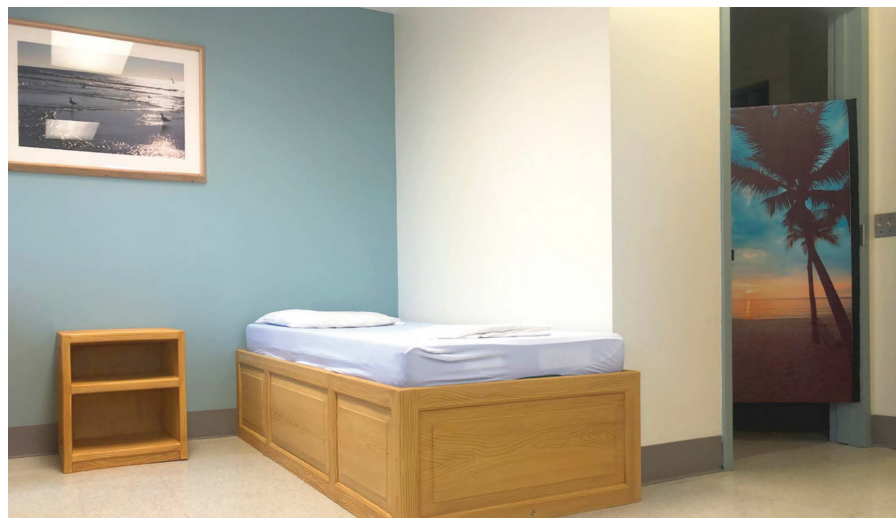




## Old Meets New *In Aging Behavioral Healthcare Hospitals*

Dave and Kathy MacKinnon are experts in intensive-use furniture; especially when used in challenging environments. Blending new furniture into older facilities can be difficult. Modern furniture can often seem out of place in these environments, and installation into aging facilities can often be problematic.

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This was certainly the case for a Hospital System on the East Coast. The historic hospital has undoubtedly faced many challenges over the years, including adapting mental health facilities to keep up with modern-day research regarding humanized facilities.

Attitudes about mental health diagnosis and treatment have changed dramatically in the past couple of decades. With the shifting approach to therapy comes a conversion of the spaces in which treatment is administered. More specifically, providers are looking to swap out institutionalized furniture in lieu of warmer colors and furnishings

that resemble home environments. This demand for a new type of furniture for behavioral healthcare environments is precisely what administrators at the aging facility had in mind when tasked with replacing old furniture.

Hospital staff faced several hurdles when considering new behavioral healthcare furniture. They needed traditionally durable furniture that is easy to clean and has a track record for longevity. Furniture that resists tampering and is designed to mitigate self-harm are considered mandatory as well in behavioral healthcare. Beyond industry-standard needs, hospitals have a few other unique

hurdles to navigate. Budgets often only allow for the replacement of just a portion of furniture. Additionally, an older building itself can pose unique challenges from the standpoint of installation. Corners are not always ninety degrees, floors aren't always flat, and doorways can vary in size.

Dave and Kathy MacKinnon from Intensive Use Furniture assessed the unique requirements and recommended Prodigy by Norix Furniture. The MacKinnons have dubbed Prodigy "the future of behavioral healthcare furniture" because of its unique blend of a highly durable polymer build combined with the appearance of traditional wooden furniture.

As long-term partners with Norix, the MacKinnons recognize Prodigy's introduction as an innovative leap in behavioral healthcare. "Prodigy is a game-changer in the behavioral healthcare market," said Dave MacKinnon. "There is truly no other piece of polymer furniture that can compete with the durability and aesthetics of Prodigy." The in-person demonstration that Dave and Kathy MacKinnon arranged to show Prodigy was an instant success.

Shortly after installation, reports stated that the staff was genuinely thrilled at how the Norix furniture looked in their patient bedrooms. Administrators stated that "We didn't know that we could re-create a traditional-looking bedroom with our uncompromising demand for safety and security."

Prodigy Behavioral Healthcare furniture's wood-like appearance further blended well with current furnishings that were not due to be replaced. This blend allows hospital staff to implement a

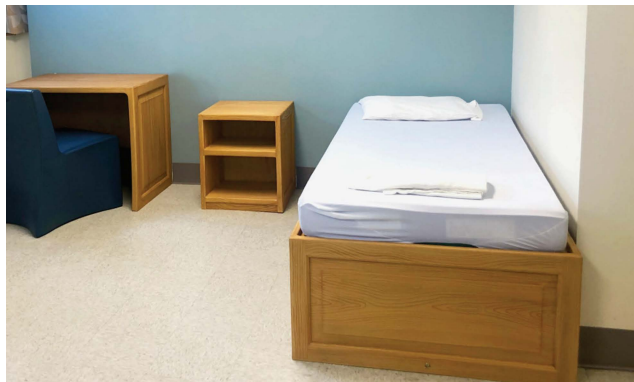
renovation that would have the desired aesthetic appeal without a patchwork appearance and within budget constraints.

The challenge of installing Prodigy into the aging behavioral healthcare unit was a smooth process. Hospital administrators opted for Norix installation services along with the purchase of Prodigy furniture to eliminate any possible issues with the older facility.

"Norix installers made a huge difference," administrators said. They worked closely with us and our schedules to ensure a smooth installation process".

"The safety, durability, and cleanliness needs, along with factors such as limited budget and an aging property, were a complex set of circumstances for this property," said Kathy MacKinnon.

"We were happy to introduce Prodigy to the administrators and delighted to see another successful installation."



*For more information on Prodigy and other behavioral healthcare furniture solutions, visit [Norix.com](http://www.norix.com). Learn more about Intensive Use Furniture at <https://www.intensiveusefurniture.com/>*

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