



## Supportive Housing Providers Association Get on Board with SHPA!

One of the best ways to stay in the know with all things SHPA and permanent supportive housing is to join our standing committees. All committees meet by phone so that members from all over the state can join. A brief description of each one is below. Place a check next to the committee(s) for which you are interested in learning more or would like to join. Share your contact information at the bottom of the page and return to **Aaron Eldridge** at [a.eldridge@shpa-il.org](mailto:a.eldridge@shpa-il.org) or **Jennifer Orban** at [j.orban@shpa-il.org](mailto:j.orban@shpa-il.org).

**Legislative and Advocacy Committee:** The Legislative and Advocacy committee keeps its ear to the ground on state and federal issues affecting supportive housing and its stakeholders. The committee keeps the membership abreast of proposed and pending legislation, changes in current funding and policies, administrative agency policy issues and lets us know when action is needed and develops advocacy campaigns as needed. If you're an advocate or want to learn how to be an advocate this committee is for you. The committee meets by phone on the Third Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

**Governance Committee:** The Governance committee makes decisions about SHPA's internal operations. The committee shapes the association's by-laws, committee structure, membership structures policies and more. As a member of this committee you will have the opportunity to guide the growth and strengthen SHPA and its' membership. The committee meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

**Standards and Best Practices Committee:** The Standards and Best Practices committee is responsible for establishing best practices based on the Illinois Dimensions of Quality and other sources to help supportive housing programs meet the highest standards in the field. Committee members can study best practices in areas such as Continuum of Care, HEARTH Act, Harm Reduction, and Housing and Healthcare. We encourage members to use these standards in their programs. The Committee also helps set the topics for the semi-annual conference, regional workshops or other trainings as needed. This is a great opportunity to learn and share practices to help your agency and agencies throughout the state strive for service excellence. The committee meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

**Residents Committee:** The Residents committee consists of Residents from the membership and direct service staff who work with residents on issues related to advocacy, leadership development, and civic engagement. We discuss the various campaigns and projects within the Residents Program, how Residents can support the legislative work of SHPA, and peer to peer communication about what is happening in the various communities around the state. The committee meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

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