

Transforming an Acute Care to a Behavioral Health Hospital:

The Eleanor Slater Hospital System, Regan Building

Attendees will gain insight into best practices, lessons learned, and strategies for successfully managing renovations in a highly sensitive healthcare environment.



Date and Time:

March 18, 2025

2:30pm – 5:00pm

Agenda:

2:30 - 3:00pm Registration

3:00 - 4:00pm Panel Discussion

4:00 - 5:00pm Tour & Networking

Tickets:

Free to all NEHES facilities members

NEHES Supporting members \$50

Non-members \$75

Key Considerations:

- **Regulatory Compliance:** Adapting to federal (CMS, Joint Commission) and state behavioral health regulations and other authorities having jurisdiction.
- **Patient Flow & Safety:** Adjustments to ensure safe entry, exit, and movement of behavioral health patients.
- **Staff Training & Culture Shift:** Preparing healthcare professionals for behavioral health-specific challenges.
- **Community and Stakeholder Engagement:** Gaining support from local authorities, hospitals, and advocacy groups.
- **Full Gut Renovation & Infrastructure Upgrade:** 140k sq ft - 6 floors

Learning Objectives:

1. **Identify Key Challenges** – Understand the specific challenges associated with creating a behavioral health facility, including patient safety, security, and maintaining continuity of care.
2. **Explore Special Considerations** – Learn about design and construction factors tailored to behavioral health settings, such as ligature-resistant materials, secure access points, and infection control measures.
3. **Navigate Regulatory Requirements** – Gain insight into the regulatory and compliance standards that govern renovations in behavioral health facilities, including Joint Commission, ADA, and state health department guidelines.

Panelists & Presenters:

Mehdi Khosrovani, RA, AIA President, NEMD Architects
– Moderator

Loren Witzel, Associate AIA Project Manager, NEMD
Architects, Presenter

Finn Chappell, PE Project Manager, IMEG Engineering,
Presenter

Jim Fratto, Senior PM Tocci Construction- Presenter
Tim MacKay, RA, AIA, Vice President, STV- Presenter

Wayne Arruda, VP Healthcare, Tocci
Todd Tinkham, Director, project management office,
BHDDH

Frank Wierszchalek, Project manager, DCAMM

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