



SALISH BHO

CLINICAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Policy Name: HOUSING SERVICES

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CROSS REFERENCES

- Policy: Corrective Action Plan
- Policy: Cross System Working Agreement
- Policy: Homeless Individuals, Providing Services

PURPOSE

It is the policy of the Salish Behavioral Health Organization (SBHO) and its providers to actively promote individual access to, and choice in, safe, decent and affordable housing, which is integrated into the community and appropriate to the age, culture and residential needs of the person.

PROCEDURE

The SBHO requires its providers to evidence outcomes supporting this policy, which may be promoted by:

1. Identifying staff knowledgeable in and responsible for housing-development activities
2. Maintaining a listing of housing stock for individuals
3. In cooperation or partnership with community partners, interested parties, and financial institutions, promoting access to and use of community housing available to individuals, which may include:
 - a. Ownership or leases by the SBHO or its providers
 - b. Agreements between landlords and the SBHO or its providers

- c. Securing HUD Section 8 or other rental subsidies, including rental subsidies provided directly by the SBHO
 - d. Loans or grants for low-income or special need housing by federal, state or local funding sources
 - e. Working with local Coordinated Entry programs for access to services
 - f. Other means
4. Encouraging housing:
- a. Which provides choice and maximum integration of individuals into their own identified community
 - b. Which provides support for individual to secure and maintain independent housing with supportive services as necessary

MONITORING

1. This policy is a contract requirement. This policy will be monitored through use of SBHO:
 - Annual SBHO Provider and Subcontractor Administrative Review
 - Bi-annual Clinical Chart Reviews
2. If a provider performs below expected standards during any of the reviews listed above a Corrective Action will be required for SBHO approval.