

CRAIN'S **Health Pulse**

SBH Health System to Build \$23.6M 'Medical Village'

SBH Health System is moving forward with plans to build a \$23.6 million multiuse health center next to St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx.

The "urban medical village," which will integrate primary and behavioral care and be co-located with affordable housing, will be mostly funded through a \$22.7 million grant the system received from the Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program last year. It is now seeking final project approval from the state.

The health system plans to construct a 52,000-square-foot building at 4511 Third Ave. to house care-coordination services, primary care, specialty care, behavioral health and local community service organizations, according to its certificate-of-need application to the state Health Department.

By providing patients with a "one-stop shop," the project will contribute to the state's DSRIP goals of improving health outcomes, cutting the cost of care and reducing avoidable hospitalizations, said SBH Health, which leads the performing provider system Bronx Partners for Healthy Communities. —C.L.