

OTHER ENABLING STRUCTURES

Three additional enabling structures have been selected for support and investment during the five-year strategic plan. By advancing institutional stature, supporting faculty development, and addressing facilities challenges, RBHS will confidently support signature programs, complementary programs, and educational initiatives, as well as research, educational, clinical, and community service programs more broadly throughout RBHS.

Facilities

Substantial RBHS physical plant/building/maintenance challenges must be addressed, as determined during the chancellor's listening and facilities tours in the fall 2014, and illustrated in a survey of RBHS faculty, staff, and students. Maintenance has been deferred for too long, some space is badly in need of repair, some key space is in need of replacement as soon as is feasible, and well-maintained space is underutilized.

RCM will lead to more rational and appropriate allocation of the best space and selective investments will be made to renovate existing space as needs arise and funds become available. (For example, the RWJMS Research Tower in Piscataway can be renovated floor by floor, mobilizing resources as needed.) Suitable space will be better utilized by assigning funded investigators into the best available space.

During the first year of the strategic plan, the overall space utilization across RBHS will be evaluated and intensified. Where possible, funded investigators will be moved out of poorly maintained space into well-maintained space; well-maintained space also will be assigned to newly recruited investigators. Over time, as additional funding becomes available, resources will be mobilized for space renovation.