

## **One Brooklyn's Interfaith plans \$17.9M behavioral health upgrade**

Interfaith Medical Center, one of the three hospitals comprising the newly formed One Brooklyn Health System, is proposing a \$17.9 million renovation of its behavioral health unit in order to enhance the care environment with more patient and common space, improve programming and address suicide risks.

The proposal is one of many facility upgrades for the health system scheduled during the next five years under its capital restructuring plan. In August, Brookdale Hospital Medical Center, also part of One Brooklyn, revised a prior proposal to renovate and expand its intensive care unit, increasing the estimated cost to \$17.5 million from \$15 million.

One Brooklyn's plans, supported by a \$664 million award from the state for facility transformation, consist of numerous subprojects grouped into three categories: ambulatory care development, IT and facilities infrastructure and clinical transformation, according to the health system's certificate-of-need application. A series of additional CON filings are expected next year for other projects, said Charlotte Neuhaus, director of strategic planning for One Brooklyn and Interfaith Medical Center.

Approximately two years ago, the state Health Department commissioned "The Brooklyn Study: Reshaping the Future of Healthcare," which was authored by Northwell Health. The feasibility study made recommendations for restructuring health care and integrating Interfaith, Brookdale Hospital and Kingsbrook Jewish medical centers into a sustainable health system in Central Brooklyn.

"The state has been supporting and guiding this whole process," Neuhaus said.