

HOUSING SERVICES

Housing Services is the pro-active service arm of Oxford House. Where the other offices at the House, Chapter and State levels address the administrative aspects, Housing Services turns its attention outward. As a committee at the Chapter level, Housing Services is tasked with communication among the Houses, the recovery community at large and the propagation of Oxford House by finding and opening new Houses.

Communication is the Key

The Housing Services Committee as the only required Committee fills many roles:

- Coordinate treatment commitments, education and hotline
 - Assist all houses and discover issues before a house is in trouble
 - Facilitate Fundraising, Events and Re-entry
 - Pre chapter meeting agenda and consensus.
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- When there is great communication among the houses, there is consensus at the chapter meeting.
 - Treatment center participation is no longer a commitment; it is a pleasure to pay back and to pay forward.
 - When chapter events and projects are brought into the houses then participation and volunteers happen.
 - When the Re-entry Chair can present applicants to houses then faith not fear can rule.
 - Matters of concern in the chapter can be reviewed and discussed with some consensus before being raised and voted upon at the chapter meeting. Common solutions to house issues can be shared. Expectations can be examined and discussed.
 - When houses try to stand alone acrimony rules. Meetings take forever, items are tabled to take back to the house, and chapters get stuck in their problems without resolution.
 - Recovery spreads. *We become a part of...not apart from.*

Imagine a Housing Services Committee pair attending your house meeting. Imagine sparking interest in a member to help in a project. Imagine having a dozen extra sets of hands throughout the Chapter to build our "missing link" in the recovery process. Let's leave our old relapse cave mentality, bunkered in our houses, and walk freely in a community of comfortable sobriety.