

# **Outposted Therapeutic Housing Units**

## **A NYC Health + Hospitals/Correctional Health Services Initiative**

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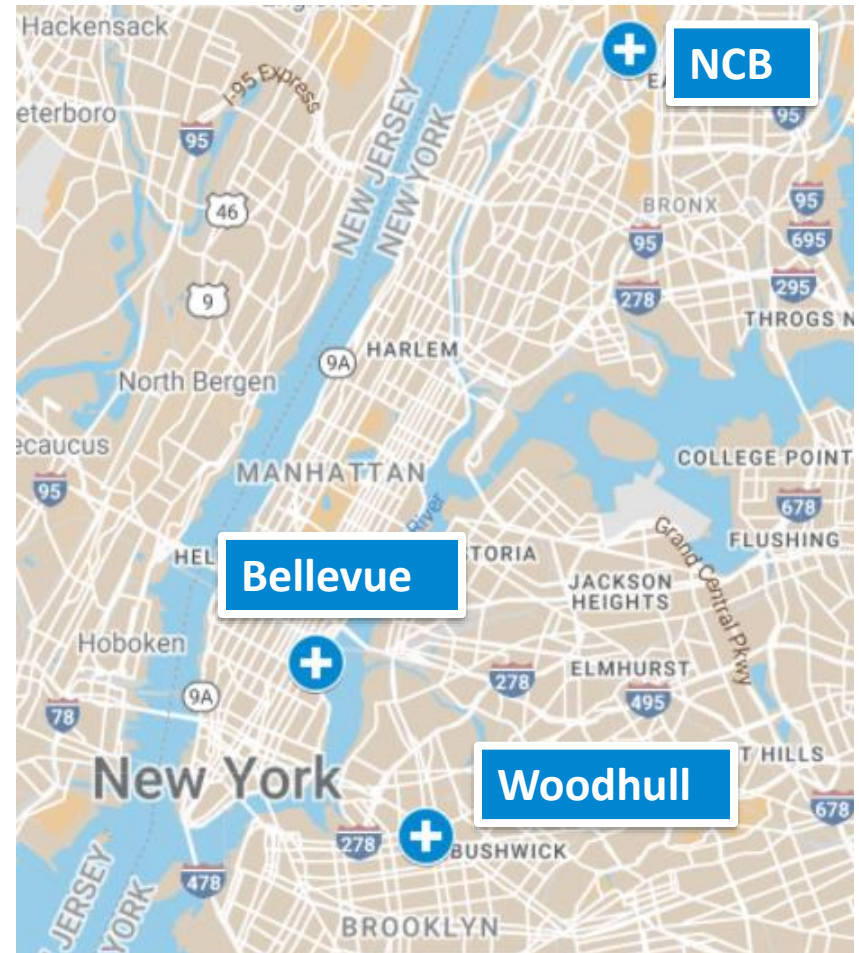
# Outposted Therapeutic Housing Units

- An Outposted Therapeutic Housing Unit (OTxHU) is a secure, clinical unit within a hospital that serves patients in custody who have serious health conditions, following the jail-based therapeutic housing model
- OTxHUs will improve access to care for CHS patients who do not require inpatient admission but would benefit from close, regular access to specialty and subspecialty care available in the hospitals



# OTxHU locations & planned completion dates

- ~380 beds in 3 OTxHUs
  - NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue: planned completion date of **spring 2023**
  - NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull: planned completion date of **2024**
  - NYC Health + Hospitals/North Central Bronx (NCB): planned completion date of **2025**



# OTxHU operations

- CHS will provide health care on unit
- Hospital will provide specialty care on or off unit
- DOC will provide security and custody management
- CHS will determine the admission to and discharge from the units according to patients' clinical needs



## Design and Construction status

### ■ **Bellevue OTxHU**

- Designs are finalized and approved by the NYS Commission of Correction
- Construction began in March 2022
- Construction completion is anticipated by spring 2023

### ■ **Woodhull OTxHU**

- Decanting and abatement work began in May 2022
- Final OTxHU designs expected in fall 2022, and completion is anticipated by 2024

### ■ **NCB OTxHU**

- Schematic design is underway; completion is anticipated by 2025



## Benefits to patients

- Pioneering approach that increases access to specialty care for patients with complex clinical needs
- Improves continuity of care between CHS and NYC Health + Hospitals providers delivering inpatient, outpatient, and OTxHU services
- Reduces visitation barriers for families, friends, and community providers



# Benefits to Hospitals

- An infusion of capital funds will support the renovation and upgrade of hospital space and infrastructure
- Repurposed spaces will improve flow and conditions for existing clinical and administration operations of the hospital
- OTxHU will bring new revenue to the hospitals for patient care and supporting services



# Benefits to system reform

- Helps CHS bridge the gap between the care provided in the jails and inpatient hospitalization in a more dignified and humane manner
- Reduces the demand on DOC for off-island specialty transfers and escorted transportation
- Accelerates the relocation of clinically vulnerable patients from Rikers Island
- Expands the footprint of normalized, therapeutic settings for persons in custody
- Reduces the number of beds needed in the borough-based jails





# Q&A

