Project Fact Sheet

Centre for Addictions and Mental Health: CAMH Phase 1C

LOCATION: Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

ARCHITECTS: KPMB and Montgomery Sisam Architects, Planning, Design and Compliance Architects

METHOLOGICA'S ROLE: Early Visioning Sessions | User Engagement | Development of a Pre- and Post Occupancy Evaluation Framework on the KPMB | Montgomery Sisam Architects Planning Design and Compliance team.

TIMELINE: Early Visioning Sessions 2015 - Stakeholder Engagement and Development of the Evaluation Framework 2018.

PROJECT TYPE: Construction of two new buildings that will feature 235 beds for acute mental health needs and complex forms of mental illness with the co-location of research and education spaces adjacent to clinical care.

ABOUT THE HOSPITAL: The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) is Canada's largest mental health and addiction teaching hospital, as well as one of the world's leading research centres in its field. CAMH combines clinical care, research, education, policy development and health promotion to help transform the lives of people affected by mental health and addiction issues. Phase 1C will co-locate research and education spaces adjacent to clinical care to create collaborative opportunities for knowledge exchange, discovery and learning that will improve care as well as advance knowledge.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES: Development of an evaluation framework for both pre and post occupancy and assess the impact of healthcare facility design on relevant outcomes for the CAMH Phase 1C redevelopment. Engagement activities focused on understanding the context of care, mapping the design intentions for the new hospital, identifying priority spaces for observation and developing the evaluation framework.

EVALUATION FRAMEWORK OBJECTIVES: To assess whether user impressions of the new CAMH Phase 1C facilities are in alignment with the design intentions relative to the earlier and existing CAMH facilities. To examine the relative impact of the design of the existing earlier phase CAMH facilities and new CAMH Phase 1C facilities on patient, visitor, staff and community impressions, behaviour, well-being and health related outcomes. To examine the user experience of the existing CAMH facilities relative to the new CAMH facilities.

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