



October 2023

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The following topics are planned for this year's Summit:

Government Affairs
Homelessness
Supportive Housing Development
Professional Development & Capacity Building
Peer Leadership Development

Session Highlight: Professional Development & Capacity Building

- **SOAR 101: Introduction to SOAR and the SOAR/Peer Collaboration**
Whether this is the first time you have heard about SOAR or want to learn more, nonprofits agencies, frontline staff, and/or government agencies this session is for you.
- **Unlocking the Potential of the Recovery Community**
Unlocking the potential of the Recovery Community explores the field of recovery support and the role peer professionals play in the continuum of care.
- **Disaster Team to Dream Team**
Which path is your team on Disaster team or Dream team? Teamwork is one of the simplest and most cost-effective ways to increase organizational capacity.
- **Labels**
This presentation is about addressing labels that stigmatize, marginalize, and alienate people from mainstream society.
- **The Art of Communicating**
Everyone communicates but everyone doesn't connect. This workshop will look at the art of communication. It will address personal barriers to communication.
- **Medicaid: 1115 Healthcare Transformation Waiver Update: Addressing Health Related Social Needs**
The Department of Healthcare and Family Services is seeking to address Health Related Social Needs through 1115 waiver expenditure authority. HFS staff will share the vision for this request, provide a status update on the application and implementation planning, and discuss the role of stakeholders during planning and implementation.

For more information on these and other sessions click here: [Agenda](#)

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Dear supporters and friends,

If you didn't have a good excuse to get some Krispy Kreme glazed doughnuts, you do now!

You're more than invited to take part in the most delicious and perfectly glazed fundraiser of the year. Supportive Housing Providers Association (SHPA) has partnered with GroupRaise and Krispy Kreme for a Digital Dozens fundraising campaign.

The dynamic is super simple: Get your Krispy Kreme Digital Dozens (**until October 31**) and support Supportive Housing Providers Association (SHPA) at the same time. Purchase a dozen (or two or three) original glazed doughnuts on the link below and **60%** of your order will be donated back.

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David A. Harrison “Good Better Best” Award



Don't rest until your GOOD is BETTER and your BETTER is your BEST!

Since 2019, SHPA has honored our former colleague and Board Member, David Harrison, by acknowledging another person or persons from the homeless and housing community who through their own work demonstrate the values that David extolled throughout his long and accomplished career.

For those that did not know David, he was the Program Coordinator in charge of the Madison County Community Development supportive housing and homeless prevention program. Dave was also the Chairperson of the Madison County Continuum of Care/Madison County Partnership to End Homelessness. In addition, he served as a member of the SHPA Board of Directors and was co-chair of the Governance Committee.

Dave was admired for his calm demeanor and his ability to not become jaded. He led by example and was a true public servant. According to his family, friends, and colleagues, he worried about the homeless population and would frequently lament about the shortage of local, state, and federal funding. He worked hard to squeeze what he could out of the available funding to accomplish as much as possible for those in need. He expressed feeling guilty when he was enjoying the comforts of his own home knowing there were people, young and old, trying to survive on the streets. They were not a number or an outcome measure to him, they were human beings.

Additionally, David was described as a leader, a compassionate humanitarian with a BIG heart. He was patient, calm, humble, committed, dedicated, tireless advocate, a voice of reason and irreplaceable. He always kept the needs of the clients uppermost in his mind and heart and never lost his compassion for people in crisis.

We invite all SHPA members to nominate a person or persons who demonstrate these qualities in the work that they do on behalf of our community.

Nomination criteria is as follows:

- This individual, team and/or group must be a representative(s) of a SHPA member in good standing
- Currently works in direct service or administration position
- Demonstrate the same or similar qualities as described above in the areas of Leadership, Humanitarian, Advocacy, Community Action, Public Service
- SHPA Staff & Board of Directors are not eligible.

Nominations should follow the following format and include:

- Nominees Name
- Nominees Title
- Agency Affiliation
- Qualifications to receive this award: (please describe in detail why you feel this individual, team and/or group is deserving of this award)
- Submitted by:

Deadline for submission of nominations: Friday, October 13, 2023.

Nominations should be sent via e-mail to:

David Esposito, SHPA Executive Director at info@shpa-il.org

Recipient will be announced during the annual membership meeting at the SHPA 2023 Supportive Housing Summit on November 17, 2023.





SHPAdvocacy:

In preparation for the spring legislative session, SHPA is launching our annual New/Expansion Supportive Housing Project Survey. If you are planning the expansion of a current project or developing a new supportive housing project and are seeking funding specifically from IDHS Homeless Services - Supportive Housing Program or the Division of Mental Health, please make sure that you complete the survey below:

There are also general membership/provider questions towards the end of the survey so please check out the survey and respond as needed.

Your responses drive SHPA's budget advocacy and this past session SHPA was successful in securing \$2 million of funding for support services for new and expansion projects. This year it could be your project.

[FY24 New/Expansion Supportive Housing Project Survey](#)

Survey Deadline October 13, 2023

** This survey will automatically timeout, so we suggest that you print the survey and gather the info needed before completing it online.*



Watch this space for an exciting new opportunity for you to get involved in SHPA advocacy activities.

SHPA IS SEEKING TO FILL TWO AMERICORPS VISTA POSITIONS!!

Education Curriculum Coordinator

& Illinois Supportive Housing Assessment

AmeriCorps VISTA Position!

What is an AmeriCorps VISTA ?

"Volunteers in Service to America." VISTAs serve a one year term through organizations who support sustainable change in areas that effect poverty. VISTAs receive many befeits including a living wage stipend. For more information go to:

<https://www.americorps.gov/serve/ameriCorps/ameriCorps-vista>

Do you...

- Wish to work directly with persons with lived expertise of homelessness by assisting in workshops?
- Enjoy creating marketing materials including a quarterly newsletter?
- Wish to collect personal stories of truth through written and video form for sharing on youtube?
- Are you skilled in researching topics to develop and present a training?

If you said yes to these, the Educational Curriculum Coordinator - AmeriCorps VISTA is for you!



Get the chance to work with amazing individuals who are passionate about ending homelessness in Illinois.

Contact

David Esposito or Susan Day
for more information:

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Do you...

- Wish to develop communication materials?
- Enjoy coordinating logistics of virtual sessions, online platform set up, presentation development and more?
- Are you skilled in research and collection of supportive housing data?
- Wish to write debriefs on Legislative and advocacy committee meetings and SHPA Leadership?
- Wish to analyse Supportive Housing's impact on homelessness, recidivism of incarceration, and unnecessary institutionalization?

Benefits include:

- A modest living wage stipend to cover basic expenses.
- Non-competitive eligibility for employment in the federal government.
- Health insurance at no cost
- Personal Development Trainings
- End of Service Award

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Dimensions of Quality through the Sustainability Lens

Tuesday, October 17 @ 1:00p CDT

This training will focus on the Sustainability within the Four Project Components

- Project & Design Administration
- Property and Housing Management
- Supportive Services and
- Community

with an emphasis on creating long term advocacy, policy, and infrastructure for quality supportive housing.

This training is open to any SHPA member that is interested in learning about the importance of sustaining quality supportive housing including direct service staff and leadership in supportive housing organizations.

Facilitators: Johnna Lowe and Richard Rowe

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Show Your Work

If it's Not Documented, it Didn't Happen

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 @ 10:00a CDT

Documenting Program Services is critical to know your program's accomplishment and effectiveness. Efficient use of financial resources is becoming more important, especially as funding sources become scarce and harder to secure. Accurately documenting services shows the value of your program and supportive housing while providing data and statistics to advocate for more funding.

Facilitator: SHPA Staff

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY HOU

[IDHS Stakeholder Newsletter](#) - September 2023

Technical Assistance Resources:

Personnel Policies Overview

Fiscal & Administrative Review Assistance for IDHS Providers

Personnel policies guide the way your organization is run and are critical to the successful implementation of grant programs. Effective personnel policies should include:

- Statement of purpose
- Policy statement
- Definitions of key terms
- Clear policy guidelines

Your organization must research, develop, and implement the below personnel policies:

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Policy	Confidentiality Policy
Sexual Harassment Policy	Fraud, Waste and Abuse Whistleblower Policy
Equal Opportunity Policy	Records Retention Policy
Non-Discrimination Policy	Employee Evaluation Policy
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Policy	Conflict of Interest Policy
Drug-Free Workplace Policy	Use of Equipment Policy

Your organization is responsible for collecting and maintaining personnel records. At a minimum, your organization should collect and maintain the below information:

- Job applications, resumes, hiring process records
- Job descriptions that correspond to departmental organization charts
- Documentation of annual employee evaluations
- Conflict of interest statements
- Training logs and onboarding information

Personnel Policy Reminders

- Memorialize your organization’s personnel policies in writing and obtain approval by the appropriate governing body of your organization
- Periodically review and refresh your organization’s personnel policies to ensure consistency with Federal and State requirements

For more information and technical assistance on fiscal and administrative questions, [click here](#) to visit our website.



IHDA RELEASES PSH & H3C RFA – ROUND X

- [PSH Round X + H3C RFA](#)
- [PSH H3C RFA Informational Webinar Slide Deck](#)
- [H3C Scoring Rubric](#)

Dear Valued Partner,

In July, IHDA released a [Request for Applications](#) for Round X of the Permanent Supportive Housing Development Program with option for Healthy Housing, Healthy Communities (H3C). As a reminder, any team pursuing financing through this RFA will need to schedule a mandatory concept meeting with IHDA staff. Even if your project concept and partnerships are still under development, we encourage you to reach out to us to discuss any questions you may have and to schedule your concept meeting at your earliest convenience. To schedule your meeting, email a [concept meeting form](#) with your project details to PSHRFA@ihda.org. October 6th is the last day to submit a mandatory concept meeting request. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions to PSHRFA@ihda.org.



ILLINOIS CAPITOL NEWS

Illinois e-News Release

- [Governor Pritzker Encourages Eligible Families to Apply for Utility Assistance](#)
- [Gov. Pritzker Announces \\$41.5 Million in Grant Awards for Municipalities Serving Asylum Seekers](#)
- [Pritzker Administration Provides \\$19 Million for Community Revitalization](#)

FEDERAL NEWS

Best Practices A practical newsletter for people ending homelessness.

New Estimates Suggest that \$4.8 Billion is Needed to Bring Homeless Services Salaries into the Modern Era

A [new analysis](#) from the Alliance's Homelessness Research Institute estimates that the homeless services sector needs an increase of \$4.8 billion to adequately fund staff cost of living.

HUD Exchange:

- [HUD Announces \\$50 Million Funding Opportunity to Provide Stable Housing to People with HIV and Their Families](#)
- [Register Today: 2023 CDBG-CV Problem Solving Clinics – October 2023](#)
- [Best Practices for Recovery Housing Guide Now Available](#)

SIGN ON TO SUPPORT THE HOUSING ACCESS ACT

Endorse the alignment of housing and services today!

Senators Markey (D-MA) and Alex Padilla (D-CA) introduced the Housing Alignment and Coordination of Critical and Effective Supportive Health Services Act, or the "**Housing ACCESS Act.**" Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and Cory Booker (D-NJ) co-sponsored the bill.

We invite our partners to endorse this bill because it will make a significant impact to both service providers and those who receive these services.

Specifically the bill would:

- Align federal housing and healthcare resources to streamline the creation of supportive housing,
- Make Medicaid reimbursement more accessible for supportive housing service providers, and
- Require a national rate study on housing-related services and supports and other services provided by supportive housing providers, certified community behavioral health clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers that promote integrated care for people with complex conditions.

At the link below, sign on to show your support for the Housing ACCESS Act. Join more than 100 organizations in endorsing this bill and advancing the alignment of housing and supportive services!

[**SIGN ON TODAY**](#)

- [View the Housing ACCESS Fact Sheet](#)
- [Read the Proposed Bill](#)



Peer Leadership Development Workshop Opportunity

Last Year's Workshops were a tremendous success and SHPA is pleased to announce that we are launching another round. SHPA is planning to conduct four regional Peer Leadership Development Workshops across Illinois for Person's with Lived Expertise.

"I learned how to work on leadership skills I thought I already knew."

"I felt included. My experience mattered to the facilitators- they were awesome and really cared!"

The workshop was designed by Peers and will offer interactive discussion and education in Communication, Temperament Styles, Leadership, Emotional Intelligence, Professional Responsibility, Self-Care, Soft Skills and sharing your truth. Each workshop will host speakers with Lived Expertise who will share their experience in becoming a leader including the challenges and skills necessary to fulfil their role. Opportunities for networking will be scheduled as part of the training to encourage Lived Experience opportunities.

The three-day workshop will be available to ten leaders with Lived Expertise, per region and every Peer Leader Development Workshop will be facilitated by a Peer leader.

"I learned how to practice self-care and how to set healthy boundaries."

The statewide Peers selected for this workshop will be paid a stipend for attending the workshop, as well as any travel, lodging, or meal expense involved. Upon successful completion of the workshop, Peers may be asked to co-facilitate future workshops with SHPA staff throughout the state and will receive a living wage stipend.

"I loved connecting with and empowering my Peers."

If you are a Person with Lived Expertise who is interested in this learning opportunity and becoming a peer leader, or an agency who knows of a Peer you would like to recommend, please contact Susan Day at s.day@shpa-il.org.

"The best part was the interactive conversations on the topics presented."



OTHER NEWS & RESOURCES:

HOUSING SEARCH?

- [Illinois Housing Search](#)
- [State Referral Network](#)
- [SHPA Interactive Supportive Housing Map](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

- SEE SHPA TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER INFORMATION ABOVE

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

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