

Comment on Proposed Fairview Health Services - Acadia Healthcare Mental Health Hospital

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Name:

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Where do you live:

St. Paul, MN

Do you represent an organization?

Yes

What organization do you represent?

Catholic Charities of St. Paul & Minneapolis

What is your comment on the proposed mental health hospital?

Catholic Charities of St. Paul & Minneapolis is a leading provider of social service programs throughout the Twin Cities, serving more than 23,000 men, women, children and families annually, with a focus on housing justice. Many of the guests and residents of our emergency shelter services and supportive housing programs are greatly impacted by the lack of access to mental health treatment in the St. Paul region. Many of these individuals are either uninsured or covered by Medicaid, and many also have complex physical health conditions, are of the geriatric psych population, or have dual diagnoses. These individuals require – and are worthy of – comprehensive and dignified mental health supports such as those that could be offered at the proposed hospital by Fairview and Acadia Healthcare.