



Behavioral and Mental Health Environment Network

The Behavioral and Mental Health Environment Network (BMHEN) – modeled after our highly-regarded and established Built Environment and Pediatric Environment Networks – is The Center for Health Design’s newest collegial experience for senior and executive-level healthcare facilities, design and manufacturing/consulting professionals involved in the design and oversight of behavioral and mental health environments.

Combining practical problem solving of unique behavioral and mental health issues with thoughtful prognosticating about future solutions, members engage in ongoing, open, confidential and supportive conversation in varied settings.

Topics or projects selected by the members are addressed in facilitated, in-person and virtual meetings throughout the year, and through informal, ongoing, one-on-one connections. The quality of these exchanges is unmatched. It is a learning, sharing, imagining, relationship-creating, difference-making experience unlike any other.

Network members share:

- The ability and desire to contribute to the knowledge, growth and success of the group;
- A willingness to learn and help colleagues;
- A belief in the power of collaboration to achieve improved safety, outcomes, quality and experience through the design and construction of behavioral and mental health environments; and,
- The desire, commitment and ability to influence the industry, individually and as a group of thought leaders.

It’s a rare opportunity to ask and share openly, with honesty and candor, and receive the same in return. And to help shape the future of behavioral and mental health environments.

Facilitating the Network



Scott Holmes, RA, Emeritus ACHA, LEED® AP

Scott Holmes is an architect and medical planner who has been involved in the design of medical and behavioral health facilities for his entire 35-year career. Prior to his recent retirement from private practice, Scott was a principal at BWBR Architects based in St. Paul, MN where he led the planning process, developing planning options, and refining them into efficient, flexible, safe and therapeutic solutions.

Scott is a leading advocate for the use of research and evidence-based design as a tool to elevate the effectiveness of behavioral health facilities. He has spoken frequently on his human-centered approach to design; was part of the Editorial Advisory Board for Healthcare Design Magazine from 2018-2022; and, is Lean/Six Sigma – Green Belt Certified.

Each year the group will join for:

- **One (1) in-person 1 ½ day meeting** that will include hands-on, in-the-field, behind-the-scenes learning opportunities;
- **Three (3) 90-minute virtual drumbeat calls to share and learn** from one another about current issues of the day impacting members right now; and,
- **Two (2) virtual three-hour deep dive meetings** that will include presentations by both members and industry experts

The meetings are planned and conducted by a professional facilitator with deep knowledge of strategy in behavioral and mental health environments, with programming evolving from members' discussions of issues and topics of shared interest and desire for deeper exploration.

To ensure the collegial nature of the network, the number of spaces available will be limited and special care will be taken to create a membership that is reflective of the industry with a balance between provider organizations, leaders and planners, architecture and design professionals, industry consultants and product manufacturers.

To learn more or to apply for membership contact

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Thoughts from other network members:

“The topics, the feedback with peers, and understanding of the challenges we are all faced with — they are all the same. The ability to work through those issues in a very open and collaborative environment has really been energizing. You always come away from the meetings with a couple of ‘Aha!’ moments and it makes the time away from the office all the more valuable.”

~ **Steven J. Carbery**

Vice President, Facilities, Design, Construction & Real Estate
Yale New Haven Health System - Corporate Facilities

“It was a great first day at the first annual meeting of The Center for Health Design’s Pediatric Environment Network in Philadelphia. This group is an open-forum think tank where the challenges faced in the pediatric healthcare world can be discussed, and members can all work together to improve the built environment and experience for providers, patients, and their families. I am so honored to be a part of this wonderful group, to have the opportunity to positively impact pediatric healthcare overall, and to represent BWBR through this journey!”

~ **Brian Zabloudil, AIA, ACHA, LEED AP BD+C**
Principal at BWBR

“Some of my most rewarding and valuable experiences have come from the networks of passionate and dedicated colleagues I’ve been a part of. The willingness to openly share knowledge and lessons learned has created a children’s hospital design community like no other and has helped to dramatically advance the design of pediatric care environments.”

~ **Natalie Hagerty, AIA, LEED AP, EDAC, SSGBC**
Senior Director, Facilities Planning, Design and Informatics Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia