



Hope House

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RE: REFERRAL PROCESS

Dear Mental Health or Medical Professional -

As you may be aware, Hope House is a group home designed for persons in psychiatric crisis, who are in need of short-term additional support and supervision in assisting them to remain in the community. Services provided include psychiatric assessment, counseling, medication monitoring, therapeutic recreational activities, psycho-education and skills training, case management, and crisis resolution. The program is licensed under the Department of Public Welfare mental health crisis intervention regulations, and is partially funded by Northampton County MH/MR. We can accept persons suffering from, or who are developing, an episode of severe:

1. Mania
2. Depression
3. Psychosis
4. Suicidal Thinking
5. Anxiety
6. Relationship problems resulting from mental illness

Hope House cannot accept persons who:

1. are currently inebriated or under the influence of drugs;
2. are at risk of developing physical and/or severe psychological withdrawal symptoms;
3. have a primary diagnosis of drug or alcohol abuse or addiction;
4. have a significant history of assaultive behavior;
5. are in need of physical restraint;
6. are in need of emergency medical attention;
7. are not in a psychiatric crisis;
8. are not willing to come to Hope House voluntarily.

In order to accept your referral, we need to receive referral information (**Hope House Referral Form**), including information regarding the person's current threat to self as well as others (**Statement of Current Status**). People with suicidal thoughts who are willing to contract for safety will not be denied acceptance. A medical clearance is only necessary if the client is suffering from, or is at risk of, any significant medical problem (**Medical Clearance**). Medical clearance can only be given by a medical or osteopathic doctor. The Statement of Current Status can be signed by a medical or osteopathic doctor, psychologist, licensed social worker, mental health worker, or nurse.

It is our intention to make the referral process as smoothly and quickly as possible. If you have any question about the referral process, our program, or the appropriateness of our program for your client, please do not hesitate to call us: **(610) 882 - 2008**.