



# AMHD

## ADULT MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

The following guiding principles apply to persons with SPMI who also have:

- Co-occurring medical conditions
- Substance use disorders
- Homelessness
- Mental retardation
- Involuntary civil or penal commitment status.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 1) Informed Self Directed Recovery is the foundation on which all mental health services are provided.
- 2) All mental health services are based on the individual's needs, strengths and desires.
- 3) Empathic and hope instilling relationships are an essential component of all services.
- 4) The major goal of services is a safe and decent place to live, meaningful relationships and activities.
- 5) Consumers are an integral component of the service system design throughout AMHD.
- 6) Everyone is mindful, respectfully inquires, and makes adjustments to behave in a culturally informed, sensitive and responsive manner.
- 7) Services are provided that is in the least restrictive, most integrated community settings, which are warm, welcoming, and respectful of consumers.
- 8) Service standards are based on professional, national standards and Evidence Based Practices.
- 9) Significant others are involved and supported to maintain relationships that are critical for healthy community living.