



BELLEVUE HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATE

July 7th, 2026

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Project Background

Marion County Facilities Management and the Florida Department of Health submitted a formal needs case on **December 17, 2025**, to replace the aging Belleview Department of Health facility.

An extensive search was conducted throughout southern Marion County to identify an existing building suitable for renovation or acquisition.

No vacant or available property was found that met the program's operational, clinical, and accessibility requirements.

Recommended Solution: New Facility

- Maintains convenient access to essential health services for residents of southern Marion County.
- Provides modern infrastructure designed to support current and future clinical operations.
- Improves accessibility and navigation for both WIC and non-WIC clients.
- Incorporates a dedicated WIC drive-through to better serve medically vulnerable children and families.



COST COMPARISON

Cost Comparison

Construction Option	Estimated Mid-Level Cost
Conventional (PEMB) Construction	\$3.09 Million
Modular Construction	\$2.31 Million

Difference: Approximately \$779,000 (25%) lower initial construction cost for the modular option.

Considerations

Conventional Construction

- Greater architectural flexibility
- Enhanced aesthetics and site integration
- Adaptable floor plan and future expansion opportunities

Modular Construction

- Lower initial construction cost
- Limited to a rectangular footprint and modular design constraints
- Reduced architectural flexibility and exterior appearance