Recently Constructed Hospitals

• Connecticut- Connecticut had three state hospitals and closed two of these and spent thirty-six million dollars over four years to rehabilitate the third hospital to house five hundred and seventy patients in five patient dorms. In this process they merged seven different treatment facilities into one to treat mental illness, substance abuse, and forensic patients. It has a maximum security forensic unit and a forty-five bed geriatric unit.

• Florida- Florida has recently built the South Florida State Hospital with three-hundred and fifty-five beds for both civil and forensic patients. It was built in 2000 and the state has contracted with Atlantic Shores to operate the hospital.

• Idaho- In 1996 Idaho spent eight million five hundred thousand dollars to build a new building on the state hospital north campus. The campus had five buildings and four of them were demolished. The new building was built to house fifty beds. It contains two patient units, a gymnasium, administration offices, and clinical offices.

• Maine- River View Psychiatric was opened in June 2004 in Augusta. It contains ninety-two beds total with both civil and forensic patients. It has one hundred and twenty-nine thousand square feet of floor space and costs thirty-three million dollars to construct on the site of an older hospital.

• Mississippi- North Mississippi State Hospital was opened in 2000 in Tupelo Mississippi. It contains fifty-three thousand eight hundred and fifty square feet and costs six million seven hundred and fifty-nine thousand dollars. Plus one hundred and fifty thousand for land purchase. It has fifty beds. South Mississippi State Hospital was opened in May 2000 in Purvis, Mississippi. It contains fifty-three thousand eight hundred and fifty square feet and costs six million two hundred and fifty thousand to construct plus one hundred and fifty thousand for land purchase. It has fifty beds.

• Missouri- Western Missouri Mental Health Center was opened in early 2004 and has one hundred and eighty thousand square feet and costs fifty-four million dollars to construct including purchasing land in Kansas City. It is built on Hospital Hill adjacent to several other hospitals. It has one hundred and sixty-six beds, one hundred and fifteen inpatient rooms, ten emergency rooms, and ten extended observation rooms.

• Montana- Montana has recently (2000) completed a combination of a new hospital building and remodeling of several older buildings on the state hospital campus at Warm Springs. The new building was built for one hundred and eight patients and the remodeling added another twenty seven beds for a total of one hundred and thirty-five beds. Total project cost was twenty-six million dollars ($21,000,000 new construction) ($5,000,000 Remodeling cost). The square footage in the new building is seventy-seven thousand.

• Nevada- Nevada opened a new ninety bed hospital in Reno on September 12 in 2001. It was built to replace an older hospital previously built on that site.

• Tennessee- Middle Tennessee Mental Health Institute was completed in 1995 at Nashville. It contains nine units of twenty-five beds with a total bed capacity of three hundred. The building has two hundred and fifty five thousand square feet and cost thirty million dollars to construct.

• Washington- Washington has constructed a new hospital to replace Western State Hospital. It is a one-hundred and fifty to one-hundred and sixty bed forensic Unit and is approximately eight or nine years old.

• West Virginia- In 1994 West Virginia opened the William R. Sharpe Jr. hospital in Weston, West Virginia. It is a two hundred and seventeen thousand square foot facility and was constructed for thirty million dollars including the purchase of land. It has one hundred and fifty beds.

• Wyoming- Wyoming completed the second of two stages of construction in April of 2004. They completed a forty two bed psychiatric facility which appears to be a part of a large general hospital. It was built in Evanston on the site of a much older state hospital.
Planning or Currently Constructing New Facilities

- Arkansas- Arkansas is planning to replace the Arkansas State Hospital in Little Rock with a one hundred and thirty bed facility which will be built by the University of Arkansas Medical School. It will contain ninety adult beds and forty adolescent beds and occupy one hundred and forty thousand square feet plus twenty thousand square feet will be added for offices for the Arkansas Division of Mental Health Services. Total cost of the project will be twenty-one million dollars.

- Michigan- Michigan currently has a center for forensic psychiatry under construction, but it also closed Northville Psychiatric Hospital in 2003.

- Nevada- Nevada expects to begin construction on a new hospital in October 2004. It will be at least a one hundred and fifty bed facility and could expand into a one hundred and ninety bed facility. Plans call for one hundred and one thousand six hundred square feet and estimated construction costs are twenty-four million six hundred thousand dollars.

- New Jersey- New Jersey plans to start construction in September 2004 on a new hospital to replace Grey Stone Hospital. It is to be built on two hundred and twenty-five acres of the six hundred and seventy-one acres occupied by the original hospital which dates from 1876. Plans are to have twenty-five beds per unit with a dining room for each unit. Each room will house two patients with a bath. It will be a multi-floor facility and have four hundred and sixty beds and cost one hundred and seventy million dollars.

- New York- New York has a project underway in New Hampton, the Mid-Hudson Forensic Psychiatric Center. It will be a one hundred and twenty-five bed facility with a project budget of twenty-four million dollars. New York is also planning a replacement hospital at Rochester, the Rochester Psychiatric Center.

- North Carolina- North Carolina is planning reforms in mental health care and plans to close two hospitals and replace them with a single four hundred and thirty two bed hospital to serve the central part of the state. It will be built on state property thirty miles north of Raleigh. The state is also planning to get private providers to operate the hospital.

- Ohio- Ohio has nine state hospitals, and the plan is to convert all of them to a single building at each site. Currently a new hospital is being built on seventy acres of the Cincinnati site. The administrative wing was built two years ago and the patient treatment mall and residential areas are being built for two hundred dollars per square foot, for two hundred and fifty thousand square feet and two hundred and fifty beds. Total costs fifty million dollars.

- Virginia- Virginia built a new adult hospital in Marion in 87/88 with one hundred and fifty beds, and constructed an adolescent facility in 1996. They are planning a facility for violent sexual offenders and also planning a geriatric facility.

Planning No Change or Are Closing Some Hospitals

- Alabama- Alabama has reduced long term care beds by three hundred and developed community resource programs to help compensate for these beds. They also reported a loss of five hundred private psychiatric beds which places an added burden on the available state beds.

- Georgia- Georgia has seven state hospitals and is not planning any changes.

- Iowa- Iowa has closed most of its states hospitals, and has attempted to develop alternative uses of these buildings with and emphasis on preservation of historically significant buildings. The emphasis is on contracting with local communities to find uses for these sites.

- Kentucky- Kentucky reports three state hospitals with the most recent one constructed in 1986. A new hospital has been proposed, but no action has taken place.
- Illinois- Illinois has already closed five state hospitals.

- Nebraska- Nebraska is planning reforms in behavioral health and has closed two of the states three hospitals. They are emphasizing community based programs.

- New Mexico- New Mexico has no new facilities planned, but has contracted with an external firm to conduct an assessment of state facilities.

- North Dakota- North Dakota has one state hospital and has no changes planned.

- Oklahoma- Oklahoma is moving toward a community based approach for mental illness and has only one, one hundred and forty-five bed hospital in Norman, plus acute care beds throughout the state including the Northwest Center for Behavioral Health. In addition they are planning for a new forensic facility.

- Pennsylvania- Pennsylvania has no recent hospital construction the most recent hospital was built in 1960.

- Rhode Island- Rhode Island is not planning any changes in the area of mental health.

- South Carolina- South Carolina has two state hospitals and is not planning any changes.

- South Dakota- South Dakota has only one state hospital and has no plans to make any changes in this mental health program.

- Texas- Texas has not built any new hospitals and has no plans to build any new ones. They say lack of money keeps them from doing any construction. One thing they did was to convert a general hospital in El Paso into a psychiatric hospital sometime in the mid 90’s.

- Wisconsin- Wisconsin has only added one building to an existing state facility in the past ten years. They built Peterwick Hall at the Winnebago Mental Health Institute in 1997.