

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN/PIHP	<i>Policy</i> <i>Integrated Community Housing</i>
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I. PURPOSE

To ensure consistency across the region in meeting standards of good clinical practice in respecting and supporting the housing preferences and choices of people with severe and persistent mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorders (SUD) while fulfilling the mandates of the ADA with respect to community integration.

II. REVISION HISTORY

DATE	REV. NO.	MODIFICATION
2014		New policy, written to meet the requirements of the Application for Participation.

III. APPLICATION

This policy applies to all staff, students, volunteers and contractual organizations within the provider network of the Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeast Michigan (CMHPSM).

IV. POLICY

The CMHPSM recognizes housing to be a basic need and affirms the right of all consumers of public behavioral health services to pursue housing options of their choice. The CMHPSM, in its contract arrangements with the Regional Partner CMHSPs, shall foster the provision of services and supports independent of where the consumer lives. This policy is not intended to subvert or prohibit occupancy in or participation with community based treatment settings such as an adult foster care home when needed by an individual recipient.

V. DEFINITIONS

Affordable: A condition that exists when individuals or the combined household income of several individuals is sufficient to pay for food, basic clothing, health care, and personal needs and still have enough left to cover all housing related costs including rent/mortgage, utilities, maintenance, repairs, insurance and property taxes.

Habitable and Safe: Housing standards established in each community that define and require basic conditions for tenant/resident health, security and safety.

Housing: Dwellings that are typical of those sought out and occupied by members of a community. The choices a consumer makes in meeting his or her housing needs are not to be linked in any way to any specific program or support service needs he or she may have.

Community Mental Health Partnership Of Southeast Michigan (CMHPSM): The Regional Entity that serves as the PIHP for Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe and Washtenaw for mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorder services.

Community Mental Health Services Program (CMHSP): A program operated under chapter 2 of the Mental Health Code as a county community mental health agency, a community mental health authority, or a community mental health organization.

Regional Entity: The entity established under section 204b of the Michigan Mental Health Code to provide specialty services and supports.

VI. STANDARDS

- A. Using Person Centered Planning processes, staff of the CMHSP shall educate consumers about housing options and supports available, and shall assist consumers in locating habitable, safe and affordable housing. The Person Centered Planning process shall provide for ongoing assessment of the consumer's housing needs.
- B. The process of locating suitable housing shall be directed by the consumer's interests, involvement, and informed choice. The process shall be sensitive to the consumer's cultural and ethnic preferences and give consideration to them.
- C. Housing choices shall encourage and support the consumer's self-sufficiency. Staff shall provide assistance to consumers in coordinating available resources to meet their basic needs. CMHSPs may give consideration to the use of housing subsidies when consumers have a need for housing that cannot be met by the other resources which are available to them.
- D. Supported housing units must blend into the community. Supported housing units are to be scattered throughout a building, a complex, or the community in order to achieve community integration when possible. Use of self-contained campuses or otherwise segregated buildings as service sites is not the preferred mode.
- E. The CMHPSM shall promote and support home ownership, individual choice and autonomy. The number of people who live together in supported housing shall not exceed the community's norms for comparable living settings.
- F. Housing arranged or subsidized by the CMHSPs shall be accessible to the

consumer and in compliance with applicable state and local standards for occupancy, health and safety.

- G. Independent housing arrangements in which the cost of housing is subsidized by the CMHSP are to be secured with a lease or deed in the consumer's name or that of his or her legal representative.

VI. EXHIBITS

None

VII. REFERENCES

Medicaid Managed Specialty Supports and Services Concurrent 1915(b)(c) Waiver Program, FY 13: Attachment P6.8.2.2, HOUSING PRACTICE GUIDELINE

Person Centered Planning Policy, a PIHP Policy for the Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeastern Michigan.