Kristen Mara's leadership has been transformative for the IIDA Ohio Kentucky Chapter, leaving a lasting impact on its members and the wider design community. Kristen has spearheaded several initiatives including the Enrich Fund, and Mentorship Program, and leading the planning of THRIVE leadership roundtables for the last several years. She empowers members to engage actively, develop professionally, and pursue diverse career paths. Her initiatives, which prioritize professional growth and mentorship, have laid a strong foundation for future leaders within the IIDA Ohio Kentucky Chapter. As a Certified Healthcare Interior Designer with extensive experience, she brings a wealth of knowledge to our organization.. Through her leadership, she has not only advanced the chapter's goals but has also set an example of how to elevate the interior design profession as a whole