

PA OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES  
HOUSING CONFERENCE

**SUPPORTIVE HOUSING:  
THE ROAD TO RECOVERY**



**Purpose of the Conference:** To ensure that counties understand and take maximum advantage of available housing and mental health resources to create viable permanent supportive housing options.

**Schedule**

- 9:00 a.m.    **Registration** and Continental Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m.    **Welcome-** Shelley Bishop, Executive Assistant for Consumer and Family Issues, OMHSAS
- 10:05 a.m.    **OMHSAS Accomplishments and Expectations-** Shelley Bishop
- 10:45 a.m.    **Mental Health Resources as the Transport to Change**  
Basic information on key OMHSAS housing resources and policies:
- **Reinvestment, Base Dollars, CHIPP and LIHTC as Funding Streams/Opportunities-** Marti Knisley, Director of the Community Support Initiative, Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) and Herta Madder, HealthChoices Specialist, Beaver County Behavioral Health
  - **CRR Conversion as a Resource-** Silvia Herman, Mental Health Director, Cumberland and Perry Counties' Mental Health and Mental Retardation *Program* and Craig Cordell, Executive Director, New Visions, Inc.
- 11:45 a.m.    **Question and Answer Session**
- 12:00 p.m.    **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m.    **Housing Plans that Burn up the Road-** Bill Chambers, Mental Health Program Director, Delaware County Office of Behavioral Health, Val Barner, Assistant Administrator for Mental Health Services and Natalie Corman, Housing Specialist, Centre County MH/MR

1:30 p.m. **Breakout Sessions: Getting your Motor Running**

- **(#1) Using Reinvestment, Act 137, PennHOMES, HOME, LIHTC and Other Sources for Development Projects**
  - Moderator: Shelley Bishop
  - Presenter: Marti Knisley
  - Resource Person: Bill Chambers
  
- **(#2) CRR Conversion**
  - Moderator: Leigh Howard, Associate, Diana T. Myers & Associates, Inc.
  - Presenters: Silvia Herman, Bob Henry, Mental Health Program Specialist, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Juniata Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program
  - Resource People: Craig Cordell, Liz Albert, Program Director, Keystone Human Services
  
- **(#3) Rental Subsidy Programs**
  - Moderator: Diana Myers, President, Diana T. Myers & Associates, Inc.
  - Presenters: Diana Myers, Lisa Yaffe, Director of Business Development, PHFA, and Carol Dunlap, MH Program Specialist, Westmoreland County MH/MR Program
  
- **(#4) FairWeather Lodge**
  - Moderator: Peggy Robertson, Newsletter Editor, Diana T. Myers & Associates, Inc.
  - Presenter: Kim Stucke, Director of Consultation Services, Stairways Behavioral Health
  - Resource Person: Enrico Bianco, Team Member, Fairweather Consulting Group
  
- **(#5) HUD 811 and McKinney**
  - Moderator: Barbara Hodas, Senior Associate, Diana T. Myers & Associates, Inc.
  - Presenters: Barbara Hodas, Chuck Scalise, President, H.A.N.D.S. Inc., and Lea Dougherty, Deputy Executive Director, United Neighborhood Centers

2:55 p.m. **Break**

3:05 p.m. **Supportive Housing: The Highway to Recovery**

Hear about the role that housing has played in supporting the recovery of two individuals:

Enrico Bianco, Certified Peer Specialist, Stairways Behavioral Health  
Carl Mosier, Community Service Specialist, The Advocacy Alliance

3:30 p.m. **Roundtable Q & A: Avoiding the Potholes**  
Participants are invited to come and ask questions about their County Housing Plan and other current issues.

4:15 p.m. **Adjourn**