \$0 out of \$140M over 2 rounds of BHCIP applications
\$5M in support from Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP)
\$1M earmarked Congressional Directed Funding by Senator Feinstein
\$2M earmarked Congressional Directed Funding by Congressman Takano in two separate items
Future Applications: \$70M for BHCIP Round 5 (application submittal February 2023)
BHCIP Round 6 (awaiting details from DHCS)