



**SUPPORTIVE HOUSING  
PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION**

*Working Together, We Can Accomplish Anything*

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December 18, 2021

**Supportive Housing Provider Association Member:**

There is no doubt that 2021 has been one of the most challenging years we have collectively faced in along 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.

**Thank you for your continued support of SHPA!**

A lot has happened at **SHPA** over the past year none more significant than our successful advocacy for the:

- ✓ **Appropriation of \$28 million for Supportive Housing Services from the State & Fiscal American Rescue Plan funding in the FY2022 State budget, bringing our annual total to \$70 million. This would not have been possible without your support and participation.**
- ✓ **After years of advocacy, we realized the creation of the Interagency Task Force on Ending Homelessness and the Community Advisory Council through Executive Order by Governor Pritzker. This is a game changer for the State of Illinois and our efforts in ending homelessness.**

## 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 have access to 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.
- ✓ Dimensions 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](http://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](http://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.

Our future success will depend on your financial support. Beyond financial support, we also want you to be active in our work including advocating for supportive housing. We need your expertise, your perspective, and your passion, **JOIN A COMMITTEE or Work Group.**

Your membership and participation are the primary reasons for the Association's success. We look forward to your continued support and partnership with us!

*As you renew membership, we ask that you update your contact information relevant to your organization. Please see the form attached.*

Attached is your renewal notice for your 2022 membership dues.

Please make your check payable to:  
Supportive Housing Providers Association  
6 Lawrence Square  
Springfield, Il. 62704

We look forward to working with you in the year ahead. If you have any questions related to the dues level indicated on your notice, please contact David Esposito at 217-321-2476 x2 or via e-mail at [d.esposito@shpa-il.org](mailto:d.esposito@shpa-il.org).

Sincerely,

*Angelia Smith*  
Angelia Smith  
Board President

*David Esposito*  
David Esposito  
Executive Director



## Membership Contact Form

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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)

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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.

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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 millions 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:

**Supportive Housing Providers Association (SHPA)**  
**6 Lawrence Square Springfield, IL. 62704**  
**Attention: Mary Palmer    Email: [mpalmer@firminc.com](mailto:mpalmer@firminc.com)**