

White Plains, St. Vincent's plan integrated clinic

White Plains Hospital Center and St. Vincent's Hospital Westchester, a division of St. Joseph's Medical Center, are collaborating to open a health center in White Plains that offers integrated behavioral health and primary care services.

White Plains Hospital Center was awarded a \$7.5 million grant through the Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program last year to purchase and renovate the building that will house the new outpatient clinic.

Pending state approval, White Plains is planning to invest \$9.6 million to relocate its Family Health Center to the new site at 79 E. Post Road, and St. Joseph's would spend \$5.4 million to open St. Vincent's Outpatient Behavioral Health Center at the same location.

The "collaborative plan to promote an integrated, patient-centered model of health care delivery" will contribute to state health care reform goals, including preventing avoidable hospitalizations and reducing the cost of care, according to the certificate-of-need application White Plains Hospital Center submitted to the state for its part of the project.