



Fulton State Hospital – Missouri

Grand re-opening of Fulton State Hospital features new anti-ligature furniture by Norix ensuring the safety of patients.

2019 marked the 168th, and last, year for the old Fulton State Hospital in Fulton, MO. The medium and maximum security mental health facility certainly had a good run, but the oldest mental health facility in the country assuredly required a re-birth.

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Safety in Behavioral Healthcare Facilities

The archaic facility had a multitude of issues based on outdated design. Sightlines were not optimized to allow for dependable observation of patients. The facility had spaces that staff and patients were becoming injured and redesign was an urgent need. The outdated facility was badly in need of protective anti-ligature chairs and bedroom furniture to help protect patients.

Governor Jay Nixon, at the ribbon-cutting ceremony, was quoted by Missouri.net.com as saying:

“We just saw this incredible, inordinate number of people who were injured here,” Nixon said. “Then we began to see more and more significant turnover, especially among nurses and things like that. Folks were giving us trouble about overtime but heck, we were out there trying to recruit people for those positions – they’re dangerous, they’re difficult, people are getting hurt.”

The new 219 million dollar facility aimed to solve these problems, with a brighter, secure, more humanized environment. Within the facility, areas such as private visitation rooms, areas for kids to play, a game room, a chapel, and a training kitchen allow for patients and family to be comfortable. Chuck Sliger with Heartland Furniture Group understood the challenges Fulton faced and specified a selection of Norix anti-ligature seating, bedroom furniture, and common area furnishings. The result of the new facility paired with durable and safe furniture helped to create what some are calling the finest mental health facility in the U.S.

“A facility this large, dealing with both medium and maximum security patients, required the utmost consideration in both durability and safety,” said Sliger. “Norix Furniture continues to innovate and provide solutions to the changing needs of behavioral healthcare facilities.”

Creating a Humanized Environment

Engineering group, CASCO + RI5 planned the furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E) for the modern spaces within the facility. Architectural Designer Gina Walton understood the importance of a humanized environment to facilitate health and healing.

“We needed solutions that both fit the modern design of the plans, and had the ability to ensure safety for staff, patients, and family”, Walton stated. “Norix was able to provide a wide breadth of products to suit the needs of the areas along with the ambiance”.

Common areas at Fulton State Hospital feature a diverse selection of Norix furniture. Hondo Nuevo, Toughcare, X-Base Tables, and even RockSmart rocking chairs, a contemporary rocking chair designed for soothing comfort and aesthetic appeal, are utilized. X-Base tables are designed to prevent concealed passing of materials. Hondo Nuevo is designed for comfortable lounging and superb durability.

Patient rooms were designed ultimately for safety. Featured in the rooms are the Attenda line, built to limit suicide risk by eliminating ligature points. The Attenda platform bed features a removable restraint ring designed for deployment only when necessary. This gives the facility the option to remove the restraint rings for a more humanized environment.





The push towards reducing ligature points in furniture

In the broad push towards providing safe and durable furniture in intensive use environments, the innovative team at Norix continue to break new ground. Furniture design features include full-floor contact with the ability to be bolted securely to the floor. Norix Marketing Director, Brad Karl cites the Joint Commission and its standards for ligature-resistance.

“We have had the fortunate ability over the years to work very closely with facilities to understand real-world needs” stated Karl. “By listening and responding to the changing needs, our product line has become widely recognized as the standard for demanding environments and we take a lot of pride in the fact that our demand for excellence directly contributes to safety in the real world.”



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Norix designs innovative, robust furniture that meets the real-world need for humanizing challenging environments. For more than 35 years, the company has served the behavioral healthcare, corrections, fire/rescue, military, shelter, public safety and variety of commercial industries by providing uniquely reliable furnishings for every application. All furniture is designed for safety, security and extreme durability. Norix furniture is extraordinary by design, surpassing industry standards for strength, safety and long-term performance. Aside from its durability, Norix products also come in aesthetically pleasing designs and colors and are made especially for facilities that require furniture that can humanize their environments.

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