



SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION

Working Together, We Can Accomplish Anything

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Supportive Housing Providers & Friends:

There is no doubt that 2021 has been one of the most challenging years we have collectively faced in a long time. The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged and changed us all, yet you have remained steadfast in your commitment to providing quality services and housing to those in need throughout your communities.

SHPA has remained dedicated to our work, whether it is our state and federal advocacy to increase the resources for the development of supportive housing and/or the supportive services, creating program or systemic change, building provider capacity through our training & technical assistance program, or engaging residents in storytelling and advocacy through our Resident Leadership & Empowerment program we have stood there right with you and offered whatever support we could to assist and to let you know that we have your back. We are committed to yours and our ongoing success.

As the Supportive Housing Providers Association enters a new year of service that includes Advocacy, Training & Technical Assistance, and Resident Leadership to our member organizations, we would like to take this opportunity to tell you about the Supportive Housing Providers Association (SHPA) our accomplishments in 2021 and why you should consider becoming a member.

WHO WE ARE!

SHPA is a statewide (Illinois) coalition of non-profits providing supportive housing and services to extremely low and low-income individuals and families experiencing homeless and/or chronic disabilities.

SHPA fulfills its mission to increase supportive housing and to build the capacity of providers through advocacy, program quality improvement through training & technical assistance, resident education & leadership development, seeking out innovative practices, and by being an information hub for our membership and those interested in supportive housing development. SHPA's vision includes seeking an end to homelessness and the unnecessary institutionalization through supportive housing and community integration.

SHPA has worked to knit together its members including member organizations and member residents of supportive housing, into a strong state and federal advocacy voice for supportive housing resources and policies. We provide advocacy updates and connect supportive housing staff and residents to state and federal advocacy campaigns. We strive to build relationships with elected officials to develop supportive housing champions with the legislature.

SHPA strongly believes in advocacy from those with lived experience of homelessness and/or persons with disabilities who reside in Supportive Housing. The authenticity of their personal story weighs more in the battle of ending homelessness and unnecessary institutionalization.

The mission of the Supportive Housing Providers Association is best fulfilled when we embrace diversity as a value and a practice. We maintain that achieving diversity requires an enduring commitment to inclusion. We will support diversity in all of its forms, encompassing but not limited to age, disability status, economic circumstance, ethnicity, gender, race, religion, and sexual orientation. We believe in leading by example we aspire to make diversity a core and abiding strength of the supportive housing world.

Other 2021 accomplishments:

- ✓ \$5 billion in new funding specifically to reduce homelessness with more than \$21.5 billion to replenish the emergency rental assistance fund and \$5 billion in emergency housing vouchers.
- ✓ The establishment of the Housing is Recovery Pilot Program and \$10 million in appropriations to create a pathway of housing stability for persons with serious mental illness and/or addiction, experiencing homelessness or exiting institutions reducing recidivism and further institutionalization.
- ✓ COVID-19 Emergency Housing Act, sealing evictions that happened during COVID-19 and ensuring individuals and families are about access rent relief with limited barriers.
- ✓ Passage of the federal Omnibus Bill to increase the supply of affordable rental housing.
- ✓ Decriminalization of HIV, repealing the harmful and outdated HIV criminalization laws and treat HIV like any other chronic illness using proven and effective public health strategies.
- ✓ Expansion of VASH eligibility to provide benefits to veterans discharged from service for other than honorable discharge.
- ✓ Dimension of Quality & Evidence Based Practice series of trainings
- ✓ Virtual Resident Conference

“What to Expect in 2022”

- We Welcome Back our returning Board Members, Lore Baker, Johnna Lowe, Millicent Ntiamoah, and Andrea Chatman, and New Board Members Cathy Jordan, Executive Director, De La Cerda House, Rock Island and Marketta Sims, Resident Leader
- Annual Advocacy for increased resources for supportive services at both the state and federal level of government.
- Other 2022 Legislative Priorities as determined by the membership. (visit www.shpa-il.org for details)

- Working with and advising the Interagency Task Force on Homelessness
- Regional Storytelling Workshops
- Emergency & Permanent Supportive Housing Workshops
- 2022 Training Series, including Dimensions of Quality, Evidence-Based Practices, SOAR Training Co-horts, SRN & GATA Trainings and more. (visit www.shpa-il.org for details)
- Completing our 2022-2024 Strategic Planning activities.
- Working with our advocate partners on state issues concerning Workforce Improvements, Source of Income Discrimination, Public Health Benefits (TANF Reform), Build Homes State Tax Credits and Federal programs such as Build Back Better, House America, Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, Housing is Infrastructure, and Home & Community Based Service Expansion.

Are you a Supportive Housing Provider, Developer, Property Owner, Landlord or Business Owner looking to expand your housing portfolio, filling units, and/or be part of a coalition addressing the housing needs of the homeless and./or persons with disabilities and unnecessary institutionalization?

Come join us and be part of a coalition that is proud to be the voice of supportive housing providers and partners across the State of Illinois working every day alongside and on behalf of residents of supportive housing and those that are most vulnerable that need us to be their voice.

For your convenience we have attached our Membership Agreement Form. For more information you can visit our website at www.shpa-il.org or you may contact David Esposito, Executive Director at 217-321-2476 x2 or via e-mail at d.esposito@shpa-il.org.

We look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Angelia Smith

Angelia Smith
Board President

David Esposito

David Esposito
Executive Director



Membership Contact Form

Name of Organization:

Address:

Name of Executive Director/CEO:

Phone:

Email:

Name of Accounting/Financial Contact:

Phone:

Email:

Name of Housing Contact:

Phone:

Email:

Name of Social Services Contact:

Phone:

Email:

Additional Contacts: (name and e-mail)

Total Organization Budget \$ _____

Total Supportive Housing Budget \$ _____ *(if applicable)*

Are you a Certified Medicaid Billing Agency? Yes No



Membership Agreement (page 1 of 2)

Please sign the membership agreement and send to the address listed below.

The Supportive Housing Providers Association exists to advocate for issues that will increase and strengthen the supply of supportive housing, to provide a forum for members to discuss their experiences, and to increase the effectiveness of its members through the dissemination of information.

I understand that if my organization is accepted as a member of the Supportive Housing Providers Association that membership carries certain privileges and responsibilities.

The privileges and benefits of membership include:

1. Legislative advocates working regularly on behalf of SHPA members and periodic strategic advice for developing and nurturing relationships with legislators.
2. Ability to vote on major legislative/policy issues and priorities which guides SHPA's advocacy efforts.
3. Timely knowledge for Call to Action or Action Alerts and necessary materials, such as letter templates or call scripts pertaining to important legislation that impacts supportive housing and residents.
4. Forum for information sharing on the current financial and political environment for developing supportive housing.
5. Benefits of networking with providers of supportive housing from across the state and sharing of best practices at semi-annual associations meetings and regional workshops at least 2x per year.
6. Benefits of broader network of members and affiliates, such as Healthcare Systems, Landlords & Developers, Managed Care Organizations
7. Free or discounted attendance at regional workshops that could include CEU credits for further staff development.
8. Access to any studies or educational materials developed by or shared with SHPA for educating legislators and the public regarding supportive housing.
9. Robust Resident Leadership Program to assist residents in their advocacy development and Scholarships to attend the Annual Resident Conference Annual and Spring Association meetings, and other local and national conferences as budget allows.
10. Electronic Peer to Peer program to share ideas, discuss challenges, and information sharing as needed.

The responsibilities of membership include:

1. Agreeing to maintain confidentiality and trust which will enable members to discuss their projects in an environment, which is not threatening to their organization's viability.
2. Agreeing to share honestly with other members your experience so that all members can learn from it to improve their projects.
3. Agreeing to pay annual dues according to the sliding scale below for membership in the Supportive Housing Providers Association.
4. Membership meeting attendance whenever possible.
5. Participation in major SHPA advocacy campaigns through calls, letters, or visits to legislators.

Supportive Housing provider agencies dues are based on the size of your organizational budget as follows:

- Supportive Housing Providers with a budget of:
 - \$ 0 to \$ 250,000 pay annual dues of \$ 500
 - \$ 250,001 to \$ 500,000 pay annual dues of \$ 850
 - \$ 500,001 to \$1 million pay annual dues of \$ 1,750
 - \$1 million to \$5 million pay annual dues of \$2,300
 - Over \$5 million pay annual dues of \$ 2,500

- Developers, Property Owners, Landlords pay an annual dues of \$750
- Not-for-Profit Organizations desiring to team, align, join in, ally or band together with the association \$ 375 (limited membership benefits)
- Continua of Care pay annual dues of \$ 100
- For Profit business or entity operating to make profit and/or has a scope outside of social services and interested in participating in SHPA activities; pay annual dues of \$ 600 with additional sponsorship opportunities available. (limited membership benefits)

Failure to meet the responsibilities of membership can result in loss of membership in the organization and the forfeiture of all dues paid. Membership in SHPA does not constitute the automatic endorsement by SHPA of the applying organization's activities. By signing my name to this document, I agree that if my organization is chosen for membership, we will abide by the responsibilities outlined above:

Signed: _____ Date: _____
CEO/Executive Director

Print: _____
CEO/Executive Director

Please return completed membership agreement & membership fee to:

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Attention: Mary Palmer Email: mpalmer@firminc.com