

## **Clubhouse Utah Social Service Appropriation Request**

### **Clubhouse Utah Mission**

- Provide a supportive environment where adults with mental illness can rebuild their confidence and purpose through meaningful work, and pathways to such including community, housing, education, and gainful employment.

### **Clubhouse Utah Description**

- Clubhouse Utah (CU) is a coalition of Clubhouse International model programs operating in the State of Utah.
  - Nonprofit 501 (c) (3), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (**SAMHSA**) evidence based practices, Clubhouse International accredited programs for adults with serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI).
- We support Members at Clubhouses and places of community business to develop necessary work skills to return to productive employment and self-sufficiency in the community, simultaneously reducing reliance on public services.

### **Alliance House 2013 Appropriation Update**

- Alliance House leveraged the \$70,000 appropriation for another \$100,000 donation, which funded 10 new housing units completed in December 2014. This increased our housing by 34%. The ten new units are fully tenanted and we currently have a waiting list of 25.

### **Clubhouse Utah 2014-15 Appropriations Update**

- In July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015, Clubhouse Utah (Alliance House, New Reflections, Wasatch House) had 156 Members employed through Transitional, Supported, and Independent employment. This is a 39% increase from CU 2013-14 outcomes.
- Clubhouse Utah provided a total of 115,037 hours of Psychoeducational and pre-vocational services.
- In the Fall of 2015 Journey House (Layton, UT) achieved accreditation with Clubhouse International, thus becoming the fourth accredited Clubhouse to join Clubhouse Utah.

### **Social Service Investment Request**

- We have an excellent opportunity to provide a cost savings to the State through decreased reliance on social services, hospitalizations, and incarcerations. We will increase the number of employed CU members by 25%.

### **We respectfully request an investment of \$160,000 per year for 3 years to achieve our employment goals.**

- Funds will be used to support members to obtain or further their employment.
  - 21% of our members are employed at community workplaces, doubling the national average of 10%. <sup>(2)</sup>
  - Clubhouse members earned more wages per job compared to vocationally integrated Assertive Community Treatment (ACT). <sup>(1)</sup>
    - Employed Members and those working towards employment have a 40% decrease in costly hospitalizations.
    - CU members also have a reduction in costly incarcerations. <sup>(3)</sup>

Employment is an essential step on the path to wellbeing, recovery, self-sufficiency and community reintegration. Employment not only increases income for adults living with mental illness, it also provides structure to daily life, purpose and contribution, and opportunities to learn and interact with others. All fundamental components to the societal participation and recognition many of us take for granted.

Senators Christensen and Weiler, Representative Chavez Houck and others have toured. We invite anyone else interested in a tour to please contact Leif Oldert at 801-486-5012 or [leifo@valleycares.com](mailto:leifo@valleycares.com).

### **Endnotes**

- 1) National Alliance on Mental Health; National Governors Association, Strategies States Can Use to Employ Persons with Mental Illness, (National Governors Association, Center for Best Practices: October 2002), [www.nga.org/cda/files/0703MENTALILLNESS.pdf](http://www.nga.org/cda/files/0703MENTALILLNESS.pdf).
- 2) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), National Registry of Evidence Based Programs.
- 3) Health Management Associates Impact of Proposed Budget Cuts to Community-Based Mental Health Services, March 2011 Study, Average jail stay cost of \$10,960.