

What is the Housing Service Committee?

The Housing Service Committee is a branch of service that works in three areas of Oxford House Operations:

- 1.) Propagation of new Oxford Houses – expanding to meet the needs of the recovery community, (housing the recovering addict/alcoholic).
- 2.) Attracting prospective members of Oxford House – at treatment centers, 12-step meetings, and other referral agencies and sources.
- 3.) Reaching out to existing Oxford Houses through the fraternal domain of the Chapter to help establish the traditional structure/model of Oxford House and to assist with achieving the financial and community stability of each house.

There are three levels of Housing Services within the territory of the State:

- 1.) State Association Housing Services Chairperson
- 2.) Chapter Housing Service Committee Chairperson
- 3.) Housing Service Committee Representatives – one from each house in the Chapter. These Housing Service Committee Representatives, the Chapter Housing Service Committee Chairperson, & Chapter Vice-Chairperson together form the Chapter Housing Service Committee.
- 4.) In addition to these roles of service a Housing Service Committee Secretary should be elected to record the minutes of the Housing Service Committee meetings.

The Housing Service Committee Representatives have the following responsibilities:

- 1.) Participate in scheduled presentations at area treatment centers and other referral sources.
- 2.) Assist in the various tasks of opening a new house as needed.
- 3.) Attend a regular monthly Housing Service Committee meeting.
- 4.) Help their individual house maintain a healthy image in their immediate community.
- 5.) Assist the HSC Chairperson and HSC Committee in troubleshooting problems with houses in the Chapter as needed.
- 6.) Lend support to their individual house in helping house officers realize their expected duties (educate).
- 7.) Inform their individual house about Housing Service Committee endeavors regularly.
- 8.) Represent their house and its consensus opinions to the Housing Service Committee when/if needed.
- 9.) Compile monthly statistics/data about their house to submit to chapter.

The Housing Service Committee Chairperson has the following responsibilities:

- 1.) Hold a regular monthly Housing Service Committee meeting.
- 2.) Generate an agenda for the Housing Service Committee.
- 3.) Provide leadership to the Committee and the Chapter regarding Housing Service issues; delegate to the Chapter Vice-Chairperson when needed.
- 4.) Report to the Chapter, monthly, the outcomes and activities of the Committee.
- 5.) Report to the State Housing Services Chairperson concerns and positions of the Chapter Housing Service Committee.
- 6.) Schedule and participate in treatment center presentations.
- 7.) Spearhead and coordinate the opening of new houses.
- 8.) Encourage all Oxford members to get involved with Housing Service Committee activities.
- 9.) Be an available contact for any house in the Chapter asking for help.

The Housing Service Committee is both a responsive and proactive arm of the Oxford House Chapter and is intended to be the chief modality for growth of Oxford House in the community at large. It is through the legacy of the Housing Service Committee that Oxford House keeps its vitality and profound traditional integrity. The dynamic of each house's relationship with the Chapter is an integral part of our continued success. This is an ideal area of service and a great opportunity to give back some of what you have freely been given.