

Discharge Planning for Homeless Substance Abuse Clients

Policy:

West Slope Casa providers will engage in “best practices” case management and discharge planning for all clients, including the homeless.

Procedure:

1. At admission, determination is made if the client is homeless and seeking assistance to secure housing.
 - a. if client is seeking housing, the program will immediately begin seeking referrals for housing, without waiting until discharge from the program.
 - b. level of impairment related to homelessness will be assessed, and if severe, appropriate referrals will be made.
2. Referrals will be made from a list of local resources.
3. Client will be assessed for co-occurring disorders and any other collateral referrals needed in addition to housing, and appropriate referrals will be made.
4. At discharge, a continuing communication program will be developed (clients may not have home phones, for instance. How will the program be able to reach them for follow-up?)