SickKids Project Horizon

LOCATION: Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

ARCHITECTS: Stantec | KPMB Architects in Joint Venture

METHOLOGICA'S ROLE: Proposal Development | User Engagement | Design Research & Evaluation Lead on the SickKids Project Horizon Design Team.

TIMELINE: Early Stakeholder Engagement March 2017, ongoing collaboration over the course of the redevelopment to an estimated completion date 2031

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Dr. Celeste Alvaro was a contributor to the proposal development and is the design research lead on the Integrated Design Team led by Stantec | KPMB in Joint Venture. To date, Methologica has participated in early stakeholder engagement, visioning, and continues to advise on user engagement at various phases of the SickKids design development. Aspirations include the collaborative development of an iterative design research and evaluation program before, over the course of redevelopment, and after construction to inform and evaluate the design of the new SickKids pediatric care facility. SickKids Project Horizon involves the creation of a new paradigm in pediatric care within a facility commensurate with the world-class research and treatment provided by SickKids' medical, research and administrative staff.

PROJECT TEAM: Celeste, with the support of the Methologica associates, is the Design Research Lead. She supports the Stantec | KPMB Integrated Design Team's Vision and Leadership. The User engagement, design research and evaluation team will fluctuate throughout the course of the project. It includes Methologica Research Associates, Research Interns and Data Analysts along with our design, photography and other collaborators.

WHY WE CHOSE SICKKIDS HOSPITAL PROJECT HORIZON: This project was chosen for two main reason the first is the size and scope of the project. Geographically it is about 4 city blocks, the project is therefore not simply a hospital redevelopment project but it is an exercise in urban planning and revitalization. This project will build a world class pediatric care centre but also rejuvenate a significant part of the downtown core impacting major avenues, intersections, access to public transit as well as commercial and residential buildings. The second reason is the role that Methologica will play as the lead research team we will be engaged from the very beginning of the process collecting date from the existing facilities that will be used to impact the design of the first phase of the redevelopment as well as the stages that will follow.

