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January 2023

Supportive Housing Provider Association Member:

Although the pandemic may be behind us the business impacts continue. Despite these continued challenges, you remain steadfast in your commitment to providing quality services and housing to those in need throughout your communities.

SHPA is committed to your ongoing success, therefore, SHPA remains dedicated to our work: state and federal advocacy to increase the resources for the development of supportive housing and/or the supportive services, creating programmatic or systemic change, building provider capacity through our training & technical assistance program, and engaging residents in storytelling and advocacy through our Resident Leadership & Empowerment program. We have always, and will always, stand shoulder to shoulder with you, offering support and assistance. In 2022, SHPA was pleased to return to in person activities and events allowing for our network of supportive housing providers and developers to better engage in our community education and advocacy initiatives.

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

- **Increase of Supportive Housing Service Funding to a total of \$42,586,400**
- **\$28 million re-appropriation for Supportive Housing Services from the State & Fiscal American Rescue Plan**
- **\$ 10 million re-appropriation for the Housing is Recovery Pilot Program to be launched in early 2023**
- **\$150 million in appropriations for gap financing and development of affordable housing**
- **The launch of Home Illinois: Illinois' State Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness the first ever state plan on the issues of homelessness**

Other 2022 accomplishments:

- \$15 million appropriation for initiatives set forth in the inaugural state plan to prevent & end homelessness
- Source of Income Discrimination legislation that amends the Illinois Human Rights Act making source of income discrimination illegal
- Rebuild Illinois' Behavioral Health Workforce: legislation that invests \$171 million in Community Mental Health and Substance Use Services staff
- Human Services Professional Loan Re-Payment Program
- Dimensions of Quality & Evidence-Based Practice series of trainings

“What to Expect in 2023”

- On-going advocacy for the increased resources at both the state and federal level
- Codifying, through legislation, the Interagency Task Force on Homelessness and Community Advisory Council
- Other Budget & Legislative Priorities as determined by the membership (www.shpa-il.org)
- Welcoming our returning Board Members: Linda Thurmond, Lisa Kuklinski, Margarita Gonzalez; and new Board Members: Kimberly Sisney, Full Circle Communities and Charles Lewandowski, Resident Leader.
- Continuing to advance SHPA’s strategic planning activities advancing initiatives for supportive housing development and supportive services and furthering organization/board development
- Hosting Regional Storytelling Workshops for Person’s with Lived Experience
- Providing Emergency & Permanent Supportive Housing Workshops
- Implementing the 2023 Training Series, including Dimensions of Quality, Evidence-Based Practices, SOAR Training Co-Horts, SRN & GATA Trainings and more (www.shpa-il.org)
- Working with our advocate partners on state issues concerning Workforce Improvements, 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.
- And so much more!

We are pleased to announce a partnership with the Illinois Office to Prevent and End Homelessness to launch the Illinois Education & Technical Assistance Center and facilitate the project initiatives that support Home Illinois: Illinois’ State Plan to Prevent & End Homelessness.

What does becoming a member of SHPA mean!

SHPA offers 3 areas of service to our members.

1) Advocacy

- SHPA knits together it’s member organizations and residents of supportive housing, into a strong state and federal advocacy voice for increased resources for Supportive Housing, reasonable and just policies and to make systemic changes in the areas of Housing, Homelessness, Healthcare, Human Services, Criminal Justice, and Resident/Client rights. We provide advocacy updates and connect staff and residents to state and federal advocacy campaigns. We strive to build relationships with elected officials. SHPA passionately believes in advocacy from those with lived experience and therefore strives to include persons with lived experience in all aspects of association business and advocacy activities.

2) Training & Technical Assistance

- Through this program SHPA seeks offers access to capacity building trainings, in the areas of the Dimensions of Quality, Evidence-Based Practices, DHS Grant Reporting & Compliance, HEARTH Act Regulations and more. These trainings include Show Your Work “If it is not documented it didn’t happen”, Supportive Housing 101, Advocacy 101, Motivational Interviewing, Trauma Informed Care, Person-Centered Services, Housing First & Harm Reduction, Resident Leadership & Empowerment, Tenant/Client Advisory Council Development, Case Management 101, Continuum of Care, Eviction Prevention, Storytelling for Change, Racial Healing, and more. These training courses are available either through public webinars or one on one with agency staff and residents. This training is FREE to our members, unless it requires outsourcing whereby a nominal fee may be required (rare).

- SHPA is also the state team lead for SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, & Recovery) and offers the following trainings and supports Introduction to SOAR, New-trainee Cohort, ongoing technical assistance to SOAR trained advocates, local lead supports, and quarterly virtual connections with fellow SOAR advocates.

3) Resident Leadership & Empowerment Program

- SHPA is committed to the inclusion of persons with lived expertise in all aspects of our business and advocacy activities “Nothing for Us, Without Us”. Therefore, SHPA works alongside residents of supportive housing, developing leaders of their community and empowering them to use their voice to create change. We do this by working with residents on how to best share their story and experiences, one on one with legislators, public forums, and more. The authenticity of their personal story weighs more in the battle of creating change and is key to our success.

Membership benefits:

- Members
 - Our members, drive our work whether it is advocacy or training, we hold regular feedback sessions and survey our members to determine their needs and we plan our work accordingly.
 - Vote on State & Federal Policy & Budget Priorities each year at the Annual Meeting
 - Engagement with State & Federal Leaders
 - Engagement with State agencies
 - Participation on a SHPA Committee, Governance, Standards & Best Practices, Legislative & Advocacy, or Residents Committee
 - Opportunities for leadership roles
 - Receive regular updates on activities and advocacy via Monthly Memo
 - Coordination and materials to participate in advocacy campaigns
 - Peer to Peer networking opportunities and assistance
 - Web-Based Resources
 - Individual or Group Training & Technical Assistance
 - Free or discounted Entry to SHPA regional trainings and annual events
 - Resident Members receive all of the above including access to resident scholarships to attend regional trainings & events

WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING!

Your partnership and participation are the reasons for our success. We look forward to you joining our network.

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

If you need an invoice to process your payment please e-mail Mary Palmer at mpalmer@firminc.com.

As you join our network, we ask that you provide the relevant contact information for your organization. Please see the form attached. Please consider JOINING A COMMITTEE or Work Group.

We look forward to working with you in the year ahead. If you have any questions, please contact David Esposito at 217-321-2476 x2 or via e-mail at d.esposito@shpa-il.org.

Sincerely,

David Esposito
David Esposito
Executive Director

Lore Baker
Lore Baker
Board President



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 due amount of \$750
- Not-for-Profit Organizations desiring to team, align, join in, ally or band together with the association \$ 500 (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 \$ 750 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