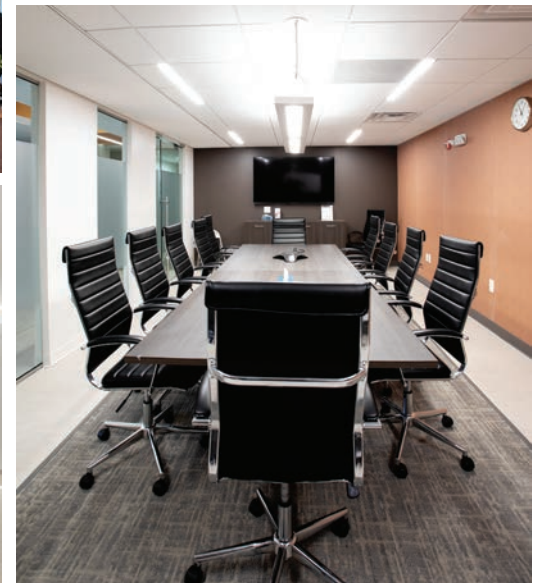




GMI ARCHITECTS

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE DESIGN

GMI Architects has been a leader in behavioral health design for over 40 years. With a portfolio ranging from private healthcare institutions to state run facilities, we are well versed in psychiatric inpatient units, outpatient facilities, and residential group homes.

GMI Architects was established in 1980 as Graham/Meus Inc Architects (GMI) to provide planning, architecture and interior design services by our founding principals Gary Graham and Dan Meus. Now led by Damara Toohey, AIA, Managing Principal, and supported by Gary L Graham, FAIA, as the Chairman of the Board, GMI's design work reflects an unique concern for place and purpose.

We believe that the design process must balance aesthetics, performance, and function, against site, mission and budget. This approach results in aesthetically beautiful facilities that fit into the context of each project's physical setting and administrative constraints.

GMI has chosen to remain a small firm with a strong interest in all kinds of design challenges, but with a high degree of specialization in behavioral healthcare programming, planning and design. Behavioral healthcare design places significant emphasis on the therapeutic environment wherein safety, security, and control must be seamlessly integrated into a non-institutional, familiar, and comfortable setting.

As a firm that believes in socially responsible design, we are always looking for opportunities to work with clients who see the value and importance in creating spaces that not only fill a need, but do so beautifully and respectfully. We have over 40 years of experience designing inpatient psychiatric units so we are well versed in high-abuse, tamper and ligature resistant design and are proud of being able to incorporate that design specialty into residential style projects. We truly believe everyone deserves a nice place to live.





SERVICES

GMI Architects provides programming, planning, architectural, and interior design services with our in-house staff of professionals.

programming

GMI believes in the value of determining our client's specific requirements for a project, at the very earliest stage of the project's development. Through an interactive process, GMI works with our client, and our client's key stakeholders to understand the goals, preferences, and functions that need to be provided, and then translates that criteria into space and functional requirements and their necessary characteristics.

planning

GMI understands the strategic benefits of establishing a dynamic "fit" between program and the physical parameters of our clients situation: site, existing structures, local and regional requirements, etc. - in short a comprehensive planning process.

architecture

GMI applies a combination of pragmatism and idealism in the pursuit of functional, aesthetically pleasing, cost-effective, timeless, and ultimately satisfying solutions to our clients' challenges. We develop architectural expressions that combine the art and science of building technology and, consistent with our philosophy of socially responsible design, we are committed to creating environmentally sensitive and efficient facilities.

interiors

GMI enhances the quality of the interior environments that we create relative to design and layout, colors, material applications, lighting, custom casework, furniture selection, and artwork.

TARAVISTA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER

DEVENS, MA | 2017

TaraVista Behavioral Health Center, completed in 2017, is a state of the art, 108 bed behavioral health in-patient hospital located in the serene landscape of Devens, MA. The facility features four 24 bed patient units, complete with reading rooms, aquariums, and distinctive colors. Each unit has a combination of single and double bedrooms to accommodate varying needs of patient census.

The hospital is primarily two stories, however by keeping the building single story at the entry, the scale is more approachable and welcoming than standard healthcare facilities. The inpatient units are configured in a cross shape to provide staff with visual control of all patient spaces from the centrally located Nurse Station; Staff are able to monitor all hallways while being available and approachable to patients at all hours of the day. TaraVista also includes a Care Access Unit directly connected to the ambulance entry of the hospital, as well as a full administrative suite, grand entry, a staff dining hall, a patient dining hall and a fitness center looking onto the landscaped courtyard.



WALDEN BEHAVIORAL CARE CENTER FOR RECOVERY

DEDHAM, MA | 2020

The Walden Behavioral Care Center for Recovery is a completely renovated four-story former skilled nursing facility. The center provides two standards of treatment, inpatient psychiatric and residential programs for adolescents with eating disorders. Both require 24-hour care with bedrooms, social and dining spaces, and counseling rooms. Patients have access to art, music and movement therapy provided by natural light-filled spaces.

Inpatient psychiatric spaces must respond to a particular set of constraints to enhance the safety and security for patients and staff. However, whenever possible, these elements are either custom designed, built-in, and/or minimized with color, texture, and contours. The inpatient bedrooms and social spaces have been designed to minimize any sense of an institutional setting. Instead of using obvious behavioral health contract furniture, we designed custom millwork for built-in wardrobes, nightstands, headboards, bookcases, and upholstered benches. Access and patient control of natural light is important to these spaces as well and is provided with custom ligature-resistant security windows with integral blinds.



MASSACHUSETTS DEPT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES ADULT GROUP HOME

MIDDLETON, MA | OPENING JAN 2027

While taking into account the natural slope of the site, the new 5,300 sf (2) unit/8 resident group home will provide at-grade entrances, fully accessible living and sleeping spaces, a common fitness center, outdoor recreation space and covered porches for adults with developmental disabilities.

Due to the nature of the program and the residents who will be living here, all fixtures and finishes are appropriate for a high abuse environment while still being reminiscent of a single family residence. By incorporating traditional styling into durable materials, we've created a home that will help to foster a sense of place for the residents and provide a sense of security and safety for the staff.

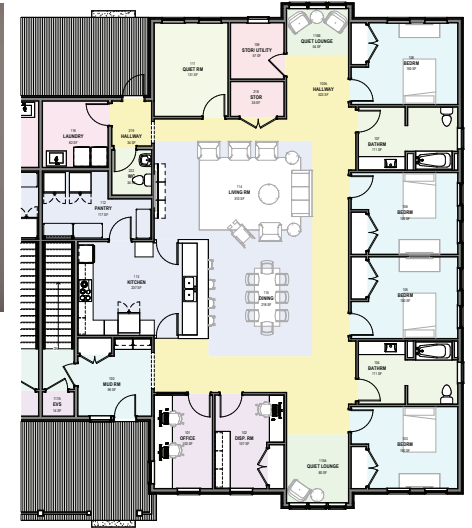


MASSACHUSETTS DEPT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES ADULT GROUP HOME

TEMPLETON, MA

Expanding Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services' Templeton campus, a vacant lot became the focus of a conceptual design for a side-by-side, (2) unit / 8 resident group home. At the request of the provider, all bedrooms and bathroom doors are visible from the central living spaces allowing staff to better control their environment and ensure safety for staff and residents.

Taking cues from the surrounding rural vernacular, this design uses traditional forms with an open floor plan to create an efficient and appropriate group home for adults.



RI BHDDH - ENHANCED MENTAL HEALTH ADULT GROUP HOME - 9 RESIDENTS

PROVIDENCE, RI

Occupying a corner lot in Providence, this nine bed Enhanced Mental Health group home for RI Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, provides a safe and secure setting for long-term care for adults with enhanced mental health needs. Secure spaces and high abuse finishes are incorporated in this residential scaled project.



RI BHDDH - SUBSTANCE ABUSE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT ADULT GROUP HOME - 36 RESIDENTS

WARWICK, RI

The Substance Abuse Residential Treatment model is designed to support 36 adult males who are continuing through substance abuse treatment. While providing dormitory style bedrooms and communal living and dining spaces, the facility allows residents to learn life skills and provide opportunities and resources to reintegrate into the surrounding community.



RI BHDDH - DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADULT GROUP HOME - 6 RESIDENTS

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Two designs have been created for the Developmental Disabilities model group home - one with a focus on behavioral health requirements and one with a medical focus. Both provide single level living with direct visibility for staff to all resident spaces, high abuse materials and fixtures, and an independent living suite for residents who have the skillset to living independently.

As the medical model group home is most appropriate for a resident with medical needs or size/mobility limitations, the behavioral health model is geared towards residents with specific behavioral health needs.



design model A



design model B

WALDEN BEHAVIORAL CARE, ADOLESCENT RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT

DUNWOODY, GA | 2017

Architectural and interior design services of an existing 2,000 sf home to become an adolescent residential treatment facility for Walden Behavioral Care, a leader in eating disorder treatment.

Upgrades included updated bathrooms and kitchen, new finishes and furniture though, and exterior improvements.



GLORIA GEMMA BREAST CANCER RESOURCE FOUNDATION CENTER FOR SURVIVORSHIP AND WELLBEING

LINCOLN, RI | 2025

Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation's new flagship location provides movement and therapy spaces for those affected by breast cancer diagnosis, as well as community meeting spaces and staff offices.

Taking a cue from the pink ribbon for breast cancer awareness, the center wall curves through the space to connect the treatment and therapy spaces and acts as a gallery wall for member art.



THE *Gloria Gemma*
CENTER FOR CANCER
SURVIVORSHIP AND WELLBEING

PRIVATE HEALTHCARE INSTITUTION THERAPEUTIC ARTS CENTER

CONNECTICUT | OPENING 2027

The new Therapeutic Arts Center provides three expressive arts studio, a large gallery space for displaying patient art and a horticulture workroom for the patients to utilize under staff supervision. While maintaining the form of the existing mid-century large-span wood structure, the underutilized wing of the campus' Recreation Building will be transformed into a therapeutic and creative retreat for patients and staff.



PRIVATE HEALTHCARE INSTITUTION WELLNESS CENTER

MASSACHUSETTS | T.B.D.

Reimagining what services can be offered for clients at a residential treatment center, GMI has created a conceptual design of a new Wellness Center that provides space for exercise and movement along with hydrotherapy services including a cold plunge pool, sauna and resistant lap pool.



conceptual rendering



conceptual sketch

INPATIENT PSYCH HOSPITAL EXPANSION

ASSOCIATE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ARCHITECT - GMI
PRIME ARCHITECT - E4H

GMI, working alongside E4H, was responsible for the design of five new inpatient psychiatric units as a freestanding expansion of an existing hospital in Massachusetts. Collaborating with E4H, the Prime Architect, to provide input on siting, orientation, overall configuration and how best to attach to the existing hospital, GMI was responsible for all interior spaces of this 70,000 sf hospital, including the patient units, amenities spaces, support therapies and intake.



SHATTUCK HOSPITAL - DMH UNITS

ASSOCIATE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ARCHITECT - GMI
PRIME ARCHITECT - SLAM COLLABORATIVE

As a member of SLAM Collaborative's design team, GMI was responsible for designing and documenting five new 22-bed inpatient units for the Department of Mental Health within the newly relocated Shattuck Hospital. Leading user group meetings and defining the program allowed GMI to create efficient, thoughtful inpatient psychiatric units that worked within the complex existing conditions of the former Newton Pavilion in Boston.



SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT MEDICAL CENTER - ADOLESCENT PSYCH UNIT

ASSOCIATE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ARCHITECT - GMI
PRIME ARCHITECT - SLAM COLLABORATIVE

SLAM Collaborative and GMI worked hand-in-hand in designing a new 12 bed adolescent psychiatric unit within an underutilized portion of SVMC's existing hospital. While working through the complexities of the available space and limitations of the existing structural and MEP systems, we designed a cohesive, safe and secure adolescent psych unit with its own secure entrance and dedicated outdoor space.





socially responsible design