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## State of NH to Hold Virtual Information Session on March 28 Regarding Proposed Forensic Psychiatric Hospital

**Concord, NH** – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and New Hampshire Hospital officials will hold the third information session to provide updates on the proposal to build a secure forensic hospital adjacent to New Hampshire Hospital.

In New Hampshire, there is no facility appropriate for treating acute mental illness for forensic patients, including people who are civilly committed for treatment. Construction of a forensic psychiatric hospital adjacent to New Hampshire Hospital will create a setting that will allow for skilled psychiatric treatment in a safe, secure, and therapeutic environment for forensic patients. The State intends to construct a facility for 24 beds.

During the meeting, the firm selected to design the new facility will share information related to the design and construction. State leadership will review the timeline for the project, provide an update on the progress of the plan, and take questions from the public. The State intends to hold additional meetings as the project advances.

The virtual meeting will be held on Monday, March 28, beginning at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held on Zoom and can be accessed at <u>Forensic Psychiatric Hospital Virtual</u> <u>Public Meeting</u>. Members of the public will be invited to submit questions and comments during the meeting.

For more information on the proposed forensic hospital, please visit <u>https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/nhh/forensic-hospital-sessions.htm</u>.

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