ASSEMBLING THE PIECES

sustaining a lifestyle for the mentally ill

A DESIGN FOR A MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT CENTER

problem STATEMENT

justification

In 2009 approximately 4,000 people in Pennsylvania are homeless. In 2009, Pennsylvania has 1,000,000 people living in poverty, and 1,000,000 people without access to healthcare. In 2009, Pennsylvania has 1,000,000 people living in extreme poverty, and 1,000,000 people without access to healthcare. In 2009, Pennsylvania has 1,000,000 people living in extreme poverty, and 1,000,000 people without access to healthcare. In 2009, Pennsylvania has 1,000,000 people living in extreme poverty, and 1,000,000 people without access to healthcare.

project ELEMENTS

clinic

The clinic will be a place where professional consultation and medication is provided on a daily basis. The site will allow for the rapid diagnosis of illnesses and disorders, but will also provide for continuing treatment and care.

office

The offices will provide space for individual and group consultation, and will also include spaces for private consultation and treatment.

staff

The staff will include nurses, social workers, psychologists, and other professionals who will provide care and support to the clients.

indoor/outdoor recreation

The facility will contain indoor and outdoor recreational areas, as well as spaces for clients to engage in physical activity.

educational

The educational spaces will be designed for both instruction and exploration, with spaces for both group and individual study.

transitional care

The facility will include spaces for clients who are transitioning from acute care to community living, with support for both independent living and supervised living.

meals

The facility will include a kitchen and dining areas, providing healthy and nutritious meals to all clients.

A HEALTHY COMMUNITY BASED ENVIRONMENT

Creating a vibrant system accountable

EMERGENCY CARE

Emergency services, including emergency response, will be available on site.

TRANSITIONAL CARE

The facility will include spaces for clients transitioning from acute care to community living, with support for both independent living and supervised living.

Mental Health Care

The facility will include spaces for mental health care, including therapy and counseling services.
systems INTEGRATION

- Water Collection - Used to maintain gardens
- Extensive Vegetation (e.g. Sedum)
- Precast Concrete

HVAC Systems located on level 6 with designated rooftop space above
- Building integrates a Variable Air Volume (VAV) Heating and Cooling System
- Separate zones for housing, offices, dining, and public spaces
- Systems are screen-off with metal cladding

Water Collection - System is composed of a butterfly rooftop and two water cisterns located below the gardens at approximately 10,000 gallons each.
- Water is then pumped to maintain the gardens.

RESOURCES.
- Community Produce Gardens
- Greenhouse
- Social Interaction
- Technological Resources
- Job Services
- Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Chemical Dependency Programs