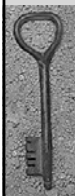




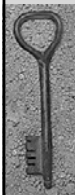
Transitioning into Independent Living: Permanent Supportive Housing

Consumer Education and Support
Statewide Call-In: July 31, 2008



Welcome!

- ◆ Thank you to all who have joined in for today's call!
- ◆ Instructions for CEU's for today's call
 - Fax Sign-In Sheets to:
 - Josephine Brodbeck, FAX (309) 693-5101
- ◆ Date and Topic for Next Call-In
 - August 28th – The NEW Consumer and Family Handbook: Your Guide to Access and Choice in Illinois' Mental Health System



Objectives for Today's Call

1. Participants will learn about Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).
2. Participants will learn the unique features of PSH.
3. Participants will learn the referral process and eligibility criteria for PSH.
4. Participants will learn about two funding assistance programs for PSH.
5. Participants will learn about the implementation plan for PSH.
6. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and comment on these topics.



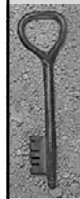
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Meet the Presenters

- ◆ Lindsay Huth, Housing Coordinator, DHS/Division of Mental Health
- ◆ Ruth Hibbard-Anderson, Region 4 Housing Coordinator, DHS/Division of Mental Health




What is Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)?

- ◆ PSH is housing, linked with flexible, community-based support services.
- ◆ PSH can be any of the following:
 - (1) scattered sites: studio or efficiency units
 - (2) one bedroom apartment or two person shared apartment
 - (3) new construction
 - (4) single family homes




What are the unique features of PSH? (housing)

- ◆ Housing is considered “permanent,” meaning that it is neither temporary nor transitional.
- ◆ Tenants have/hold leases, subleases or rental agreement.
- ◆ Tenant controls access to his or her own dwellings units in accordance with applicable tenant/landlord law.
- ◆ Landlord/tenant law governs operations of the housing.



What are the unique features of PSH? (services)

- ◆ Supportive services are available through contract with local providers.
- ◆ Services are linked to housing, but they are voluntary.
- ◆ Services are not a contingency to retain housing.
- ◆ Services are individualized and may be delivered on-site or off-site.



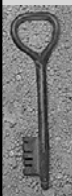
What are the unique features of PSH? (rental assistance)

- ◆ Bridge Rental Assistance:
 - tenant-based rental assistance opportunities available to eligible DMH consumers
- ◆ Transition Dollars:
 - funds available to assist with one-time move-in costs



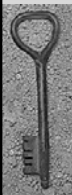
What is the priority population for PSH?

- ◆ Residents of Long Term Care (nursing homes)
- ◆ Extended care patients of State Hospitals
- ◆ Individuals at risk of placement in a nursing facility
- ◆ Aging-out young adults in the Individual Care Grant (ICG) program
- ◆ Aging-out young adults from DCFS
- ◆ Residents of current Supervised or Supported Residential settings



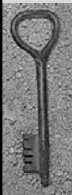
What is the referral process for PSH?

- ◆ Referrals will only be received from a DMH contracted vendor of mental health services.
- ◆ Referrals will be made to the Illinois Mental Health Collaborative.
- ◆ Accepted referrals will receive an application.



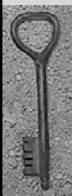
What are the criteria to be eligible for PSH?

- ◆ Diagnosis of Serious Mental Illness
- ◆ Income within 30% AMI
- ◆ Referred via a DMH contracted vendor, including:
 - Therapist/Case Manager
 - PAS/MH agent
 - Targeted Case Manager



What documentation is required for a PSH referral?

- ◆ Mental Health assessment within last 12 months.
- ◆ Treatment Plan within last 6 months
- ◆ LOCUS within 6 months (21 and below)
- ◆ GAF scored 51 and above
- ◆ Risk Assessment



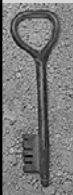
Bridge Rental Assistance

- ◆ Consumers referred for PSH must agree to apply for Section 8 or other rental assistance.
- ◆ The “Bridge” will pay 70% of the rental cost. The consumer will pay 30% (HUD standard).
- ◆ Rental cost is calculated against the Fair Market Rental rates, by county. The “Bridge” will not exceed this amount.



Bridge Rental Assistance (cont)

- ◆ The “Bridge” will be administered by a contracted Subsidy Administrator (SA).
- ◆ The SA will assist to negotiate rent.
- ◆ Pay the 70% portion of the rent to the landlord
- ◆ Conduct unit inspections (according to HUD standards).
- ◆ Manage issuing Transition Dollars.



Transition Dollars

- ◆ Consumers transitioning into PSH will be eligible for \$2,000 in transition dollars.
- ◆ Transition Dollars will be managed by the case manager with input/direction from the consumer.
- ◆ SA will issue debit cards for purchases. Case managers will reconcile expenses with the SA.



Transition Dollars (cont)

- ◆ Processes will be developed for consumers to verify purchases and receipt of purchases.
- ◆ Consumers will sign off for items received.



What is the Plan for Implementation?

- ◆ Test sites in Chicago and suburban Cook and Lake Co. (10) and Rockford (10)
- ◆ Long Term Care (LTC) referrals in the test phase
- ◆ Issues will be identified/addressed during the test phase
- ◆ Meetings are occurring with Housing Authorities statewide
- ◆ Training is occurring statewide



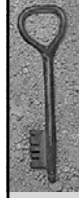
How Can I Learn More About PSH?

- ◆ Division of Mental Health's PSH webpage
<http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=38631>
- ◆ Corporation for Supportive Housing
<http://csh.org/>
- ◆ Transforming Housing for People with Psychiatric Disabilities Report (SAMHSA)
http://download.ncadi.samhsa.gov/ken/pdf/SMA06-4173/Housing_booklet.pdf



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Thank You!

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- ◆ Written Questions Can Be Sent To:
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