

ROSE HILL CENTER PUBLIC POLICY STATEMENT

Overview: Rose Hill Center's Public Policy Statement is meant to guide the public policy and advocacy activities of board members, supporters, staff, and residents. This Statement arises from the Mission, Vision, and Values of Rose Hill Center, particularly values numbered 1), 2), 4), and 6). Specific Public Policy initiatives and concerns that arise will be evaluated in the context of this Statement.

Our Mission: To provide a highly effective therapeutic program for adults with mental illness so they can learn to manage their symptoms, achieve their highest level of independence and go on to lead rewarding lives.

Our Vision: Recovery can take place when people receive professional psychiatric care, participate in meaningful daily activity, develop mutually supportive relationships and engage in their own treatment program.

Our Values:

1. Mental illnesses are biologically-based, therefore both treatable and manageable.
2. Individuals should be able to seek treatment without being stigmatized.
3. All residents, clients, and families should be treated with dignity and respect.
4. Individuals can achieve an improved level of mental health and independence when they have appropriate clinical supports.
5. Individuals have more sustainable outcomes when they have a support system.
6. People should have access to quality treatment regardless of their ability to pay.
7. Staff must be responsible, accountable, and committed to continuous improvement, while being respectful of each other and the program.

Responsibility: The President of Rose Hill Center, in consultation with the Board Chair, will evaluate emerging public policy initiatives, regulations, proposals, and bills in the context of this statement. This may be at the federal, state, or local levels.

The President will then be responsible for communicating with board members, supporters, staff, residents, clients, and family members of Rose Hill Center when advocacy is needed on a specific area of concern. These concerns will also be posted on the Rose Hill web site.

What we advocate and why?

- Mental illnesses are biologically-based, therefore both treatable and manageable.
 - We advocate for awareness of this fact among public officials and citizens.
 - We advocate for and collaborate in advanced research into the prevention, early detection, and treatment of these illnesses.
- Individuals should be able to seek treatment without being stigmatized.
 - We advocate for funding of public campaigns to address stigma.
 - We advocate for public policies that address discrimination against persons with these illnesses.

- Individuals can achieve an improved level of mental health and independence when they have-appropriate clinical supports.
 - We advocate for the inclusion of residential rehabilitation programs such as Rose Hill Center in public and private funding options.
 - We advocate for comprehensive mental health services as appropriate to the specific needs of the individual.
- People should have access to quality treatment regardless of their ability to pay.
 - We advocate for adequate funding through the public mental health system to support these levels of care.
 - We advocate for insurance parity at the federal and state levels to support these levels of care.

Organizations that help us form our public policy and advocacy activities

- Mental Health Association in Michigan: www.mha-mi.org/
- Michigan Assisted Living Association: www.miassistedliving.org
- Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards: www.macmhb.org/
- Michigan Nonprofit Association: www.mnaonline.org
- Michigan State Medical Society: www.msms.org
- Michigan Psychiatric Society: www.mpsonline.org
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (national): www.nami.org
- National Alliance on Mental Illness Michigan: www.mi.nami.org
- National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems: www.macmhb.org/
- National Council for Community Behavioral Health Care: www.thenationalcouncil.org