

Preparation of a Facilities Program and Site Study for the Turquoise Lodge Hospital, Albuquerque, NM

Turquoise Lodge Hospital (TLH) provides treatment services for New Mexico residents experiencing difficulty with substance abuse. On behalf of the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH), the New Mexico General Services Department Facilities Management Division (NM GSD/FMD) retained Architectural Research Consultants, Incorporated (ARC) to prepare a facilities programming study for the design of a new hospital for the Turquoise Lodge Hospital Treatment Facility located in Albuquerque, New Mexico and to identify a suitable site based on the requirements established in the programming phase.

ARC used a “problem seeking” approach to develop facility requirements for TLH based on a close interaction with the client owner and user. The process sought to define project goals, collect relevant facts about the nature of TLH’s programs and functions, develop and review the conceptual approach for organizing the design, and to identify and itemize in detail the space needed to meet the project goals.

After defining the facility’s requirements, the planning team then reviewed potential sites for suitability to serve as a designated development location.

Space allocations build upon the suggestions of TLH’s 2018 programming document, with modifications from staff observations and input from the leadership team. The resulting TLH facility will require about 50,400 gross square feet to address the defined programmatic requirements.

Client: NM GSD/FMD and NM Department of Health

Completion: 2022

Right: Overall relationship diagram

Below: Conceptual site development exploration of potential sites

