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Ellen Taylor Receives FGI Pioneer Award

ST. LOUIS – Facility Guidelines Institute (FGI) is proud to announce that Ellen Taylor, PhD, AIA, MBA, EDAC, is the recipient of the FGI Pioneer Award. Ellen was presented the award on November 6, 2023, by FGI CEO Heather Livingston and Health Guidelines Revision Committee Chair John Williams at the Healthcare Design and Expo Conference in New Orleans.

“As chair of the 2010, 2014, and 2018 Guidelines, Ellen was a critical force in moving the standards forward in telemedicine, patient falls, and other elements of the safety risk assessment,” says Doug Erickson, FGI CEO Emeritus. “She significantly raised the bar on the use of research and evidence when creating new or revising existing *Guidelines* text.”

Throughout her career, Ms. Taylor has been an unwavering advocate for improving health and residential care facility design standards through evidence-based design. In 2011, she joined the FGI Health Guidelines Revision Committee (HGRC), where she quickly demonstrated how a strong understanding of research can positively impact the planning, design, and construction of health care facilities. Ms. Taylor is the principal author of the safety risk assessment requirements that appear in the FGI *Guidelines for Design and Construction* documents. As a direct result of her efforts, the design community now recognizes risk assessments as the foundation for understanding how the built environment should respond to hazards.

As a vice chair of the HGRC, Ms. Taylor deftly applies her insight and influence to encourage the exchange of diverse perspectives, advance new ideas, and build consensus. With more than 35 years of experience in the areas of architecture, research, and business, Ms. Taylor is currently Vice President for Research at The Center for Health Design, leading The Center’s research team. She is a registered architect and member of the AIA who was recognized by *Healthcare Design* as the HCD10 Researcher in 2017, an award recognizing significant contributions to the industry. A nationally and internationally recognized writer and speaker, Ms. Taylor has led numerous grant-funded research programs and published numerous peer-reviewed papers. She works tirelessly to further the exchange of ideas through her roles with the Center for Health Design, the AIA Academy of Architecture for Health, and the editorial advisory boards of the HERD Journal and the American Journal of Infection Control.



The Pioneer Award of the Facility Guidelines Institute honors select individuals and organizations of outstanding character who influence or create the future of health and residential care facility design and construction through their contributions and support of the mission and vision of FGI. Previous Pioneer Award winners are J. Armand Burgun, FAIA, FACHA; Robert Mayer, PhD; Roger W. Gehrke; James R. (Skip) Gregory, NCARB; Rebecca J. Lewis, FAIA, FACHA, CID; Jane M. Rohde, AIA, FIIDA, ASID, ACHA, CHID; Judith A. Smith, MHA; Pamela James Blumgart; and Charles S. Maggio, AIA, NCARB.

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Founded in 1998, the Facility Guidelines Institute is a not-for-profit corporation founded to provide leadership and continuity to the *Guidelines* revision process. FGI functions as the coordinating entity for development of the *Guidelines* series of documents using a multidisciplinary, consensus-based process and for provision of ancillary services that encourage and improve their application and use.

About the FGI *Guidelines for Design and Construction Documents*

The FGI *Guidelines for Design and Construction* documents are updated every four years to keep pace with new concepts, capabilities, and technologies in the delivery of health care. The *Guidelines* documents are used by states, through adoption by reference, to regulate health and residential care facility design and construction. FGI invests revenue derived from sales of the *Guidelines* to fund research and the activities of the next revision cycle. The *Guidelines* documents are protected by copyright and available exclusively at <https://shop.fgiguideines.org>.