



Homestead Place

IPRS Service: Supervised Living – High Management

Program Description: Homestead Place is a group home, in Chapel Hill, for adults with severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI). Homestead Place is the first intensive support, group home for SPMI adults in the Orange-Person-Chatham Counties. Consumers from this service area will be given priority in the selection process. Homestead Place has four beds, two rooms are singles and one larger bedroom, which is shared by same sex roommates. We provide a safe and respectful environment and that supports our client's autonomy and well-being. Our clients usually live at Homestead Place group home for several years. Many of our residents step down to independent living arrangements after that time, but are welcome to live here as long as they care too. Residents are active participants in their treatment plan development and work daily on reaching their goals of stabilization, self-care (mental & physical), medication adherence, and independent living skills. Community integration is a cornerstone of our resident's treatment planning. Our residents are out in the community most week days attending the local club house – Club Nova, working, volunteering, or engaged in other activities of interest to that resident. As a provider, our goal is to maintain a homelike atmosphere that empowers our clients to strive for the highest quality of life possible.

Philosophy: We strive to empower our clients to live life in the most autonomous environment possible, while giving them a feeling of safety and belonging. We support the philosophy that a group home is the resident's home and direct care employees are the invited guests of the residents.

Program Goals: The first primary indicator of outcome is a reduction in the number and duration of psychiatric hospitalizations for our clients. This goal is quantifiable by comparing the number and duration of hospitalizations during the year before living in Homestead Place to the client's first year of residence. Our second major goal and indicator of outcome is to promote living skills and independence so that the clients might someday live in their own apartment or in a low management group home.

Service Modalities: Besides room and board staff provides medically-necessary transportation to psychosocial rehabilitation (day programming), doctors, and clinics. Group home employees provide rehabilitation counseling focused on improvement of activities of daily living (ADL) and increased independence in the community. We do not provide individual or group psychological counseling. Group home employees arrange group activities on weekends to promote integration into the local community. Homestead Place group home stresses positive reinforcement for any steps towards independence. Homestead Place does not do ANY physical restraints or seclusion and it is not a locked facility.



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Population Served: All residents of Homestead Place will have a diagnosis of SPMI and will be actively involved in their treatment plans. Most of the consumers served by Homestead Place will come from state hospitals or have a significant number of hospitalizations at UNC prior to being accepted. According to NC state licensing all residents must be ambulatory, in two specific ways. (1) Must be able to leave the home unassisted in case of fire and (2) must be able to leave the house when the fire alarm goes off without any verbal or physical prompts from staff. All residents will have to enter into a safety contract/crisis plan on admission and adhere to house rules. Homestead Place is not a locked facility and there will be no restrictive interventions. Staff will provide support in ADLs, structured activities, and transportation to treatment-related appointments. Person Centered Plans will define meaningful daytime activities such as employment, educational endeavors, club house attendance, or day-treatment services for our residents. Residents will share household chores. Staff will work with the residents on goals, which are designed to help residents attain their maximum level of independence.

Resources: The cost of care in a group home is covered through payments from Social Security Disability Insurance, Special Assistance, and IPRS county funds.

CARF Accredited Service: Community Housing: Mental Health (Adults)

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