

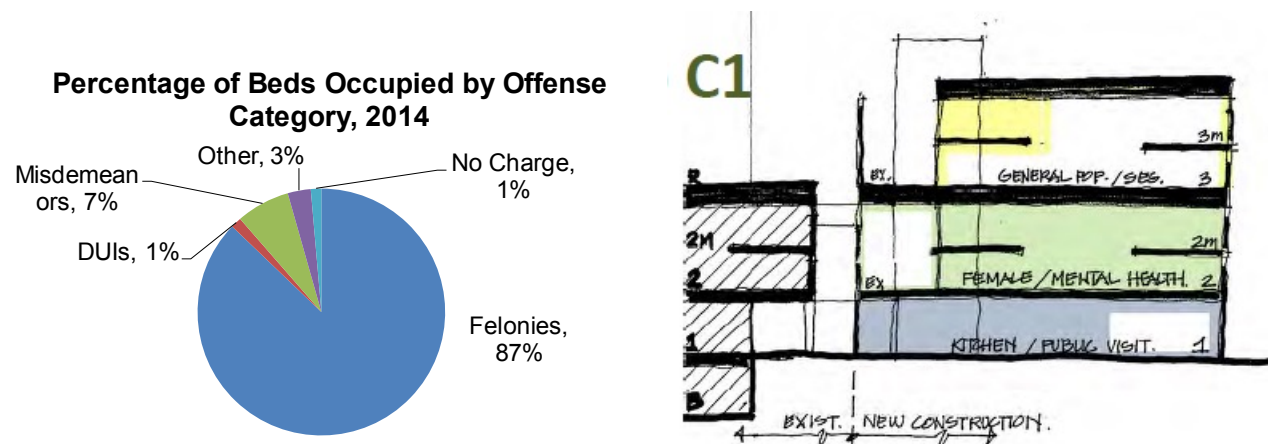
Mark Goldman & Associates

McLean County Jail Needs Assessment & Master Plan

Bloomington, Illinois

Mark Goldman was first contracted through the National Institute of Corrections to help McLean County with an issue that most county jails have been facing: how to better accommodate mentally ill inmates. Goldman and another NIC consultant developed and studied six options for renovating and expanding the jail to provide appropriate housing units for the mentally ill.

Pleased with that study, McLean County hired Mark Goldman & Associates and a major architecture and engineering firm to conduct a complete needs assessment study, program, and plan for its jail, with a special emphasis on the mentally ill, female inmates, and other special populations. Recognizing that many alleged and convicted mentally ill offenders – and the community – are better served by programs and accommodations outside of the jail, the study and plan also included a program-intensive staff-secure mental health facility.



Services Delivered:

- Profiling the inmate population.
- Projecting bed needs by category for 20 years in five-year increments.
- Considering non-custody alternatives and options for the future, including replacing Work Release and Weekender Sentences with Day Reporting, which would reduce bed needs and construction and operational costs without impacting safety and security.
- Projecting staff by position and shift.
- Evaluating every component within the existing jail (e.g., Kitchen and Intake) for functionality and capability of serving an increased population.
- Determining space needs for each function and creating an operational and architectural program.
- Developing design options and phasing plans for renovation and expansion.
- Estimating costs for construction and other initial costs, and for staffing and other major operational costs.