

Housing Works, Inc. Medically Supervised Chemical Dependence Treatment Services (OASAS Part 822 Program)

Since 2008, Housing Works has been certified by the state to provide Medically Supervised Chemical Dependence Treatment Services through our OASAS Part 822 Program located in HW's ENY Brooklyn Health Center. Based on a comprehensive needs assessment, a Harm Reduction Policy/Procedure was subsequently submitted to the State, to which Housing Works was approved to provide the first "Harm Reduction" treatment services under an 822 Chemical Dependence Certificate. Currently, Housing Works remains the only organization the State has approved to provide a "dual" treatment modality of (Harm reduction) and (Recovery).

The program has successfully grown and has shown to have a very positive impact on the lives of individuals – whether in Harm Reduction or Recovery Ready track. The program strives to significantly improve clients health outcomes through the reduction of alcohol and other drug use, improvements in personal health and sustained improvements in functioning (e.g. vocational/employment, interpersonal skills). Our work with clients focuses on the reduction of harm associated with active/chronic substance use and alcohol through the utilization of clinical engagement (1:1 sessions), group work and intervention techniques guided towards goal achievement and objectives.

The dual treatment modality, which is a paradigm within the Harm Reduction & Recovery Ready model of therapeutic engagement, creates opportunities that the traditional "abstinence" model cannot. The approach emphasizes negotiation and collaborative therapeutic efforts between the individual and clinician to create the necessary platform for positive change across the broad spectrum through overall treatment approaches.

HW is looking to expand on this very successful treatment model at the Keith D. Cylar Residence and Health Center at 743-749 East 9th street on Manhattan's Lower East Side.



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VOTE: Community Board 3 Resolution to Support Housing Works Application to the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (“OASAS”) to provide licensed outpatient substance-abuse services at Cylar House at 743-749 East 9th Street.

WHEREAS, Housing Works, Inc. (“HW”) which operates the Keith D. Cylar Residence and Health Center at 743-749 East 9th Street, under contracts with the New York City HIV/AIDS Services (“HASA”), New York State Department of Health (“DOH”) and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) since 1996; and

WHEREAS, HW mission is to provide housing, healthcare, mental health, substance-abuse, job-training and other life-saving services to homeless NYers living with HIV/AIDS;

WHEREAS, HW has served residents of the Lower East Side living with HIV/AIDS since 1991;

WHEREAS, HW has successfully operated this 36 Unit Residence and HealthCare Center and has offered substance-abuse services at this location since 1996 and must submit a proposal to OASAS in order to be able to receive separate reimbursement for such services;

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 3, Manhattan, fully supports HW’s proposal to OASAS to provide licensed substance-abuse services at the Keith D. Cylar Residence and Health Center at 743-749 East 9th Street.