

What we do

Creation and Purpose

The **Ohio Supportive Housing for the Homeless Alliance (OSHHA)** was created in 2008 by a group of permanent supportive housing advocates and providers from Ohio who have developed plans for the creation of permanent supportive housing in order to eliminate chronic homelessness. The purpose of OSHHA is to create and implement a public policy advocacy agenda that supports the development of permanent supportive housing units across Ohio as a solution for long-term homelessness.

Activities

- Public policy advocacy with elected officials and leaders in Ohio government
- Education of public officials and their staff
- Develop local support to advance the public policy agenda
- Information sharing among members
- Develop funding from the State of Ohio



OSHHA

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Initial Goals:

1. Develop new State of Ohio PSH Gap Program – a Bundled Supportive Housing Subsidy – to fill in the critical operations and essential service funding gaps of new and existing PSH projects.
2. Increase the ability of PSH projects to access Ohio Medicaid to pay for services for persons in supportive housing.
3. Modify the ODOD Homeless Assistance Program to increase support and better serve permanent supportive housing.
4. Enhance OHFA programs to increase support of permanent supportive housing development for homeless people.
5. Expand resources to serve populations that need behavioral health services to live stably in PSH and who are currently ineligible for Medicaid due to their diagnosis.

Q & A

Who can be a member?

OSHHA membership is open to local group or individual interested in increasing permanent supportive housing development. This includes:

- Permanent supportive housing providers for homeless persons (developers, property managers, owners and service providers)
- Local community leaders responsible for implementation of community plans to end homelessness
- Local advocates for permanent supportive housing as a long-term solution for homelessness

What are the different membership levels?

Active Member – Participates in monthly meetings and subcommittee activities. Active members will be recognized on public OSHHA communications, as appropriate. To become a member, applicants must agree to the purpose, goals and activities of OSHHA and submit a request to the Steering Committee for membership. Active members are encouraged to financially support COHHIO on an annual basis to offset their support of OSHHA.

Supporter – Receives regular updates to stay abreast of OSHHA progress and policy support needs. Supporters will not be recognized on public OSHHA communications.

What does it cost?

Dues are voluntary for OSHHA and offered at two levels:

Basic -- \$100

Champion -- \$500

Dues are paid to COHHIO with OSHHA being noted in the memo field.

Become a Member Now

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

1. Name & Title: _____

Email: _____

2. Name & Title: _____

Email: _____

3. Name & Title: _____

Email: _____

Type of Membership:

_____ Active

_____ Supporter

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