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Northwest Neurobehavioral Health's new independent mental health clinic is being built in the Gramercy District of Meridian. Image courtesy of C|T|Y Studio.

Construction started at the end of February at the Gramercy District in Meridian on a new office for Northwest Neurobehavioral Health.

The Meridian multi-disciplinary diagnostic and treatment center has expanded several times in existing space at the nearby Goldstone Center since 11 clinicians founded the clinic in 2010. This has resulted in Northwest Neurobehavioral splitting into two sections of the same building, separated by a corridor, with two lobbies, and no windows in many offices.

"We'll have one lobby instead of two (in the new building)," said Laura Curtis, a managing partner and clinical social worker at Northwest Neurobehavioral.

NNH collaborated with commercial real estate entities Tenant Realty Advisors and Thornton Oliver Keller. Architect Rob Thornton, a principal at C|T|Y Studio, designed the building to NNH clinician specifications.

Curtis said the clinicians asked for a building where all the clinicians could be in the same structure, with sunlight in the rooms and in Meridian.

"We have always wanted to build. Always," Curtis said. "We're amazed with what they have been able to put together."

Gramercy District project manager Taylor Merrill welcomed the idea of an independent mental health clinic for the 80-acre mixed-use development with commercial, office and housing on Overland Road between Eagle and Locust Grove roads.

"These guys are preferred providers of adolescent behavioral counseling," Merrill said. "There is a demand for that service in this valley. We like the fact we have the health industry here."

Gramercy is the general contractor on the project.

"What I liked was the time they spent getting to know us," Curtis said about Gramercy.

Northwest Neurobehavioral will be an early development in the district's Gramercy Plaza commercial area. It will go in the middle third of the property, which is only about 15 percent developed. The Gramercy Village retail section along Overland is about 90 percent complete and the residential Gramercy Park area at the rear is about 80 percent developed with apartments by Gramercy Villas and The Fields at Gramercy, Merrill said.

NNH did not know what sort of new home they could expect when they reached out to Greg Gaddis at Tenant Realty Advisors. Gaddis said his company helped them find a developer with a suitable location.

"We engaged a developer to build a build-to-suit," he said. "You don't see many of those around here."

NNH entered into a lease-to-own agreement with Gramercy, Curtis said.

NNH has a multidisciplinary approach to exploring mental health, behavior, development, and emotional needs of children and adults. The center performs 16 psychological evaluations per week and sees 85 to 100 people a day. More than 2,400 clients



Northwest Neurobehavioral Health will be built at Gramercy District within sight of Mountain View High School (rear). Photo courtesy of Laura Curtis.

made 23,925 visits in 2016, Curtis said.

"Some families come to NNH once. Other families want their own parking spot," she said. "Rural Idaho is coming to us."

NNH clients come from as far as Grangeville, eastern Oregon and Mountain Home, Curtis said.

NNH now has 32 clinicians who provide neuropsychology, psychology, counseling, autism diagnostic clinic services, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, and medication management.

"We are able to expand services at Gramercy," Curtis said. "We will be able to provide more counseling. We tend to attract families with more complex medical needs. We need to expand psychological assessment."

The building that Thornton designed has windows and skylights to allow daylight into interior sections of the 18,500-square-foot structure. It will have a large, open reception area and fewer offices in favor of "nicer, bigger, taller" cubicles in an open area. Hallways will be wider with a lower ceiling, Thornton said.

"We're bringing light further into the place as best as we can," Thornton said.

NNH expects to move into the new space in September or October.