

FREEDOM RECOVERY

Policies and Procedures

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CLIENT RIGHTS

PURPOSE:

To assure that all Clients of Freedom Recovery are informed of their rights and that such rights are respected throughout the process of service delivery.

POLICY:

All individuals requesting services from Freedom Recovery have a right to receive such services without regard to race, ethnicity, age, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, veteran status, financial condition, handicap or disability, HIV infection - whether asymptomatic or symptomatic, AIDS-related complex or AIDS. No distinction will be formulated in determining eligibility for participation in services provided by Partners in Recovery based on any of these identifiers, conditions or circumstances.

All individuals requesting services from Freedom Recovery shall receive this Statement of Client Rights as part of the intake and initial orientation process, and, if appropriate, on an annual basis. The client will be given a written copy each time the Statement is signed or at any other time requested. Said statement shall conform to all applicable regulations issued by State, Federal and other funders; and shall include, but not be limited to:

1. The right to be treated with consideration and respect for personal dignity, autonomy, and privacy;
2. The right to service in a humane setting which is the least restrictive feasible as defined in the treatment plan;
3. The right to be informed of one's own condition, of proposed or current services, treatment or therapies, and of the alternatives;
4. The right to informed consent to or refuse any service, treatment, therapy, or medication (absent an emergency) upon full explanation of the expected consequences of such consent or refusal;
5. The right to a current, written, individualized service plan that addresses one's own mental health, physical health, social and economic needs, and that specifies the provision of appropriate and adequate services, as available, either directly or by referral; the right to receive a copy of individualized treatment plan;
6. The right to active and informed participation in the establishment, periodic review, and reassessment of the service plan and to receive a copy of the service plan.
7. The right to be free from intellectual, emotional, physical, and sexual abuse and inhumane treatment.

8. The right to be free from abuse, financial or other exploitation, retaliation, humiliation, and neglect;
9. The right to access to information pertinent to the Client in sufficient time to facilitate his/her decision making;
10. The right to informed consent, refusal or expression of choice regarding service delivery, release of information, concurrent services, and composition of service delivery team;
11. The right to access or referral to legal entities for appropriate representation, self-help support services, and advocacy services;
12. The right to freedom from unnecessary or excessive medication;
13. The right to freedom from unnecessary restraint or seclusion;
14. The right to participate in any appropriate and available agency service, regardless of refusal of one or more other services, treatments, or therapies, or regardless of relapse from earlier treatment in that or another service, unless there is a valid and specific necessity which precludes and/or requires the Client's participation in other services. This necessity shall be explained to the Client and written in the Client's current service plan;
15. The right to be informed of and refuse any unusual or hazardous treatment procedures;
16. The right to be advised of and refuse observation by techniques such as one-way vision mirrors, tape recorders, televisions, movies, or photographs;
17. The right to have the opportunity to consult with independent treatment specialists or legal counsel, at one's own expense;
18. The right to confidentiality of communications and of all personally identifying information within the limitations and requirements for disclosure of various funding and/or certifying sources, state or federal statutes, unless release of information is specifically authorized by the Client or parent or legal guardian of a minor Client or court-appointed guardian of the person of an adult Client;
19. The right to have access to one's own psychiatric, medical or other treatment records, unless access to particular identified items of information is specifically restricted for that individual Client for clear treatment reasons in the Client's treatment plan. "Clear treatment reasons" shall be understood to mean only severe emotional damage to the Client such that dangerous or self-injurious behavior is an imminent risk. The person restricting the information shall explain to the Client and other persons authorized by the Client the factual information about the individual Client that necessitates the restriction. The restriction must be renewed at least annually to retain validity. Any person authorized by the Client has unrestricted access to all information. Clients shall be informed in writing of agency policies and procedures for viewing or obtaining copies of personal records;
20. The right to be informed in advance of the reason(s) for discontinuance of service provision, and to be involved in planning for the consequences of that event;
21. The right to receive an explanation of the reasons for denial of service;

22. The right not to be discriminated against in the provision of service on the basis of religion, race, color, creed, sex, national origin, age, lifestyle, physical or mental handicap, developmental disability, or inability to pay;
23. The right to know the cost of services;
24. The right to be fully informed of all rights;
25. The right to exercise any and all rights without reprisal in any form including continued and uncompromised access to service;
26. The right to have oral and written instructions for filing a grievance, and
27. The right to investigation and resolution of alleged infringement of rights.
28. The right to file a grievance, internally or externally;
 - a. Internal
 - i. Program Director
 - b. External
 - i. ADAMH - Board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services;
 - Address: 447 E Broad St. Columbus, OH 43215
 - Phone: (614) 224-1057
 - ii. OMHAS - Ohio department of mental health and addiction services;
 - Address: 30 East Broad Street, 36th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3430
 - Phone: 614-466-2596
 - iii. Disability Rights Ohio
 - Address: 200 S Civic Center Dr #300, Columbus, OH 43215
 - Phone: (800) 282-9181
 - iv. Office for Civil Rights - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 - Address: 233 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 240, Chicago, IL 60601
 - Phone: (800) 368-1019

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