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In September 2024, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Health Department) released a new Request for Proposals (RFP) for adult clubhouses. In line with [*Care, Community, Action: A Mental Health Plan for New York City*](#), the Health Department's goal is to keep as many New Yorkers as possible with serious mental illness connected with a community that offers real rehabilitative opportunities, and treatment and housing – reflective of the three key pillars of home, healthcare, and community - that ensure stability, prevent crises, and improve health. These new contracts extend the benefits of clubhouse services to more adults experiencing serious mental illness in NYC and will achieve better outcomes for longstanding clubhouse members as well as those newly engaged through this expansion initiative.

The Health Department is focused on clubhouse expansion and quality. Regarding expansion, a key goal is to build capacity to serve at least 8,750 members, nearly doubling the current capacity that clubhouses serve. We are also expanding clubhouse presence in high need communities because of our focus on priority neighborhoods. Raising the standard of quality requires ensuring programs have the capacity to guarantee every member a broad range of rehabilitative opportunities that are associated with positive health outcomes. Programs must also now track how well they are supporting their members – relevant metrics include prevention of hospitalization, homelessness, and contact with law enforcement, in addition to positive measures of function, isolation and wellbeing. This data was not collected or reported on in the past.

Of the 13 sites procured and contracted by the Health Department, 11 sites are open - three of which are newly established because of the 2024 RFP. There are an additional 2 new Clubhouse sites not yet open. The Health Department expects these sites to open mid-2025.

Five additional clubhouse sites are also being funded through FY25 through City Council designations. Contracts are administered by the NYC Health Department.