



KEVIN TURNER, AIA

Principal Architect

Kevin stands out as a dynamic and experienced leader in the operationally informed design of behavioral healthcare facilities. With over 30 years of experience, Kevin has designed more than 6 million square feet of transformative spaces throughout the United States.

Nationally recognized for his knowledge of behavioral healthcare design, Kevin's mission is to create buildings that truly matter. Fueled by passion, his commitment to operationally informed design goes beyond aesthetics, leveraging stakeholder engagement, advanced planning, design leadership, technical detailing, and effective project management. He prioritizes the well-being, safety, and dignity of those seeking mental health treatment, emphasizing his dedication to social responsibility and enhancing care standards within the field.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Architecture
University of Miami, 1994

REGISTRATION

Registered Architect,
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MEMBERSHIP

American Institute of
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WHY KEVIN?

As an architect, Kevin's mission has always been to design buildings that matter. People who are mentally ill, developmentally disabled, homeless or underemployed are often marginalized in our society. By providing them with safe, healthy, dignified buildings we show our commitment to their value as humans.

EXPERIENCE

[Kedren Children's Village | Los Angeles, CA | Behavioral Health Planner | 2027 | \\$140M](#)

This project includes inpatient, a crisis residential treatment program, psychiatric urgent care, primary care, BH outpatient, and transitional housing.

[Rio Grande Center | Behavioral Health Planner | Harlingen, TX | 2026 | \\$120M](#)

This project featured 50 maximum security forensic beds aiming to create a secure environment conducive to rehabilitation and safety, reflecting the center's dedication to advancing mental health care standards.

[Lubbock State Hospital | Lubbock, TX | Behavioral Health Planner | 2026 | \\$121M](#)

This project showcases 50 maximum security forensic beds designed to foster a secure environment conducive to rehabilitation and safety, underscoring the center's commitment to advancing standards in mental healthcare.

[Cabarrus County Regional Mental Health Treatment Center | Concord, NC | Principal Architect | 2026 | \\$44.5M](#)

This 60,000 SF Mental Health Treatment Center serves adults and pediatrics. Programs include Behavioral Health Urgent Care (separate units for adults and pediatrics), facility based crisis (pediatric), and residential treatment (pediatric).

[Mecklenburg County Facility Based Crisis Center | Charlotte, NC | Principal Architect | 2026 | \\$17.9M](#)

This Net-Zero project includes a 21,000 SF, Mental Health Treatment Center that provides services for adults in crisis. The center includes a Behavioral Health Urgent Care and an Acute Inpatient Unit.

"Kevin was instrumental in balancing the functional needs and wants of the clinicians with the over all cost of the project. His technical expertise, commitment to teamwork, and drive for good design makes him an absolute please to work with."

Damon R. Gray, Design Build Manager
Kiewit Building Group, Inc.





KEVIN'S COMMITMENT TO KEY TECHNICAL DETAILS

Kevin's approach to Behavioral Health Design goes beyond mere compliance with guidelines and safety standards. He understands that every aspect of a therapeutic environment for this population is unique and requires consideration of social dynamics, lighting, acoustics, environmental factors, and cognitive processing. Instead of trying to balance safety and security with a home-like therapeutic environment, Kevin believes in an "Yes, and" approach. Safety and security are non-negotiable and essential, and by leveraging a deep understanding of Behavioral Health design, he can create beautiful, comfortable inpatient spaces that also prioritize safety and security. The key lies in thoughtful considerations of lighting, acoustics, materiality, and social dynamics to design a holistic and effective therapeutic space.

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[Permian Basin Behavioral Health Center | Midland, TX | Behavioral Health Consultant | 2026 | \\$TBD](#)

In partnership with HKS, this 200-bed psychiatric hospital for adults, pediatrics, geriatrics and forensic populations includes crisis observation units, procedure suite, PHP/ IOP programs and outpatient support for adult and pediatric populations.

[UCLA Resnick Neuropsychiatric Replacement Hospital | Los Angeles, CA | Behavioral Health Consultant | 2025 | \\$260M](#)

In partnership with HOK, this 119-bed Academic Medical Center Psychiatric Hospital for adults, pediatrics, and geriatric populations is a challenging renovation in an existing building with low ceiling heights and an inefficient structural grid. Various innovative care solutions created a highly therapeutic and safe environment.

[Starmount Katie Blessing Center | Charlotte, NC | Behavioral Health Planner | 2026 | \\$62M](#)

This project entails the revitalization of a preexisting structure, spanning 38,500 GSF. Elevating its architectural narrative, it includes a two-story addition, an expansive outdoor behavioral health garden, and a state-of-the-art gymnasium. Orchestrating a seamless transition to a grandeur 72-bed inpatient behavioral health hospital, it adheres to the highest safety standards, signifying a commitment to functionality and compassion within the community.

[Galveston County Behavioral Health Center | LaMarque, TX | Behavioral Health Planner | 2024 | \\$13M](#)

In partnership with Huitt Zollars, hX led planning and design for a 12 patient extended observation unit and 12 resident crisis respite units for the County of Galveston. The project included the reuse of an existing 22,000 SF building with the addition of a new entry lobby.

[San Antonio State Hospital Campus Reuse Master Plan | San Antonio, TX | In partnership with HKS, hX developed a masterplan for the existing San Antonio State Hospital Campus through the reuse of existing buildings and development of available space. In addition to increasing Inpatient capacity, the masterplan includes a campus-style recovery village that addresses identified gaps in the communities continuum of care and improving social determinants of health for its residents.](#)

[UTHealth Houston - John S. Dunn Behavioral Sciences Center | Houston, TX | Behavioral Health Consultant | 2022 | \\$98M](#)

In partnership with Perkins&Will, this 240,000 SF project includes a 264-bed Academic Medical Center Psychiatric Hospital with dedicated spaces for staff and student education and research and an off-unit therapy mall and dining facilities.

"Any architect can design to printed standards but few firms have the depth of knowledge Kevin [and Sherri] have in the behavioral health space."

Blake Martin, (Former) Vice President, MONARCH





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John's Hopkins All Children's Hospital | St. Petersburg, FL | Principal / Behavioral Health Consultant | 2022 | \$TBD

hX developed a comprehensive operational plan for a new Behavioral Health Service line, including 110 beds (inpatient and residential treatment), crisis stabilization, emergency department support, PHP/ IOP, ECT, outpatient therapy and psychiatry, and a centralized intake department. The review included a comprehensive site analysis, programming, staffing evaluations and assistance in writing the business plan.

UNC Health - New Psychiatric Hospital | Hillsborough, NC | Behavioral Health Consultant | 2022 | \$TBD

hX developed a preliminary program, plan, and site analysis for a potential new psychiatric hospital to replace and expand the services offered at existing facilities.

Duke University Medical School - Department of Psychiatry Consolidated Research Center | Durham, NC | Principal Architect | 2022 | \$1.8M

hX collaborated with over 30 user groups to establish a unified vision for a cost-effective and space-efficient consolidated research center for DUMC's Department of Psychiatry, delivering creative solutions to meet the project's objectives within the allocated budget.

Duke Regional Hospital - Behavioral Health Center of Excellence | Durham, NC | Behavioral Health Consultant | 2021 | Value Confidential

In partnership with Perkins&Will, this 220,000 SF project includes 42 inpatient beds, 18 Psychiatric Emergency Department beds, 20,000 SF outpatient clinic, and ECT procedure suite.

Broughton Hospital Admissions Canopy and Maintenance Building, Morganton, NC | Principal Architect | 2023 | \$1.9M

hX collaborated with DHHS, SCO, and Broughton Hospital to design and document two new canopies, including a specialized canopy for infectious disease screening, as well as leading the design of a new Maintenance Building. Working quickly, hX facilitated a rapid decision making process and delivered a high quality set of documents to SCO which received minimal comments, leading to a quick approval and implementation of the project.

Monarch Pediatric Facility Based Crisis Unit*, Charlotte, NC | Managing Principal/Behavioral Health Planner | 2018 | \$3.5M

The new 16-bed pediatric Facility-Based Crisis (FBC) is a state-of-the-art facility designed to efficiently treat children and adolescents with severe mental illness, incorporating flexible design decisions, close collaboration with DHHS and DHSR, and a focus on maximizing clinical functionality within a tight budget.

*experience prior to founding hX

"Over the last 17 years, I have come to appreciate the dedication and commitment Kevin and his team bring to their work."

Rodney Axtman, NC DHHS





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Additional Projects:

Oklahoma Children's Hospital Psychiatric ED, Oklahoma City, OK
ReDiscovery Eating Disorder Residential Treatment, Richmond, KY
Julian F. Kieth ADATC, Black Mountain, NC

15 BH projects since the firm was founded in 2018. Those have been for a variety of client types, but includes 6 governmental clients.