

To Whom It May Concern:

This is Kyle Wolfe. I was involved with a Recovery Residence in Vermont for over four-years. I lived there, volunteered for almost two years, and professionally managed the same residence for around a year and a half. I am also a social work undergraduate scheduled to receive my Associates in Human Services this summer and enrolled at Castleton University in their Bachelor's in Social Work program this fall.

I utilized my formal education and personal experience to create my own management style. With these techniques, the following statistics were the results (please note that these numbers are my own observations and not submitted data):

- Total members under my care: **24**
- Rate of members who reached a 1-year goal of abstinence: **7/24 or 29%**
- Rate of members asked to leave into a housing crisis: **3/24 or 12.5%**
- Rate of members who tested positive for illicit substances or alcohol: **2/24 or 8%**
- *Average rate of relapse for people with substance use disorder: 40%-60%*
- Rate of members who were found to have abused medication: **1/24 or 4%**
- Rate of members who left on a violation of conditions of release: **2/24 or 8%**
- Rate of members at residence when I resigned: **6/24 or 25%**
- Rate of members transitioned into stable housing: **13/24 or 54%**

**\*Note:** Members who left on violations and members who tested positive for illicit substances or alcohol or were found to have abused medication, are mutually exclusive. Those who left into a *housing crisis* also did not leave on a violation.

The largest problem I found in my time with Vermont Foundation of Recovery was a lack of “crisis” beds for when members did relapse. The attached Brief and subsequent documents outline a proposal to expand access to the Public Inebriate Program in Vermont to create these *lack of residency beds*.

The other documents outline policies that I found are better suited for caring for Vermonters with substance use disorder in 2019 and a training seminar. The seminar, I intend to teach *recovery residence representatives* many of the skills I utilized that were responsible for the above-cited statistics.

I would like to meet with you and discuss your role as a stakeholder in this legislative change and progression in the way we do recovery housing in Vermont.

Thank you,

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