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POLICY

Application

This policy shall apply to The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness and all services operated by or under contract with it.

1.0 Purpose:

To establish processes for ensuring the right to access entertainment materials, information, and news for recipients of mental health services in residential settings.

2.0 Policy

2.1 Staff in a residential setting shall not prevent a recipient from acquiring entertainment materials, information, and news at the recipient's expense.

2.2 Staff shall not prevent a recipient from reading written or printed material, or from viewing or listening to television, radio, recordings, or movies made available at the residence for reasons of, or similar to, censorship.

2.3 Limitations to a recipient's access to entertainment materials, information, or news shall be specifically documented in the recipient's individualized plan of service, with clinical justification. The limitation shall be removed when no longer justified. A provider shall document in the recipient's record each instance when a limitation is imposed.

2.4 Material not prohibited by law may be read or viewed by a minor recipient unless there is an objection by the minor's parent or guardian who has legal custody of the minor. When appropriate, the case manager/primary therapist may work with the parent or guardian of a minor to withdraw the objections to material desired by the minor.

2.5 A provider shall establish written policies and procedures that provide for all of the following:

2.5.1 Any general program restrictions on access to material for reading,

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listening, or viewing.

2.5.2 Determining a resident's interest in, and provide for, a daily newspaper.

2.5.3 Permit attempts by the staff person in charge of the plan of service to persuade a parent or guardian of a minor to withdraw objections to material desired by the minor.

2.5.4 A mechanism for residents to appeal denial of their right to entertainment materials, information and news, and to remedy a wrongful denial.

2.5.5 Any specific restrictions on a living unit or for the therapeutic benefit of the residents as a group.

2.6 House rules regarding such restrictions must be posted.

2.7 Recipients may appeal restrictions on access to materials orally or in writing to the Recipient Rights Office.

3.0 Responsibilities

3.1 The Recipient Rights Office is responsible for ensuring that procedures to implement the intent of this policy are developed, reviewed, and revised as necessary.

3.2 Residential providers are responsible for establishing written policies and procedures to comply with this policy.

3.3 Staff are responsible for implementing house rules and treatment plans.

4.0 Monitoring and Review

This policy is reviewed by the Recipient Rights Office. It is monitored internally by the Recipient Rights Advisory Committee and approved by The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness Board. It is monitored externally by the MDHHS.

5.0 References

CEI CMH Policy #3.6.21

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