



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

Children's Behavioral Health and Wellness Center | Omaha, Nebraska | Principal Architect | 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 | Principal Architect | 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.

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.

"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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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 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.

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.

"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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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.

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.

*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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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 DHHSR, and a focus on maximizing clinical functionality within a tight budget.

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.