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*Testimony before the Senate Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention,
Children and Families*

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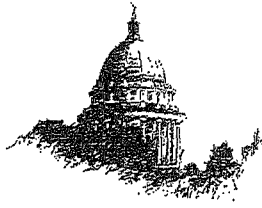
Hello, Chairman James and members of the Senate Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families. Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony on Senate Bill 350, an important bill to support mental health clubhouses.

The clubhouse model goes beyond treatment. It allows members to contribute to improving the clubhouse and the services available there. Though many clubhouses do not provide medical treatment, they do offer peer support and a place to go, which can make all the difference to someone who is struggling.

This proposal would help expand this peer support through matching grants administered by the Department of Health Services. This is also the first time clubhouses will be referenced in statute, standardizing the model around the state.

The text of the bill does not appropriate funds; however, it does permit the Joint Committee on Finance to approve money through the supplemental fund. I am hopeful this bill will continue the conversation on what ways we can support folks struggling with their mental health.

I am happy to answer any questions committee members have on this proposal.



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STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 25TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Senate Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families
Senate Bill 350
September 20, 2023

First of all, thank you Chairman James and members of the committee for allowing me to testify before you today concerning Senate Bill 350 relating to grants to mental health clubhouses.

Mental health clubhouses are non-residential programs providing support and services to people with mental illness. These organizations are a very cost-effective way to deliver that assistance.

The bill before you creates a grant program for clubhouses to receive matching grants up to \$50,000 per Clubhouse per year. Total program funding per year is limited to \$500,000.

To receive funding clubhouses must meet several criteria. For example, every member who receives services at the clubhouse must have been diagnosed with or be awaiting diagnosis for a mental illness and must be under treatment for that condition. The clubhouse must raise an amount of money to match the grant amount requested. Membership in clubhouse activities and services must be voluntary. The clubhouse must have its own distinct physical space separate from a mental health center or institution.

As the number of people dealing with mental illness increases, clubhouses play an important role, providing assistance concerning education, housing, and employment. Clubhouses also offer an opportunity to build long-term relationships.

Strengths of the Clubhouse model include:

- A work-ordered day in which the talents and abilities of members are recognized, used and valued within the Clubhouse;
- Participation in consensus-based decision-making regarding all important matters relating to the running of the Clubhouse;
- Opportunity to obtain paid employment in the local labor market through a clubhouse-created transitional employment program;
- assistance in accessing community-based educational resources;
- Success to crisis intervention services when needed;
- Evening/weekend social and recreational events; and
- Assistance when needed in securing and sustaining safe, decent and affordable housing.

The grant funding program in this bill will enable people to continue to receive help through these much-needed clubhouse programs.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify before you today. I appreciate your consideration of this bill and am happy to take any questions.

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Erik's Letter for SB 350

TO: The Senate Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families

“Chrysalis Clubhouse provides mental health support by offering help in the form of social, educational, and career focused services for its members. It supports wellbeing through community to all its members who are known as colleagues. We hope to serve as a beacon of hope to the greater Madison community.”

My name is Erik and I am a Chrysalis Clubhouse member of 3 ½ years. I participate in the daily and weekly function of the clubhouse and support its members and staff in the work-ordered-day which includes social, educational and career-focussed activities.

Typically, I start out the day with leading full-body stretches and focusing on the agenda including birthdays and anniversaries and what's for lunch during the morning meeting at 9:00 am. From there, I participate in the preparation of lunch by helping cook and get everything ready for the noonday meal. Frequently, we take a walk through the community after lunch and then get down to meetings in the afternoon. I tend to finish the day by engaging in opportunities for social interaction and closing tasks.

I've come to expect Chrysalis's expertise in dealing with people's hardships regarding employment. We excel at backing up our members with good quality support throughout the work-ordered day. What Chrysalis means to me is providing a safe, stigma-free environment for members to come and be upheld in their mental health journey. Colleagues and members should anticipate aid for their recovery process and should rest assured that their issue(s) are addressed and being taken care of. Members and colleagues

are encouraged to advocate for their own wellbeing and to ask for help if they need it.

As we progress through the work-ordered day we come to realize that the Clubhouse is a positive, reinforcing entity that provides a solid foundation for its members to thrive and flourish. Built on a model that includes everyone, the Chrysalis Clubhouse is an outlet for people to gain the reassurance and support they need in their daily lives. To conclude, I hope you've gotten an idea of what it's like to be a part of the clubhouse work-ordered day and how we operate. I look forward to many happy days to come and hope you have a better understanding of how the clubhouse works as it continues to grow.



State of Wisconsin
Department of Health Services

Tony Evers, Governor
Kirsten L. Johnson, Secretary

TO: Members of the Senate Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families

FROM: HJ Waukau, Legislative Director Wisconsin Department of Health Services

DATE: September 21, 2023

RE: SB 350 relating to: grants to mental health clubhouses.

The Department of Health Services (DHS) would like to submit written testimony for information only on Senate Bill 350 (SB 350) regarding the requirement of DHS to award grants to mental health clubhouses. SB 350 requires DHS to award no more than \$500,000 per fiscal year in grants to clubhouses. Clubhouses are defined as “nonresidential rehabilitation programs that provide supports and services to individuals who have or are awaiting diagnosis for a mental illness, but do not directly provide treatment or medical care for medical illnesses.” Clubhouses eligible for the grants would need to meet a series of criteria specified in the bill.

SB 350 creates a grant program under Wis. Stat. § 46.48 which is currently funded by an existing GPR appropriation designated for other statutorily approved grant programs such as: peer run respite centers, opioid treatment centers, and treatment alternatives programming. However, SB 350 does not appropriate any additional funds for the mental health clubhouse grants. Rather, SB 350 specifies that if applicable, the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF) may make a supplemental appropriation for the purpose of the grant program from moneys appropriated to it, but it does not appropriate additional funds to JCF for this purpose. The funds specified under SB 350 are typically used for compensation reserves, and it is unclear whether these funds would be available to supplement the DHS appropriation for the grants specified under the bill. This effectively requires DHS to commit funding to a new program outside of the current biennium without a corresponding appropriation. DHS would be unable to implement the grant program using current funding in Wis. Stat. § 20.435(5)(bc) without compromising funding for other statutorily designated grant programs.

Additionally, there are currently only four clubhouses in Wisconsin. The terms of SB 350 limit grants to a clubhouse for a maximum of \$50,000 per clubhouse. Based on the number of currently eligible grantees it is likely that only \$200,000, or less than half of the amount listed in the bill, would be granted out in any given fiscal year. SB 350 is silent on whether any unused funds would remain in the designated appropriation or be required to be lapsed back to the general fund. Dedicated funding for the grant program in the bill would ensure that DHS is able to meet the stated intent of funding clubhouses in Wisconsin. Further, additional staffing resources (1.0 LTE at a cost of \$47,800 in FY 24 and \$45,300 in FY 25) for DHS would be required to administer the grants but are not accounted for in SB 350.

DHS thanks the Committee for the opportunity to provide written testimony for information only and we offer ourselves as a resource for Committee members for any follow up or additional information that may be needed.



Yahara
House



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9/20/23

Dear WI State Senate Committee Members, thank you, for the opportunity to write about Senate Bill 901 to provide matching grants of up to \$50,000 for existing WI Clubhouses. My name is Brad Schlough, and I am the Clubhouse Director of Yahara House (YH) located at 802 East Gorham Street in Madison, WI. YH provides psychosocial rehabilitation services to adults with mental illness, and we are a program of Journey Mental Health, a 501(c)3 non-profit in Dane County. YH has been in existence for 36 years, is accredited by Clubhouse International (CI), and is part of the WI Clubhouse Coalition (WCC). The other WCC members include Grand Avenue Club in Milwaukee, Painting Pathways Clubhouse in Manitowoc, Spring City Clubhouse in Waukesha, Chrysalis Clubhouse in Madison, Granite House in Wausau, and the Racine Clubhouse.

Clubhouse International offers the following functional description, "Clubhouse programs provide a restorative environment for people whose lives have been severely disrupted because of their mental illness, and who need the support of others who are in recovery and who believe that mental illness is treatable."

I am writing to respectfully ask the WI State Senate to Pass Senate Bill 901 to provide matching grants of up to \$50,000 for existing WI Clubhouses. WCC members are confident that the Clubhouse Grants will provide critical resources to positively impact several areas of crisis identified in WI's current mental health service continuum.

Employment

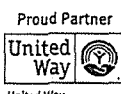
- We help local businesses fill open positions and get more members with Serious Mental Illness employed than other evidenced based employment models.
- The Transitional Employment Program (TEP) is unique to Clubhouse. TEP's involve an arrangement between the Clubhouse and local businesses to employ members and the business is guaranteed coverage for any shift the member cannot work.
- 82% percent of people living with a serious mental illness are unemployed. In 2021, 47 Yahara House members worked in our three levels of employment. That means 42.5% (of our members worked that year. Some members had multiple jobs, totaling 58 employment placements. Members worked 23,839 hours for combined earnings of \$261,548.09).

Testimonial- "My first Transitional Employment Position" saved me from living on the street. I was homeless and living at Tellurian's THP. I had been there for six months with no income or benefits, and they were growing impatient with my inability to sustain work. My first TEP was working for Journey Mental Health Center as a file clerk. The money I earned was just enough to allow me to get a room at Porchlight on Brooks Street. It was modest, to say the least, but it beats living on the street as winter set in. That job was the first step to my ascent out of homelessness and poverty."

- Yahara House former member and currently on staff Peter R.



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Help Prevent Crisis Situations

- By helping end isolation and stigma of adults living with mental illness.
- Clubhouses offer the opportunity for meaningful relationships, support with personal goals in areas such as safe and affordable housing, education, wellness, finances and benefit management, physical health care, and vocational support.
- Clubhouse members provide support as well as receive support. New members are introduced to a welcoming community of members with "lived experience with mental illness".
- Shoring up our current Clubhouse programs will help with the statewide shortage of mental health providers because Clubhouse programs focus on colleague support (support is provided by members with mental illness as well as professional staff) which means Clubhouse programs require fewer staff than Community Support Programs (DHS 63) or Comprehensive Community Services (DHS 36).
- Clubhouse programs welcome members with co-occurring mental health and substance use issues. Several members report that the welcoming community and support have helped them either quit or significantly decrease their substance use.
- Every Yahara House member lives with mental illness yet active members have a very low rate of suicide.

Cost Effectiveness

- The current cost of one week at Winnebago Mental Health State Institute is \$10,465. On 10/1/23 the cost increases 10% to \$11,1741. The cost of one week of service at Yahara House is \$186.00. Private psychiatric hospitalizations are even higher than the state hospital.

Once again thank you for the opportunity to address some of the ways that I believe Senate Bill 901 will strengthen the current Clubhouse programs and improve Community Mental Health outcomes in our state. I have worked in nonprofit community mental health programs since 1992, the last 6 years in the YH Clubhouse program. I have been a case manager and program director over several Wisconsin State Certified Community Support Programs and have supervised State Certified crisis programs. These programs are vital, but I believe WI's Community Mental Health Continuum of Care can be improved on in a cost-effective way by supporting existing Clubhouse programs and eventually adding new Clubhouses. Michigan has over 40 accredited Clubhouse programs and they are quite willing to share information about how they built and now sustain their robust Clubhouse Network. Clubhouse International also offers technical assistance to States looking to add funding options and technical support to grow the number of Clubhouse programs. Please feel free to reach out to me if you would like more information. I also encourage you to visit the Yahara House website and to watch the brief Spectrum News story to hear from members about how they have benefitted from Clubhouse.

<https://spectrumnews1.com/wi/milwaukee/news/2023/08/21/journey-mental-health--yahara-house--now-hiring--dane-county--madison>

<https://www.yaharahouse.org/member-stories>

Brad Schlough MS, LPC

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Testimony on Senate Bill 350/ Assembly Bill 351 – Clubhouse Matching Grants
Senate Committee on Mental Health
September 21, 2023

Sita Diehl, MSSW
Public Policy & Advocacy Director
NAMI Wisconsin

Dear Senator James, Senator Cabral-Guevara, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of NAMI Wisconsin, state organization of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, I am writing to support Senate Bill 350/Assembly Bill 351 that provides matching grants of up to \$50,000 for up to 10 psychosocial clubhouses in Wisconsin. After moving back to Wisconsin in 2018, I was struck by the lack of clubhouses in the state and the struggle existing clubhouses face to achieve their potential with inadequate program revenue. As a family member, advanced practice social worker, and advocate, I have had the privilege of visiting Fountain House, the original clubhouse in New York City, and have collaborated with clubhouses throughout the state of Tennessee where I lived for 28 years.

The clubhouse model is an internationally recognized method to promote recovery for people with serious mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression, and major anxiety disorders. These mental illnesses pull the rug out from under your concept of who you are and what you can do. It's like being beaten up mentally. You feel broken and in pain, but it is the sense of being alone, of being distanced from people around you - trapped in your perceptions, thoughts, and emotions - that leads to the desperation felt by so many people who experience mental illness. You still have the intellectual capability, talent, and skill you had before, but an abyss has opened between your current situation and your hopes for the life you want to lead.

To be welcomed, accepted, and valued is immensely healing. To be in a supportive, gently structured environment focused on mutual benefit provides an essential bridge to regaining a sense of self-worth and motivation. To be able to step into the workforce while still receiving support from those you have grown to trust, and without fear of losing the health care benefits that allow your healing to progress, provides a solid transition to employment, further training or education, and meaningful participation in community life.

The clubhouse model is unique among mental health services. Its beginnings as a gathering of people discharged from St. Elizabeth's psychiatric hospital in New York City are still apparent in the way clubhouses function on a daily basis. Rather than clients, patients, or service recipients, those who come are considered "members". Members and staff work together side by side every day to perform the duties that allow the clubhouse to function. Indeed, it is not uncommon for members to become staff as their recovery progresses.

Clubhouses function on a 'work ordered day' where everyone participates in running the clubhouse, learning, and practicing employment skills on work-units. A sense of social connection develops when members and staff work together. The clubhouse provides opportunities to enter the competitive workforce through Transitional Employment, a clubhouse method involving temporary placements in entry level employment. The clubhouse contracts with employers and guarantees that someone will be there performing the job every day. If the person who is placed in that position is not able to work on a given day, a trained back-up from the clubhouse will be on the job. As the person gains confidence and

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skill they might engage in supported education where clubhouse staff help the member identify vocational goals and gain the necessary training or education. When the person is ready to identify longer term employment goals, clubhouse staff help them identify employment opportunities and interview. Clubhouse staff also serve as employment coaches to help the member succeed in the job.

Meaningful relationships are a core ingredient of the clubhouse model. The social support provided within clubhouses is just as important as training and employment. Clubhouses host dinners and groups for members who are currently employed. Clubhouses offer an ongoing welcome to members. Many return to meet friends, volunteer or reengage in services should the need arise. There is a natural feeling of community in a clubhouse. It's a place where people know your name and care about you, where members and staff make decisions together about clubhouse operations.

Others will say more about the clubhouse model, and more information is available on the Clubhouse International website: <https://clubhouse-intl.org/>.

I applaud Senator Cabral-Guevara, Representative Tittl and other bill sponsors for this insightful legislation. Communities with clubhouses engender goodwill from employers, family members and other stakeholders. I believe matching grants will stabilize revenue for existing clubhouses in Wisconsin. I also believe these grants will catalyze development of clubhouses in parts of the state that do not currently benefit from this exemplary program.

I urge the committee to pass SB350. Thank you for your consideration and your service to the people of Wisconsin. Thank you for your consideration.

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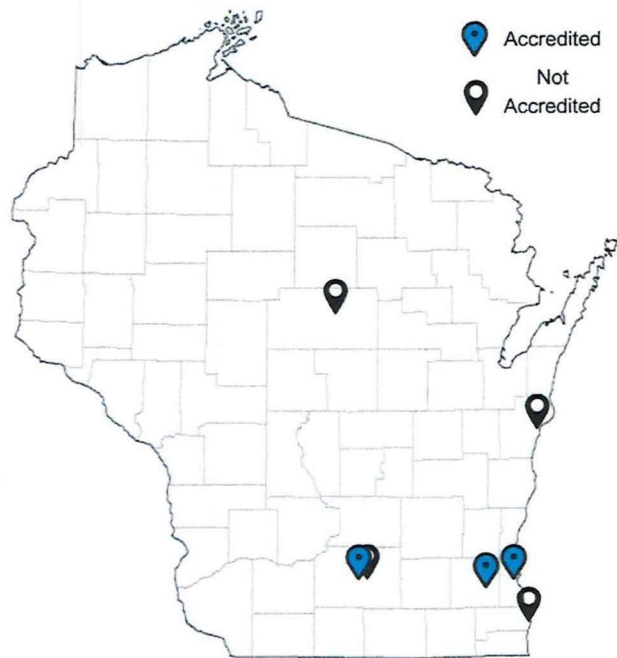
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Clubhouses in Wisconsin

A clubhouse is a community-based social and vocational rehabilitation program for people living with mental illness. People who participate in clubhouses are called members. Members are involved in all aspects of clubhouse operation, functioning, and decision-making. Clubhouses are organized around a system called the work-ordered day, where members and staff work side by side to perform the daily work of clubhouse operations. This often includes tasks such as meal planning and food preparation, budgeting for clubhouse activities, and running the reception desk. Clubhouses also include employment programs, ranging from the very supportive Transitional Employment Placements to the less intensive Supported Employment and Independent Employment programs.

Below are the clubhouses currently operating in Wisconsin. Those in bold are accredited by Clubhouse International.

- [Chrysalis Clubhouse](#)
(Madison)
- [**Yahara House**](#)
(**Madison**)
- [Painting Pathways Clubhouse](#)
(Manitowoc)
- [**Grand Avenue Club**](#)
(**Milwaukee**)
- [Racine Friendship Clubhouse](#)
(Racine)
- [**Spring City Corner Clubhouse**](#)
(**Waukesha**)
- [Granite House](#)
(Wausau)



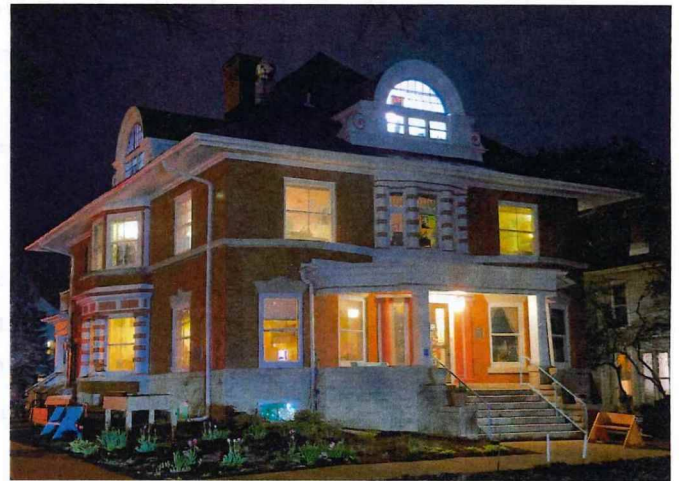
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YAHARA HOUSE SUMMER 2023 QUARTERLY JOURNAL

YH PARTICIPATES IN SPRING GALLERY NIGHT

On the evening of Friday, May 5th, the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art held their Spring Gallery Night. For the second year, Yahara House was one of many galleries and spaces participating in this art event. We featured artwork from former member Scott Hansen whose family left his artwork to support Yahara House. Colleagues also contributed artwork for both viewing and purchase. Proceeds of the members' art sales went to the members who created it.



Yahara House on Gallery Night, 2023

Photo - Brian Kelley



Artwork by (clockwise from upper left): Noah Wall, Michelle Damm (2), Jenna Parfitt, & Mary Bixby

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30 STORIES 30 DAYS

Promotion and Fundraiser

by Susan F

Beginning in May (Mental Health Awareness Month), Yahara House created a 30 Stories 30 Days fundraising project, where we gathered members' recovery stories for a month and posted them to YouTube. Later they were uploaded to our social media sites: Instagram (@yaharahouseworks), Facebook (Friends of Yahara House), and our website (www.yaharahouse.org).

We were interested in sharing Yahara House's impact on members' recovery. Members shared authentic, honest, and vulnerable stories about how Yahara House has affected their recoveries.

If you would like to donate to our 30 Stories 30 Days Campaign, visit this link: mightycause.com/story/9mlo5g

Felicia B.'s story from our 30 Stories 30 Days campaign can be found on page 3.



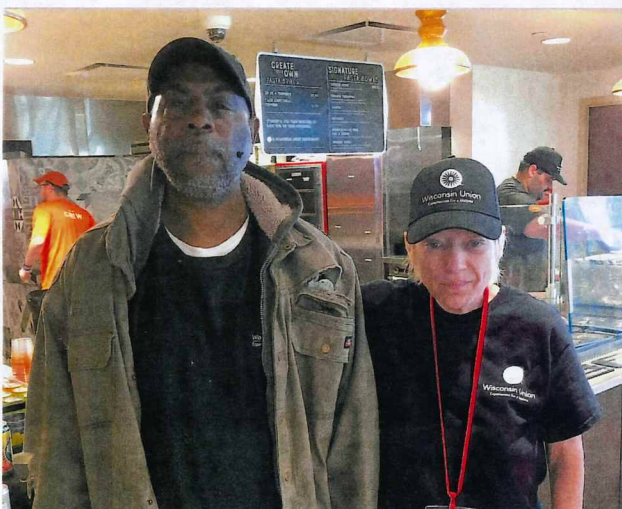
Pictured (L-R) Mark S, Elizabeth G, David W.

GARDENING UPDATE

Thriving and Growing

by Mark S

The garden has been doing really well this year. We harvested a few zucchini early that were huge. We harvested a bucket of basil and a cucumber. We have a big pumpkin patch over by the sidewalk and we're hoping to have a huge pumpkin harvest in the fall. We also have a couple melon plants that are taking over too. Hopefully we will have some melons to eat pretty soon. There should be a supply of tomatoes soon too.



NEWLY EMPLOYED MEMBERS

- Mark S.
- Barb S.
- Patti B.
- Jay B.
- Bill M.
- Sonja T.
- Dave R.
- Tanner T.
- UW Psych Rehab
- Memorial Union Strada
- Medical Health Pharmacy
- Memorial Union Strada
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FELICIA'S RECOVERY STORY

by Felicia B

I joined Yahara House to get back my social life and reduce isolation. I isolated myself from the community by sitting in the house, watching TV on the couch and doing a lot eating. Before joining the Yahara House, I would sit in the house and drink alcohol all day to feel better, I was a couch potato, watching TV all day.

My life has changed since I started at the Yahara House. I meet people that also was going through mental health issues. The years went by, and I got back in the job force, received my HSED. In the past I worked for Journey Mental Health, and now I have the job of my dreams being a Compassion Specialist.

Yahara House has helped me to get a sense of the community, so I didn't isolate myself. My recovery has brought me a long way. I now can help others to get back to their self-independence.

Membership and Communications (MC) department is the place to be. I enjoy doing birthday cards, MC requests data, cleaning, organizing, listening to other members stories.

My struggle was bad, my coping mechanism helped me get through those struggles. Yahara House has a Wellness facility where I would go to do meditation and colleagues would encourage me to do tasks that I was interested in.

My struggle was so bad I didn't want to live anymore, and it went on for years until I was told about the Yahara House. Yahara House helped me get back my self-esteem, self-independence and a place to belong. Yahara House have made me stronger than ever.

The quality of my life was raised by attending the international clubhouse training. It has given me an opportunity to learn how a clubhouse works and given back to our community. I love sharing my experience. attending the international clubhouse training has put a huge impact on my life. Thanks to the clubhouse advocates at Yahara House for their encouragement. I love learning about mental illness so I can help others with their recovery. I can now recognize others' struggles.

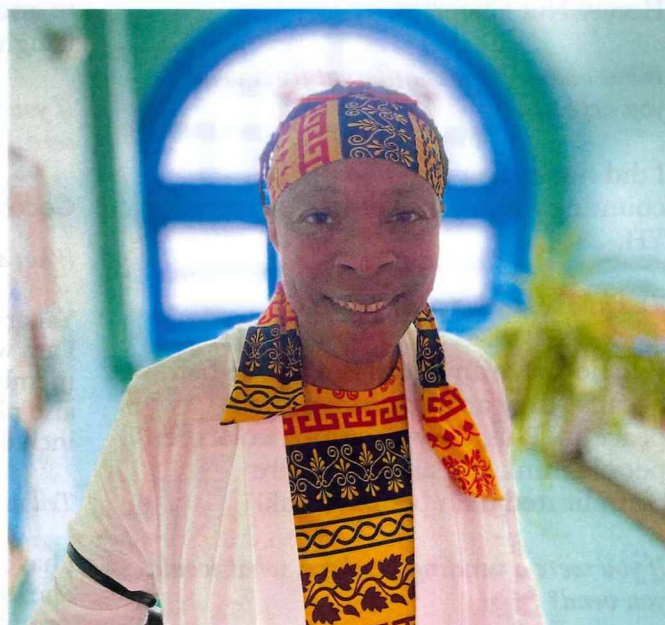


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NEW COLLEAGUE ADVOCATES

Sherina Richards and Meryem Keskin

SHERINA

Q: Why did you choose to work for Yahara House?

A: I love helping people! I love that I get to work side by side with the members on literally any work that I do at YH. I have never been able to do this in my previous work positions.

What is your educational background?

I have a Bachelor of Science. Social Work major, Human Services minor. I graduated from UW Whitewater in May 2010.

What is your favorite sea creature?

Blue whale.

If you were a type of cereal, what type of cereal would you be?

Honey Nut Cheerios.

What about YH was different from what you expected?

I did not expect that I would be counting money and doing statistics for YH.

Tell us about your pets!

I do not have any pets! But, I love fish because they are so harmless and peaceful. Plus, they are more work than people think and are a lot more complicated than people think!

If you were a vending machine, what would you vend?

Pepsi products!

MERYEM

Q: Why did you choose to work for Yahara House?

A: Feeling a true sense of belonging in a supportive community has been tremendously healing in my own journey with mental health. I want to foster this kind of support at Yahara House, where people can uncover their innate resilience and unique gifts by working together in a supportive community.

What is your educational background?

I have a bachelor's and master's in philosophy, one from the University of Houston and the other from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

What is your favorite sea creature?

A seahorse—they can use their own tail to anchor and protect themselves in rough waters!

If you were a type of cereal, what type of cereal would you be?

Cocoa Puffs.

What about YH was different from what you expected?

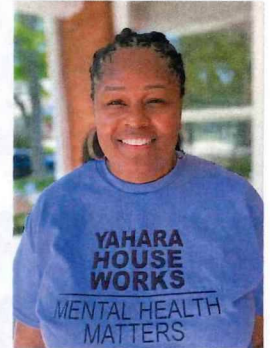
Yahara House operates like a well-oiled machine. Whatever task I am working on, I am always just a few steps away from a member or colleague who can help me with directions. I was also pleasantly surprised to be interviewed by a committee that included an equal number of members and colleagues!

Tell us about your pets!

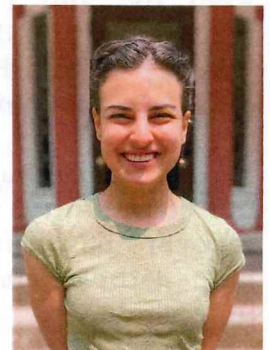
I have an 8-year-old dog named Cassie. She loves to be petted by strangers, and stare at ground squirrels around Lake Mendota.

Q: If you were a vending machine, what would you vend?

A: Music and hugs.



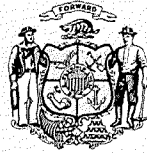
Sherina Richards



Meryem Keskin



Please consider donating to Yahara House's 30 Stories, 30 Days campaign by scanning the QR Code and share the stories with others.



Date: September 1, 2023

DCTS Action Memo 2023-14

To: Subscribers of the DCTS Action Memo Email Distribution List

From: Gynger Steele, Administrator

Rate Information for Billing for Services Provided by the Mental Health Institutes

Summary

The October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, average daily inpatient rate for adult services for Mendota Mental Health Institute and Winnebago Mental Health Institute will increase 10.0 percent from existing rates. The daily rates for child and adolescent services and geropsychiatric services will increase 10.0 percent. The daily rates for emergency detention and nontypical services add-ons will increase 10.1 percent. The daily rates at both facilities are the same and considered systemwide rates.

Background

Each year, the Department of Health Services (DHS) reviews and revises the rates charged for services at the state mental health institutes. The mental health institute rates shown below are effective October 1, 2023.

**Rate Schedule for Mental Health Institutes
 October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024**

PER DAY INPATIENT RATE	MENDOTA	WINNEBAGO
Adult Psychiatric Services	\$1,451	\$1,451
Geropsychiatric	\$1,419	NA
Child and Adolescent	NA	\$1,484
Forensic (all security levels)	\$1,451	\$1,451
Emergency Detention Add-On	\$339	\$339
First three days of service (plus intervening weekends and legal holidays)		
Nontypical Services Add-On	\$339	\$339

Emergency detention approvals

Effective June 30, 2009, Wis. Stat. § 51.15(2) was changed to require approval of the need for emergency detention from the county department of community programs in the county where the individual was taken into custody, prior to transporting the person for detention.

Services for children and elderly

Effective January 1, 2010, Wis. Stat. § 49.45(30r) was changed to require the county to provide the nonfederal portion of the Medicaid payment for services for patients who are under 21 years of age, who are under 22 years of age and were receiving services immediately prior to reaching age 21, or who are 65 years of age or older. DHS will bill the county the full daily rate for these patients and return to the county the federal share of the payment when received. Effective April 1, 2010, Mendota Mental Health Institute stopped serving children and adolescents. Children and adolescents are being served at Winnebago Mental Health Institute.

Payment protocol

Per Wis. Stat. § 51.42(3)(as)2, DHS must deduct the amount due for treatment at the institutes from any payment due from DHS to the county department.

Nontypical services

DHS seeks to minimize the shifting of costs whenever possible. Under a straight flat rate system, some costs of nontypical services would be shifted to counties who are responsible for patients not having extraordinary costs. To minimize this, nontypical costs are broken out separately from the flat rate so that only those counties having patients requiring these unusual services incur these costs.

When a patient requires nontypical services or nonemergency outpatient medical care, the county will be notified 48 hours prior to initiating services and, in emergency situations, within eight hours of initiating services. The county is afforded the opportunity to discuss the situation with a representative of the institute empowered to act on behalf of the institute. The county and institute may agree to an alternative course of action, or the county may request the discharge of the patient to pursue the county's choice of an alternate course of action. If the county agrees to the proposed course of action or there is no agreement, the institute will continue the course of action and the county will be liable for the nontypical charge add-on.

Nontypical services are defined as services not normally required by a patient, including, but are not limited to, outpatient medical care, 1:1 care greater than four hours in a 24-hour period, and increased costs to provide mental health services specific to a particular patient (for example, interpreter services for deaf or non-English speaking patients).

Emergency situation is defined as a situation whereby a physician, using their medical judgment, determines serious harm will result to the patient if the proposed action is delayed 48 hours (for example, hospitalization, outpatient medical care, or other nontypical services).

Inpatient medical-related hospitalization

When a patient requires inpatient hospitalization outside an institute, the county will be notified as soon as possible before the hospitalization or, at a minimum, within eight hours of initiating services. The county should work with the outside organization to determine the appropriate entity to be billed for the inpatient charges. The responsible entity will be billed directly by the outside organization for the hospitalization and all outside costs associated with it. The patient will be discharged to the outside organization for the period of hospitalization and readmitted to the institute when discharged from the outside organization. The county is not billed daily institute rates during outside hospitalization.

Payment for evaluation or treatment ordered by a juvenile court

Medicaid will not pay for court-ordered evaluation or treatment services provided to a juvenile under Wis. Stat. ch. 938 because these services are not considered to be medically necessary (the same as for services provided under the adult criminal code in Wis. Stat. §§ 971.14 and 971.17). Therefore, the county that orders evaluation or treatment services under Wis. Stat. ch. 938 is responsible for payment for these services, as required under Wis. Stat. §§ 938.295; 938.34(6)(a), (b), and (c); 938.361; and 938.362. The county of the court ordering the examination or treatment will receive the bill. The rates charged to the county are based on the daily rates of the unit where the juvenile resides during his/her stay at the institute.

The only exception to county financial responsibility is when alcohol or other drug abuse treatment is determined to be medically necessary under Wis. Stat. § 938.34(6)(am), in which case Medicaid may pay for the service that is provided in an approved alcohol or substance use treatment unit.

Court-ordered adult competency evaluation charges

Wisconsin Stat. § 51.42(3)(as)1m allows the state to bill for stays at the institutes beginning 48 hours, not including weekends and legal holidays, after notification the evaluation is completed. This statute states, “A county department shall reimburse a mental health institute at the institute's daily rate for custody of any person who is ordered by a court located in that county to be examined at the mental health institute under s. 971.14(2) for all days that the person remains in custody at the mental health institute, beginning 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, after the sheriff and county department receive notice under s. 971.14(2)(d) that the examination has been completed.”

If you have questions or concerns about this memo, contact the Office of Budget and Performance Management.



Clubhouse International

Creating Community: Changing the World of Mental Health

International Standards for Clubhouse Programs™

The International Standards for Clubhouse Programs, consensually agreed upon by the worldwide Clubhouse community, define the Clubhouse Model of rehabilitation. The principles expressed in these Standards are at the heart of the Clubhouse community's success in helping people with mental illness to achieve social, financial, educational and vocational goals. The Standards also serve as a "bill of rights" for members and a code of ethics for staff, board and administrators. The Standards insist that a Clubhouse is a place that offers respect and opportunity to its members.

The Standards provide the basis for assessing Clubhouse quality, through the Clubhouse International Accreditation process.

Every two years the worldwide Clubhouse community reviews these Standards, and amends them as deemed necessary. The process is coordinated by the Clubhouse International Standards Review Committee, made up of members and staff of Accredited Clubhouses from around the world.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership is voluntary and without time limits.
2. The Clubhouse has control over its acceptance of new members. Membership is open to anyone with a history of mental illness, unless that person poses a significant and current threat to the general safety of the Clubhouse community.
3. Members choose the way they utilize the Clubhouse, and the staff with whom they work. There are no agreements, contracts, schedules, or rules intended to enforce participation of members.
4. All members have equal access to every Clubhouse opportunity with no differentiation based on diagnosis or level of functioning.
5. Members at their choice are involved in the writing of all records reflecting their participation in the Clubhouse. All such records are to be signed by both member and staff.
6. Members have a right to immediate re-entry into the Clubhouse community after any length of absence, unless their return poses a significant and current threat to the Clubhouse community.
7. The Clubhouse provides an effective reach out system to members who are not attending, becoming isolated in the community or hospitalized.

RELATIONSHIPS

8. All Clubhouse meetings are open to both members and staff. There are no formal member only meetings or formal staff only meetings where program decisions and member issues are discussed.
9. Clubhouse staff are sufficient to engage the membership, yet few enough to make carrying out their responsibilities impossible without member involvement.

10. Clubhouse staff have generalist roles. All staff share employment, housing, evening and weekend, holiday and unit responsibilities. Clubhouse staff do not divide their time between Clubhouse and other major work responsibilities that conflict with the unique nature of member/staff relationships.
11. Responsibility for the operation of the Clubhouse lies with the members and staff and ultimately with the Clubhouse director. Central to this responsibility is the engagement of members and staff in all aspects of Clubhouse operation.

SPACE

12. The Clubhouse has its own identity, including its own name, mailing address, email and telephone number.
13. The Clubhouse is located in its own physical space. It is separate from any mental health center or institutional settings, and is impermeable to other programs. The Clubhouse is designed to facilitate the work-ordered day and at the same time be attractive, adequate in size, and convey a sense of respect and dignity.
14. All Clubhouse space is member and staff accessible. There are no staff only or member only spaces.

WORK-ORDERED DAY

15. The work-ordered day engages members and staff together, side-by-side, in the running of the Clubhouse. The Clubhouse focuses on strengths, talents and abilities; therefore, the work-ordered day must not include medication clinics, day treatment or therapy programs within the Clubhouse.
16. The work done in the Clubhouse is exclusively the work generated by the Clubhouse in the operation and enhancement of the Clubhouse community. No work for outside individuals or agencies, whether for pay or not, is acceptable work in the Clubhouse. Members are not paid for any Clubhouse work, nor are there any artificial reward systems.
17. The Clubhouse is open at least five days a week. The work-ordered day parallels typical working hours.
18. The Clubhouse is organized into one or more work units, each of which has sufficient staff, members and meaningful work to sustain a full and engaging work-ordered day. Unit meetings are held to foster relationships as well as to organize and plan the work of the day.
19. All work in the Clubhouse is designed to help members regain self worth, purpose and confidence; it is not intended to be job specific training.
20. Members have the opportunity to participate in all the work of the Clubhouse, including administration, research, enrollment and orientation, reach out, hiring, training and evaluation of staff, public relations, advocacy and evaluation of Clubhouse effectiveness.

EMPLOYMENT

21. The Clubhouse enables its members to return to paid work through Transitional Employment, Supported Employment and Independent Employment; therefore, the Clubhouse does not provide employment to members through in-house businesses, segregated Clubhouse enterprises or sheltered workshops.

Transitional Employment

22. The Clubhouse offers its own Transitional Employment program, which provides as a right of membership opportunities for members to work on job placements in the labor market. As a defining characteristic of a Clubhouse Transitional Employment program, the Clubhouse guarantees coverage on all placements during member absences. In addition the Transitional Employment program meets the following basic criteria.

- a. The desire to work is the single most important factor determining placement opportunity.
- b. Placement opportunities will continue to be available regardless of the level of success in previous placements.
- c. Members work at the employer's place of business.
- d. Members are paid the prevailing wage rate, but at least minimum wage, directly by the employer.
- e. Transitional Employment placements are drawn from a wide variety of job opportunities.
- f. Transitional Employment placements are part-time and time-limited, generally 12 to 20 hours per week and from six to nine months in duration.
- g. Selection and training of members on Transitional Employment is the responsibility of the Clubhouse, not the employer.
- h. Clubhouse members and staff prepare reports on TE placements for all appropriate agencies dealing with members' benefits.
- i. Transitional Employment placements are managed by Clubhouse staff and members and not by TE specialists.
- j. There are no TE placements within the Clubhouse. Transitional Employment placements at an auspice agency must be off site from the Clubhouse and meet all of the above criteria.

Supported and Independent Employment

- 23. The Clubhouse offers its own Supported and Independent Employment Programs to assist members to secure, sustain, and better their employment. As a defining characteristic of Clubhouse Supported Employment, the Clubhouse maintains a relationship with the working member and the employer. Members and staff in partnership determine the type, frequency and location of desired supports.
- 24. Members who are working independently continue to have available all Clubhouse supports and opportunities as well as participation in evening and weekend programs.

EDUCATION

- 25. The Clubhouse assists members to reach their vocational and educational goals by helping them take advantage of educational opportunities in the community. When the Clubhouse also provides an in-house education program, it significantly utilizes the teaching and tutoring skills of members.

FUNCTIONS OF THE HOUSE

- 26. The Clubhouse is located in an area where access to local transportation can be assured, both in terms of getting to and from the program and accessing TE opportunities. The Clubhouse provides or arranges for effective alternatives whenever access to public transportation is limited.
- 27. Community support services are provided by members and staff of the Clubhouse. Community support activities are centered in the work unit structure of the Clubhouse. They include helping with entitlements, housing and advocacy, promoting healthy lifestyles, as well as assistance in accessing quality medical, psychological, pharmacological and substance abuse services in the community.
- 28. The Clubhouse provides assistance, activities and opportunities designed to help members develop and maintain healthy lifestyles.

29. The Clubhouse is committed to securing a range of choices of safe, decent and affordable housing including independent living opportunities for all members. The Clubhouse has access to opportunities that meet these criteria, or if unavailable, the Clubhouse develops its own housing program. Clubhouse housing programs meet the following basic criteria.
 - a. Members and staff manage the program together.
 - b. Members who live there do so by choice.
 - c. Members choose the location of their housing and their roommates.
 - d. Policies and procedures are developed in a manner consistent with the rest of the Clubhouse culture.
 - e. The level of support increases or decreases in response to the changing needs of the member.
 - f. Members and staff actively reach out to help members keep their housing, especially during periods of hospitalization.
30. On a regular basis the Clubhouse conducts an objective evaluation of its effectiveness, including Clubhouse International Accreditation.
31. The Clubhouse director, members, staff and other appropriate persons participate in a comprehensive two or three week training program in the Clubhouse Model at a certified training base.
32. The Clubhouse has recreational and social programs during evenings and on weekends. Holidays are celebrated on the actual day they are observed.

FUNDING, GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

33. The Clubhouse has an independent board of directors, or if it is affiliated with a sponsoring agency, has a separate advisory board comprised of individuals uniquely positioned to provide financial, legal, legislative, employment development, consumer and community support and advocacy for the Clubhouse.
34. The Clubhouse develops and maintains its own budget, approved by the board or supported by an advisory board, which provides input and recommendations prior to the beginning of the fiscal year and routinely monitors it during the year.
35. Staff salaries are competitive with comparable positions in the mental health field.
36. The Clubhouse has the support of appropriate mental health authorities and all necessary licenses and accreditations. The Clubhouse collaborates with people and organizations that can increase its effectiveness in the broader community.
37. The Clubhouse holds open forums and has procedures which enable members and staff to actively participate in decision making, generally by consensus, regarding governance, policy making, and the future direction and development of the Clubhouse.

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Dear WI State Senate Committee Members,

Thank you, for the opportunity to speak about Senate Bill 901 to provide matching grants of up to \$50,000 for existing WI Clubhouses. My name is Brian Portzen and I am the Executive Director of Painting Pathways Clubhouse (PPC) in Manitowoc Wisconsin. Many of the other Clubhouses have offered many of the detail benefits of Clubhouses. My hope here is to share some additional information from our unique position in MANitowoc County.

Painting Pathways Clubhouse is in its 15th year of existence. Over the past 15 years 650 community members have been a part of this clubhouse. PPC was an accredited Clubhouse for a short time prior to the pandemic. We are currently working our way towards accreditation again.

We are 100% donor funded and vulnerable to the demands and ups and downs of fundraising. It is important to know that Painting Pathways Clubhouse is the only mental health service provider in Manitowoc County outside of the Department of Human Services and independent therapists. Moreover, we service the entirety of Manitowoc County, including its large rural area. All of this requires us to be flexible and creative in our approach. Whether it's the type of services we provide or how we provide those services, our mission is to help fill the significant need for mental health services in Manitowoc. Our Clubhouse helps us do that as it provides people with opportunities for personal and employment skill development in a supportive and stigma free environment. Everyone who is in the Clubhouse is either "working on themselves or working to operate the clubhouse". One of our goals is to help establish the routines of a workplace, while creating unique opportunities to learn and explore how to develop more resilience.

At the end of the day, PPC is a community within a community. Throughout our 15 years, our staff have had the privilege of helping hundreds of members with their mental health needs. Notable is that over the past 15 years we have helped prevent the psychiatric hospitalization of dozens of members. When members do need hospitalization, our goal is always to be with them throughout the process. By doing this we help our support members through this difficult time, as well it helps law enforcement save the resources they would normally have to use.

In the last 6 months alone, our emergency fund has prevented evictions from housing for 5 members who were in need of short term support. By doing this we are preventing homelessness and the likely hospitalizations that result.

Over 70% of our members who are seeking employment get employment. For those that need support maintaining employment, we provide transportation and other support to help keep them employed.

As a donor supported program, the yearly grant support that will result from this bill will provide us with new opportunities to focus on continued service development and our movement towards accreditation.

Thank you so much for this brief opportunity to offer our input.

Respectfully,

Brian Portzen, MSW
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September 20, 2023

Dear Ms. Duchow,

Wisconsin has designated 2023 the Year of Mental Health. This is a wise and timely prioritization, given the significant increase in substance use disorders, overdose deaths, deaths by suicide, and overall rates of depression and anxiety in the post-Covid era.

With a critical shortage in mental health professionals, especially in smaller communities throughout the state, Clubhouse programs provide essential psychosocial supports for adults with chronic or recurrent mental health challenges. As an international model, with research-supported value, Clubhouses blend professional and peer resources that offer community members such valuable services as sobriety supports, social integration, skills training in wellness and self-care, and vocational training to help members transition into (or back into) the workforce. I cannot overemphasize the value of supporting adults into local work environments, both for the dignity and independence of the working adult and for the social and financial benefits accrued by the community.

Clubhouse services are responsive to local needs. They are more cost-effective than traditional county mental health services. Thus, the current condition of underfunded, understaffed Clubhouses shifts costs to less efficient county and state mental health supports. Please support the proposed bill that would create grants to support Clubhouse programming. In doing so, you will improve the expansion of key mental health services within Wisconsin communities in an efficient and cost-effective manner. Each Clubhouse can use these monies to address the barriers most salient to their locale.

I am a clinical psychologist, a retired college professor, and a member of the advisory board for Spring City Corner Clubhouse in Waukesha, Wisconsin. I believe I am well qualified to speak to the mental health needs in our state as well as the potential for Clubhouses to offer meaningful interventions and supports for Wisconsin adults with mental health challenges. I urge you to consider NAMI's endorsement of Clubhouse grants and support the funding that would strengthen mental health services across the state.

Thank you.

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September 20, 2023

Senator Jesse James
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Dear Senator James,

I am writing this letter in enthusiastic support of Wisconsin Assembly Bill 351 and the commendable efforts of the Granite House Clubhouse in Wausau, Wisconsin.

Assembly Bill 351 represents a significant opportunity to advance mental health services and support for individuals in our community. The focus on expanding access to mental health resources and improving the overall well-being of our residents is a vital step in creating a healthier and more inclusive society. I wholeheartedly endorse the goals of this bill and believe that it has the potential to make a lasting positive impact on the lives of many.

Furthermore, I want to express my unwavering support for the clubhouse model. Community Corner Clubhouse, that was previously in Wausau and was only disbanded because of its funding being cut, showed a dedication to providing a safe and supportive environment for individuals with mental health challenges which was truly commendable. I have had the privilege of witnessing the transformative effects of the programs and services that were offered, and it is evident that they were making a real difference in the lives of those served. The commitment to helping individuals build self-esteem, acquire job skills, and develop social connections was invaluable. They are now trying to restart as Granite House Clubhouse and be an independent clubhouse, and this bill would make it much easier to fund their mission.

The combination of Assembly Bill 351 and the new Granite House Clubhouse's initiatives represents a powerful force for change in our community. Together, they can contribute to breaking down stigmas surrounding mental health, improving access to care, and fostering a more inclusive and compassionate society.

I kindly request that you share my sentiments with the relevant parties and legislators, and I encourage them to support Wisconsin Assembly Bill 351.

Thank you for your commitment to making Wausau a better place for all its residents. I stand with you in support of these important efforts, and I look forward to witnessing the positive impact they will undoubtedly have on our community.

Sincerely,

Katie Rosenberg
Mayor



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September 19, 2023

Subject: 2023 Senate Bill 350

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to inform of my express consent of ensuring the passage of this bill. I am an active participant in helping structure the future success of those that have been disregarded or shunned due to a medical condition that is rarely understood or taken into consideration when these individuals interact with the community. It is extremely important to the overall health of the individual and the community to give people a sense of belonging and fellowship and not make them feel that they belong in the shadows of a modern, thriving society. Clubhouses act as a crucial piece of the overall sense of safety, security and togetherness that is needed to navigate their sensitive medical condition. As a country where human rights act as a keystone to the betterment of our citizens, it is only logical that we support those that are disadvantaged. Our society and the country's soul depend on it. As the son of a Veteran that served in both Vietnam and our "Secret War" in Cambodia, I am aware of how mental illness can result naturally and as a condition of factors beyond one's own control. This is why I am proud to represent the work the Granite House is focused on and the passion I bring as a Board Member. I believe the bill is fair in its limits for grants regulated to the matching of funds raised by the clubhouse's own efforts to successfully integrate its members in a positive way. A way that showcases their strengths by actively helping and engaging within the community which in turn makes them more at ease with their condition and remedying the stigmatism associated with those with diagnosed mental illness. I implore you to do the right thing and make the communities we live in a safer and happier place for everyone.

Respectfully,

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September 20, 2023

Subject: Testimony about Clubhouse

To whom it may concern:

My name is Kelly and I was a member of the Community Corner Clubhouse that was in Wausau until its closing in October of 2022. I was a member there for 18 years and attended the Clubhouse 3-4 times a week. At first I was very shy and quiet. I gained my self-esteem and self-confidence back by attending. I also learned different skills like how to use a copy machine, fax machine, a computer with different programs, cooking, cash register and helping other members with their needs as well. I got opportunities to attend mental health conferences, an International Clubhouse Conference and a 2 week Clubhouse Training. Now I am on the Granite House board. Granite House is a new Clubhouse that will be opening in Wausau and would benefit from a bill such as the one that is proposed.

Thank You,
Kelly Kaufman