



ICAHN FELLOWSHIP PRESENTATION

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CORE STATEMENT

Memorial Hospital Carthage is developing a private safe room to help psych patients with suicidal ideations, have a ligature free, calming room, by renovating an area of the Emergency Department.





Stake Holders

ED staff, CEO, CNO, CFO, IDPH



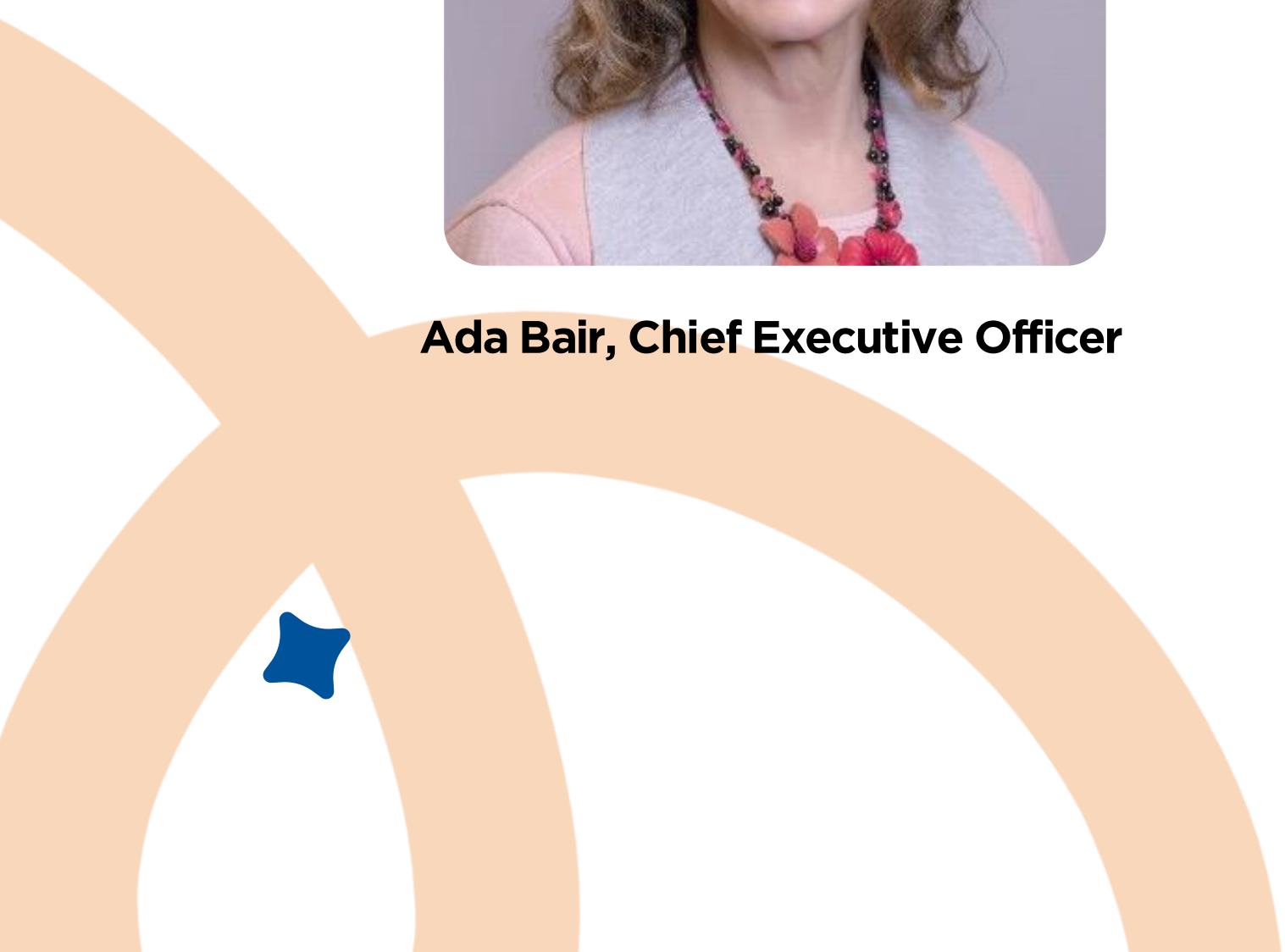
Ada Bair, Chief Executive Officer



Raigan Brown, Chief Nursing Officer



Teresa Smith, Chief Financial Officer





Outcomes

Comfortable

Decreased stimuli

Private

Quiet

Calming

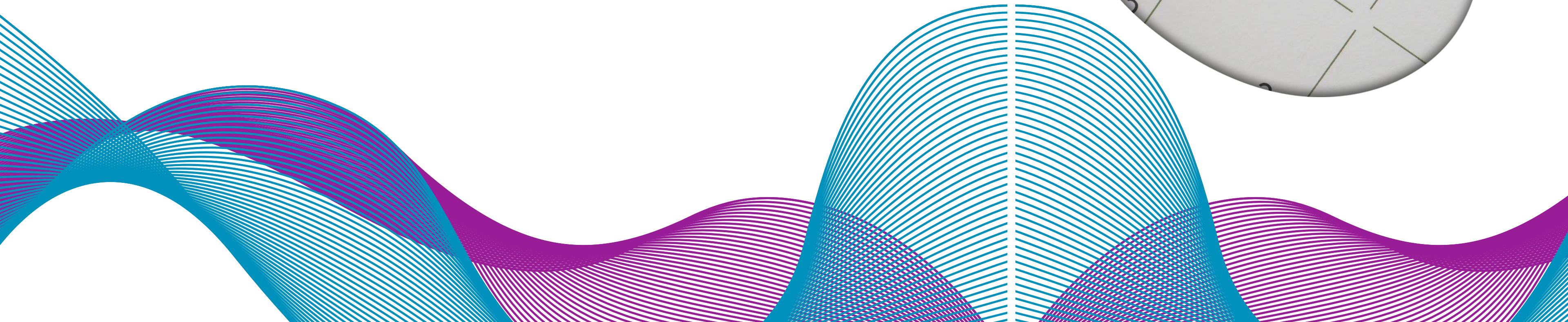
Increased safety for patients and
staff

WHY A SAFE ROOM?

Currently when we have a psych patient come in we have to take everything out of an existing ED room, to make it “safer.” Currently that room is in the middle of the flow for the ED.

TIMELINE

Fall of 2026



Challenges

Key challenges include budget limits, securing grant funding, and delays from contractor and IDPH timelines. Costs remain high, especially for specialized ligature-free or custom equipment. Additional factors include gaining ED staff buy-in on location and managing other active renovation projects across the organization.



SUCCESSSES

We were able to obtain pricing for all project components and develop a clear plan to ensure readiness for implementation when the time came. In addition, I toured various facilities in the area, gathered ideas, tips, and best practices, and established new networking opportunities to support and strengthen the project.



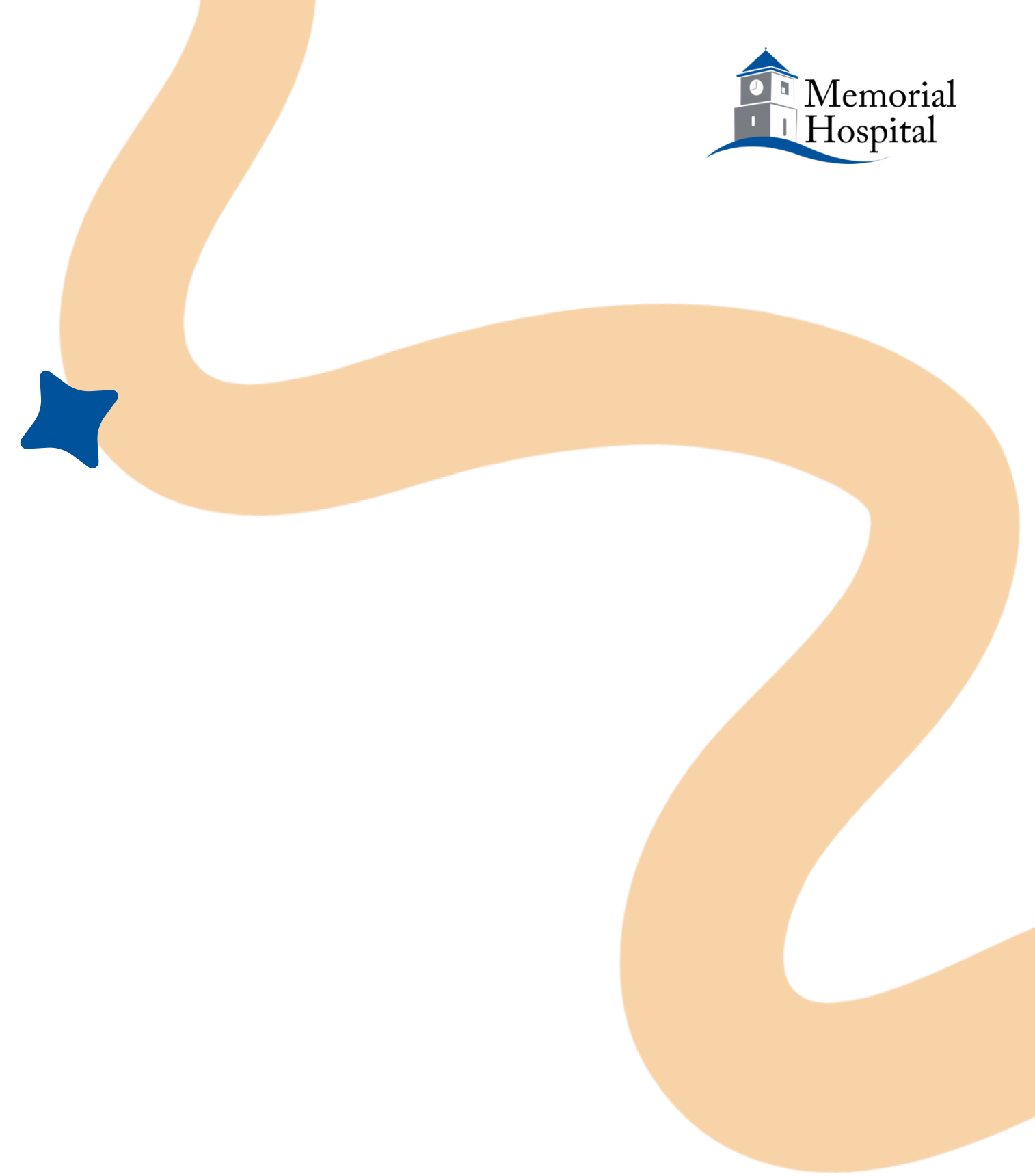
TOURS

Tours were conducted at Blessing Hospital (Quincy), Illini Hospital (Pittsfield), and Hannibal Regional. These site visits helped inform and inspire the current plans for the new psych room design.



Next Steps

Finalizing the build plan
Starting the renovation



Thank You



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