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Behavioral Health Consultant | Architect

Sarah is a dedicated Behavioral Health Consultant and Architect with over 13 years of experience in the healthcare industry. With a passion for designing spaces that enhance the human experience, Sarah's mission is to shape the built environment in a way that maximizes the well-being of all individuals. By combining thoughtful design principles with functional outcomes, Sarah strives to create spaces that have a positive impact on patients and staff alike.

As a Behavioral Health Consultant, Sarah collaborates closely with project teams to facilitate stakeholder engagement, develop therapeutic and code-compliant solutions, and optimize long-term flexibility and maintainability. Sarah firmly believes in prioritizing the safety of patients and staff while fostering an uplifting and dignified atmosphere in every decision made in Behavioral Health Design.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Architecture
Mississippi State University,
2010

REGISTRATION

Registered Architect, MS #5087

MEMBERSHIPS

American Institute of Architects
(AIA)

Academy of Architecture for
Health (AAH)

Women in Healthcare Texas
(WIH)

Behavioral & Mental Health
Environmental Network (CHD)

CERTIFICATION

ACHA Board Certified
Healthcare Architect

LEED AP BD+C

WELL AP

EDAC Credential Holder

EXPERIENCE

Children's Behavioral Health and Wellness Center | Omaha, Nebraska | Behavioral Health Consultant | Under Construction - Q1 2026 | \$110 million

In partnership with HDR and Kiewit, hX collaborated with the owner and design team to enhance the therapeutic environment of a new 107,000 SF pediatric and adolescent mental health facility. During construction, hX was engaged by the owner to provide recommendations on the design of courtyards, sensory spaces, furniture selections, and experiential graphics, as well as to consult on operational best practices.

FSU Counseling & Personal Development Center | Fayetteville, North Carolina | Behavioral Health Programmer & Planner | Estimated Completion - Q4 2025 | \$1.3 million

In partnership with Archibene, hX led the owner's team in the programming and concept design for this 8,000 SF renovation project, transforming a multi-disciplinary campus health building into a student counseling, personal development, and disabilities services center. The team developed a space program aimed at de-stigmatizing mental health treatment through community engagement and 'third-place' social environments.

"During the time that I have worked with Sarah, she has demonstrated great skills in healthcare architecture as a programmer, planner, and a detailed architect. For example, Sarah was instrumental in programming and planning the new mental health facility in Texas and her ability to understand the client needs and necessary adjacencies was incredible. Her communication skills with the client were exceptional and was able to command their attention at lengthy design meetings, all of which led to a successful collaboration."

Joel Caldwell
Vice President, Huitt-Zollars





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

In partnership with HOK, 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](#)

In partnership with HKS, 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.

[Cabarrus County Regional Mental Health Treatment Center | Concord, NC | Planner & Project 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 | Planner & Project Architect | 2026 | \\$17.9M](#)

This 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.

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

In partnership with HKS, 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.

[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.

"I had the pleasure of working with Sarah during the design and construction of the UT Health John S. Dunn Behavioral Sciences Center in Houston, TX. She was the Project Architect for the Buildout scope of work. Throughout this project, I was serving as the Chief Operating Officer of the UTHealth Houston Behavioral Sciences Campus and was the owners primary point person for the design and construction of this new facility that came in on time and under budget. This was the 4th major hospital construction project that I have been involved with and I can say with certainty that not only did Sarah do an excellent job but that she was also easy to work with which helped contribute to an excellent working relationship between all of the project team members."

Steve Glazier

Chief Operating Officer, UTHealth Houston Behavioral Sciences Campus





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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 Masterplan | San Antonio, TX | Behavioral Health Consultant | 2022 | \$TBD

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 | Project Architect | 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, as well as an off-unit therapy mall and dining facilities.

UT Health Children's Learning Institute*, Houston, TX | Planner & Project Architect | 2022 | \$4.2M

This project included the renovation of an existing office suite floor to a learning research lab and educational exam suite for children with autism. Administrative and staff offices were collocated on two adjacent floors in the building to support collaboration between different teams.

Texas Children's - Emergency Department Renovation*, Houston, TX | Project Architect

The project involved renovating Emergency Departments on two campuses, to include 13 flex rooms, a nurse station, a triage room, and a dedicated SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) room to enhance the accommodation of behavioral health patients.

Additional Projects:

Renovation to Duke Regional Behavioral Health ED | Durham, NC | Project Architect | 2024

*experience prior to joining hX