



Robert E. Berry House, Inc.

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Program Statement
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Robert E. Berry Halfway House, Inc., a nonprofit, eight bed, co-ed community based residential facility (CBRF), has a long tradition of serving persons with mental illness eighteen years of age or older. Berry House is vested in providing quality mental health services and the Administrator reports to a Board of Directors. While the Administrator's hours on site vary, the house is staffed by a skilled team with twenty-four (24) hour coverage 7 days per week. A RN is part of the overall team available. Staff is trained in the Recovery model and is Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) trained.

Referrals are usually made by county mental health programs for people in transition from a structured program, be it acute or long term care, to full community integration. Berry House recognizes that inherent in the diagnosis of mental illness comes people in various stages of abilities to manage their illness. Potential residents are interviewed or screened prior to admission. Current functioning status, including current treatment plan and history of destructive behavior are weighed against potential benefit from the program.

Residents can be voluntary, under court ordered mental health stipulations and commitments, on probation or parole, on conditional releases, or under guardianship. An individual's service plan is developed to address specific concerns and to build in safeguards against potential re-occurrence of destructive behavior. If needed, emergency mental health services are sought from the facility noted on the out-of-county agreements or as stipulated in court papers. Customary placement is Fond du Lac Acute Unit or SSM Hospital Behavioral Health Unit.

Berry House maintains Class AA licensure which means it serves only residents who are ambulatory and are mentally and physically capable of responding to an electronic fire alarm and exiting the facility without any help or verbal or physical prompting under two (2) minutes. Residents need to be proficient at any specialty medical needs, i.e. insulin injections, wound care, etc. as Berry House staff performs limited hands-on personal care.

The cost of care is usually at least partially covered by the referring agency which also determines the amount of a resident's cost share.