

Proposed Changes at the Behavioral Health Center at Zuckerberg San Francisco General

Unique opportunity to meet an urgent citywide need by doubling the number of locked sub-acute beds in San Francisco.

Leveraging State Funding and Existing City Infrastructure

- San Francisco faces a **critical shortage of locked mental health beds** — contributing to hospitalizations, homelessness, and repeated psychiatric crises.
- The Behavioral Health Center (BHC) at ZSFG was **built as a locked facility**, an extremely rare asset.
- Repurposing the first and second floors of the BHC is the most **cost effective and immediate path** to bring more than 90 locked beds online – doubling the City’s locked bed capacity.
- DPH was **awarded \$21M in state** funding to renovate the BHC to provide locked subacute beds.
- It is the unique and rare confluence of the right infrastructure, right licensing, and state funding.
- Expansion of mental health beds will serve individuals under conservatorship or transitioning from acute care, ensuring they receive timely, structured treatment in a safe, therapeutic setting.

A Thoughtful Resident Transition

- DPH is expanding its board and care capacity with the recent acquisition of 624 Laguna Streets and is in the process of purchasing 601 Laguna Street. The acquisition of these properties is designed to serve the majority of BHC clients.
- Every resident will remain a DPH client, with guaranteed placement in a DPH setting that meets their care needs.

Location

The Behavioral Health Center at Zuckerberg San Francisco General (ZSFG)

Highlights

- Adds 20-30 new union positions
- Uses existing city infrastructure
- Leverages \$21M in state funding
- Adds 90+ beds, doubling city’s locked bed capacity

