Community Design Solutions (CDS) worked with the UWM Women’s Soccer team to revitalize their existing locker room located in Englemann Hall. The team was interested in upgrading the lockers and taking advantage of the social opportunities offered by the locker room.

In the current locker room there exists a large amount of wasted space. Regions of the room are used to store unnecessary items and the three private showers are completely unused. The current configuration of lockers also fails to maximize the size of the changing area.

CDS staff first looked at developing an altered layout for a lockers that increases the square footage of the changing area and incorporates more modern, multifunctional lockers. These new lockers include a variety of locked and open storage areas, USB ports for phone charging, enough room to sit in, and are made of natural hardwood. With the expanded square footage, the changing area can now easily accommodate stackable bench seating as well as modular sofa seating oriented towards a new media wall.

Further investigation of the space revealed the existence of even more opportunities. The existing drop ceiling, set at a height of 8 feet, has an additional 2 feet of ceiling space above it. UWM Facilities should assess the space above the plenum, as its removal would greatly expand look and feel of the locker room. Two existing punched windows were discovered, creating an opportunity to unblock them and bring in natural light. Lastly, an underutilized utility closet could be relocated and its walls demolished in order to open up the locker room’s main entrance.

CDS further developed the scheme by adding a media wall with white boards and flat screen television, floor finishes such as carpet tiles and polished concrete, wall treatments that include new paint colors and graphics elements, and a diversity of lighting.
PROJECT OVERVIEW

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LOCKER OPTIONS

Locker options featuring coat hooks, trunk storage, built in seats, upper storage, lock box, USB charging ports and graphic elements. Materials used include red oak hardwood, maple hardwood, and metal grills.

Dains Custom Athletic Lockers
http://www.dcal-lockers.com/
A variety of flooring options can be used throughout the space. Finished concrete will run adjacent to the showers and within the bathroom. Patterned carpet tiles will be placed in the changing room and lounge area. A large logo in the center of the floor is an option. Rubber flooring is appropriate along the eastern wall near the entry.
LIGHTING APPROACH

A diversity of lighting techniques should be implemented in the space. Using only cans throughout will result in hot-spots or uneven lighting.

Using recessed fixtures is recommended considering the height of the ceiling. This approach can incorporate cans near the center of the room and tube lighting near the perimeter.

A central light fixtures that takes on the shape of the UWM panther logo is an interesting way to incorporate graphics into the space.

CDS staff will assess the space above the plenum in order to determine whether or not it would be worth removing the drywall all together.
OCTO SOFA

This elegant low back design incorporates sofas, modular elements, armchairs and benches with a complementary deep edge coffee table. The finesse of Octo’s upholstery detailing, generous proportions and sublime comfort sets it apart from others in its class.

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