



## HOME OFFICE | SILVER

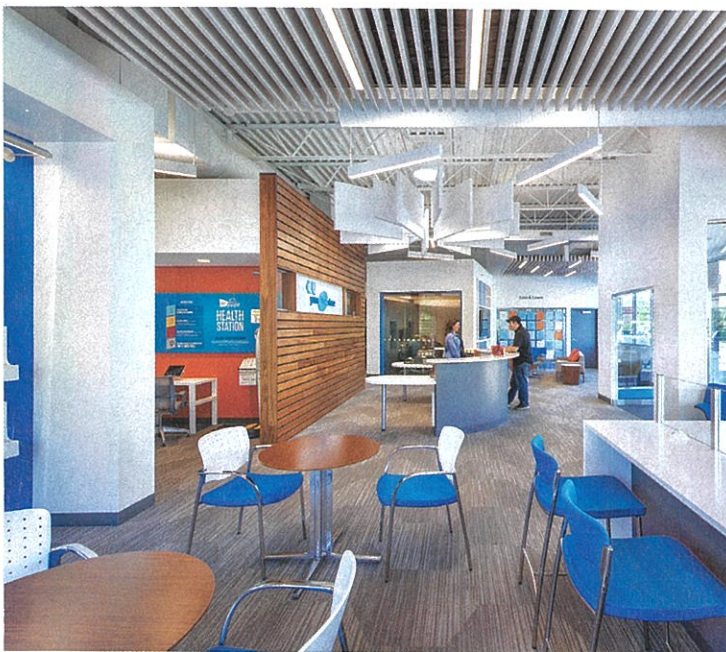
As the leading global provider of employee well-being and engagement solutions, Virgin Pulse's new Providence offices needed to embody its mission. So when the company set out to renovate the floor and a half of the former *Providence Journal* building it had leased, it worked closely with designers to ensure that employees would be happy, healthy and productive in the new space. That meant loads of natural light and plenty of green and recycled materials to help with air quality. Workstations are height-adjustable and there's also an area where employees can check off their to-do list while running on a treadmill or riding a stationary bike. The company made sure there were plenty of communal spaces for collaboration as well. Overall, it's an office with a cohesive, modern design that must make coming into work every day a joy.

**ARCHITECT:** SGA, Boston, Mass.

**GENERAL CONTRACTOR:** Site Specific, Providence

**SPACE PLANNING AND INTERIOR DESIGN:** Little Dragon, Boston, Mass.

**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Rue Sakayama, Sabine Mueller Creative, Boston, Mass.



## DESIGN REDUX | BRONZE

When Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island contacted designer Kelly Taylor and Kite Architects to collaborate on a service retail space, what they were really looking for was a fresh start after completing two similar locations that didn't work for their needs. The team jumped in feet first, researching the company, its culture and the member needs the store would be servicing. The resulting layout makes some major deviations from the original plan — and even how the store operates — by incorporating a centralized work zone, a variety of meeting spaces, plenty of lighting, a fitness room and lounges. Rather than a simple aesthetic fix, Taylor and Kite put their heads together and used their creative skills to solve a problem and, ultimately, make for a better-functioning business. If that's not design of the highest order, we don't know what is.

**INTERIOR DESIGN:** Kelly Taylor Interior Design, Providence

**ARCHITECT:** Kite Architects, Providence

**BUILDER:** E.W. Burman, Warwick

**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Nat Rea, Barrington