

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Open Doors Homeless Coalition and Singing River Services

Regarding the Coordination of CABHI, CHOICE, and ESG for the benefit of serving Category 2 and 3 of the Olmstead population in Jackson County, Mississippi through housing and intensive in-home services.

Upon approval from Mississippi Home Corporation and the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, Singing River Services and Open Doors Homeless Coalition agree to the following:

1. Singing River Services will identify 25 clients for eligibility for CHOICE and ESG: literally homeless AND category 2 or 3 under Olmstead;
2. Singing River Services will ensure that all appropriate releases of information are executed and in the clients' case files;
3. Singing River Services will make a determination as to "bridge to independence" or "bridge to long-term subsidy" and will create an individualized service plan for each client;
4. In conjunction with the Mississippi Region 8 Public Housing Authority, Singing River Services will assist participants who will need a rental subsidy longer than 12 months to apply for project based or tenant based HCVF vouchers;
5. Singing River Services and Open Doors Homeless Coalition will case conference the clients and Open Doors staff will assist with unit identification, housing inspection, rent reasonableness, negotiate with the landlord as needed and jointly submit a request for CHOICE to pay rents for up to 12 months. Concurrently, Open Doors will pay the on-going utility payments for clients with no incomes, provided monthly utility bills are provided to Open Doors Homeless Coalition and funding allows, and Open Doors Homeless Coalition will submit the reimbursement requests to Mississippi Home Corp/ ESG. Singing River Services will pay deposits, as allowed under CABHI;
6. Open Doors Homeless Coalition and Singing River Services will maintain regular case conferencing activities until the clients successfully transition to a long-term option or become self-sufficient;
7. Singing River Services will provide clinical services as needed for the clients to maintain mental health stability;
8. Singing River Services will enter all CABHI, PATH, and CHOICE information into HMIS. Open Doors Homeless Coalition will enter ESG related information into HMIS. The HMIS information will be shared between systems and all appropriate HMIS agreements and releases of information will be executed.
9. This memorandum of understanding may be modified by written agreement between both parties and attached as an amendment.
10. The term of this memorandum of understanding is from the date of approval by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health and Mississippi Home Corp for 12 months, as long as funding remains available to conduct the activities.