

Recommendations: Summary

I. Transform the Austin State Hospital (ASH) Campus.

1. Replace the existing outmoded adult hospital with a new state-of-the-art facility. **(See options on back)**
2. Improve ASH operations.
3. Change the ASH reporting structure.
4. Initiate a brain health platform on the ASH campus and beyond.

II. Optimize the Use of Community Psychiatric Beds in the Region.

1. Expand the Community Psychiatric Bed-purchasing program (CPB).
2. Expand CPB to provide short-term competency restorations.

III. Redesign Competency Restoration Programs and Processes.

1. Engage the Judicial Commission on Mental Health (JCMH) to establish consistent competency standards and assessments across all courts.
2. Establish a formal 60-day inpatient competency restoration limit.
3. Create a regional competency restoration team to work across venues.

IV. Increase Residential Care and Supported Housing Capacity.

1. Foster better use of the HCBS-AMH 1915(i) State Plan Amendment program.
2. Finance expansion of evidence-based residential care and supported housing.



AUSTIN STATE HOSPITAL

Brain Health System Redesign

Recommendation I: New Adult Hospital Options

Option A: The Base Recommendation

Build 240 adult bed hospital

- Cost: \$282.6M for 374,000 SF 2 or 3 story hospital
- Additional \$38M to prepare 15 acre site
- Maintains current ASH operational budget
- Prepare for future growth with additions of 24-48 more beds, additional \$6.6M required for build out.

Option A:

Total Cost

\$282.6M

Option B: Preferred Recommendation

Build a 216 – 240 adult bed hospital plus a 48 - to 72-bed residential care unit.

- Cost: \$288 - \$330M for 374,000 SF 2 or 3 story hospital
- Additional \$37M to prepare 15 acre site
- Estimated \$25-45M to construct 72-bed residential facility
- Estimated annual operating budget of \$9.8M in addition for the inpatient facility.

Option B:

Total Cost

\$288- \$330M

Option C: Recommendation if the only improvement is a new hospital

Build a 264 – 288 adult bed (or larger) hospital

- Cost: \$311 - \$330M for 264 bed hospital
- Additional \$41M to prepare site
- Increases annual operating expenses by \$4 - 6M over current \$50M annually.

Option C:

Total Cost

\$311 - \$330M

Cost reflected, excludes planning funding of \$13M that has already been appropriated to the ASH Brain Health System Redesign project.



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