



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH AND
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Housing for individuals with a mental illness or developmental disability

PURPOSE: To examine the adequacy of housing opportunities for individuals who are receiving services and supports from the Office of Mental Health (OMH) or the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) in the context of the funding provided in the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2017-18 budget.

**Monday
December 11th, 2017
10am
Legislative Office
Building
Hearing Room C
Albany, New York**

ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY

New York State continues to reduce the number of institutional residential service settings and invest in community-based housing and support for individuals with both mental illness and developmental disabilities. OPWDD and OMH provide various housing options and continue to develop additional capacity for individuals leaving institutional settings, or moving out of the home of parents and other caregivers.

The 2017-2018 enacted state budget provided for the closure of 140 OMH state operated residential beds and the investment of \$4.6 million to open 280 community-based scattered site supported housing units and provided \$10 million for OMH to increase rental stipends for existing supported housing and single residence occupancy (CR-SRO and SP-SRO) programs. Additionally, the enacted state budget included \$120 million in funding for OPWDD to administer new person-centered services for individuals with developmental disabilities, including residential services.

The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for the committee to examine the adequacy of housing opportunities for individuals who are receiving housing and other services and support from OMH and OPWDD in the context of the funding provided in the SFY 2017-18 budget.

In order to meet the needs of those who may have a disability, the Assembly, in accordance with its policy of non-discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), has made its facilities and services available to all individuals with disabilities. For individuals with disabilities, accommodations will be provided, upon reasonable request, to afford such individuals access and admission to Assembly facilities and activities.

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- I have been invited and plan to attend the following public hearing on housing options for individuals with a mental illness or developmental disability on Monday, December 11th, 10am.
- I plan to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to 10 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

- I do not plan to attend the above hearings.
- I would like to be added to the Committee mailing list for notices and reports.
- I would like to be removed from the Committee mailing list.
- I will require assistance and/or handicapped accessibility information. **Please specify the type of assistance required:** _____

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