

BOH CONTRACT SUMMARY

- New Contract**
 Renewal
 Amended Renewal

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| NAME OF ORGANIZATION | McHenry County PADS Homeless Shelter | | | | | |
| EFFECTIVE DATES OF CONTRACT | 12/1/24 | | | | | |
| BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONTRACT PURPOSE | To provide TB and STI testing to our unhoused population | | | | | |
| CONTRACT TERMS | MOU will continue from date signed unless terminated in writing by either party with 30 day prior notice | | | | | |
| MCDH DEPT/STAFF INVOLVED | MCDH Public Health Nurse, Administrative Specialist as needed | | | | | |
| FINANCIAL TERMS | If client has public aid, this will be billed, otherwise no charge to the client or PADS. Fees will be waived. | | | | | |
| | Federal \$ | State | Local | Federal \$ | State | Local |
| INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | | | | |
| SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS, REQUIREMENTS, CONDITIONS | None | | | | | |

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

**McHenry County Department of Health
(MCDH)
2200 N. Seminary Ave., Building A
Woodstock, IL 60098**

And

**Pioneer Center for Human Services
McHenry County PADS Homeless Shelter
(PADS)
1805 S. Route 31
McHenry, IL 60050**

The MCDH and PADS desire to work collaboratively to meet the Tuberculosis (TB) and sexually transmitted infections (STI) testing and treatment needs of the clients of PADS. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms and understanding between the MCDH and PADS to provide TB and STI testing and treatment to PADS clients utilizing PADS services.

Background

In the United States, 1% of the population experiences homelessness in a given year, but approximately 4% of people with TB disease reported experiencing homelessness within the year prior to diagnosis.

People experiencing homelessness are at an increased risk of becoming infected with TB compared to the general population. The increased risk of infection with TB in the homeless population is due to shelter environments such as crowding and the state of the ventilation systems. This combination of factors is favorable for spreading TB. In addition, people experiencing homelessness often lack ready access to the medical care required to make an early diagnosis of TB disease.

Collaboration between public health and community partners is essential to provide TB screenings and any identified needed treatment to reduce the risk of TB infection and transmission in the McHenry County homeless population.

Homeless adults are a vulnerable population. Factors found to be associated with sexual risk were concurrently associated with housing instability and homelessness severity. Addressing STI prevention needs of homeless adults can be enhanced by integrating sexual health, and other health services where homeless adults seek or receive housing and other support services.

Williams SP, Bryant KL. Sexually Transmitted Infection Prevalence among Homeless Adults in the United States: A Systematic Literature Review. Sex Transm Dis. 2018 Jul;45(7):494-504. doi: 10.1097/OLQ.0000000000000780. PMID: 29465661; PMCID: PMC6367672.

Goal

To provide access to care and reduce the risk of TB transmission as well as STIs in the McHenry County unhoused population.

Objectives

- Provide TB testing
- Provide diagnostic work-up if needed
- Provide treatment to latent or active cases identified
- Provide STI testing, and treatment if indicated to client and partner(s)
- Provide STI education and prevention method (condoms) as needed

Participants

PADS clients

Cost

There will no cost to PADS or its clients, however, if client or partner(s) has Medicaid or other insurance benefit accepted by MCDH, it will be billed accordingly based on current fees. Fees are subject to change.

Staff Required

Up to 2 MCDH Registered Nurses (RN) and/or 1 Administrative Specialist

Partnership Deliverables

PADS will provide:

- At the 1805 S. Rt 31 location, a table and two chairs will be provided for one-step TB testing and same for read 48 hours later. STI testing will also be available one of these two days. This will occur monthly.

MCDH will provide:

- Monthly testing for STIs and TB using a Mantoux tuberculin skin test (TST) and/or assessment
- Education will be provided by an RN regarding the transmission, risk behaviors, symptoms, and prevention of TB and STIs.
- RN to read TB test within 48-72 hours following the testing as scheduled; gift card will be provided to client at this time for TB testing only
- RN to deliver test results, clearance letter, diagnostics, treatment, and/or counseling to individuals as necessary per TB Medical Director and/or Medical Advisor's orders.
- STI testing result will be shared with client when available, and if indicated, treatment will be provided.
- A Release of Information (ROI) will be filled out by client if any results are to be shared with PADS.

Term and Termination

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from PADs and the MCDH in writing. The term of this Agreement shall commence upon execution hereof by both parties and shall perpetuate until either party chooses to terminate. Either party may terminate this agreement with or without cause upon thirty (30) days prior written notice.

Signature

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Date

Signature

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Date