### WHAT IS RECOVERY?

Recovery from Mental Disorders and Substance Use Disorders is a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential. It is different for everyone. Recovery is described as a deeply personal, unique process of changing one's attitudes, values, feelings, goals, skills and/or roles.

"... a person with mental illness can recover even though the illness is not "cured" .... [Recovery] is a way of living a satisfying, hopeful, and contributing life even with the limitations caused by the illness. Recovery involves the development of new meaning and purpose in one's life as one grows beyond the catastrophic effects of mental illness [and addiction]."

- William Anthony, Ph.D., Boston University

Connection

Empowerment

Meaningful

Self-responsibility

The primary aims of the Recovery Model are to empower consumers to manage their illness, find their own goals of recovery and make informed decisions about their treatment by acquiring necessary knowledge and skills.

**Sharp Mesa Vista** uses the *Recovery Model* throughout all of its programs which describes five elements in a person's recovery from mental illness.

**HOPE** — If people have hope then they are willing to invest the time and effort to reach their goals. Sharp Mesa Vista (SMV) utilizes a number of techniques to help each patient to develop and sustain **HOPE**.

**EMPOWERMENT** — A process where patients learn the coping skills and gain the knowledge they need to manage their symptoms, to increase their capacity to make choices, and to transform those choices into desired actions and outcomes, and lead a successful life in the larger community.

**SELF-RESPONSIBILITY** — For the direction of their life. SMV emphasizes shared decision-making and individualized treatment based on our patients' own goals.

**CONNECTION** — Community Integration, developing support networks of family and friends, and decreasing isolation are all promoted.

And all of these lead to **BUILDING A MEANINGFUL LIFE** ... a sense of purpose, a role outside of their illness, and the accomplishment of personal goals.

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# Introduction



"The Recovery Model we have developed places emphasis on the belief that individuals diagnosed with a mental illness can go beyond stabilization of symptoms to the hope of healing and recovery. It illustrates our beliefs that prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from substance use and mental disorders."

- Kathi Lencioni, CEO, SMVH

### What is the R.A.P. Workbook?

This R.A.P. Workbook\* includes exercises and tools to develop an individualized Recovery Action Plan (R.A.P.) – it is one tool of the many that can facilitate recovery. Along with daily groups, the exercises and tools assist in developing individualized strategies to stay well: Triggers, Warning Signs, What I am Like When I'm Feeling Well, Medication Management, Crisis Planning, etcetera.

The purpose of the Recovery Action Plan (R.A.P.) workbook is to:

- Encourage you to become your own advocate.
- Help you learn to express yourself effectively.
- Assist you with developing realistic personal goals.
- Encourage you to take responsibility for your own wellness and recovery.

Once completed, this R.A.P. workbook will be a useful source of information to help you reduce the need for hospitalization. It is also meant to provide you with a means of describing your needs when you are having increased symptoms and may not be able to communicate effectively. A copy should be given to someone in your trusted support group for safekeeping and used when necessary to guide your treatment.

Become an informed consumer of mental health and substance abuse services. We want to respect your opinions and needs. We hope your Recovery Action Plan will be instrumental in helping you achieve the best outcome possible in your treatment.

Thank you for allowing Sharp Behavioral HealthCare to assist you in achieving wellness and recovery.

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## **TRIGGERS**

Triggers are events that can activate negative internal thoughts, which may cause you to suffer symptoms of stress, anxiety, depression, anger, panic, and fear. Triggers may be simple or complex and may or may not be in your control. Identify the triggers you are aware of in your life by **circling the items below** that apply to you.

Anniversary dates	Poor sleep	Transportation problems
Work stress	Taking things too personally	Dealing with bureaucracy
Relationship conflict	Not feeling validated	Crime
Isolating myself	Problems with the IRS/SSI	Traf fi c/Noise
Holidays	Being told "No"	Fear of terrorism
Family get-togethers	Being touched	Racial profiling
Feeling judged/criticized	Dirty looks	People in uniforms
Being overly fatigued	Uncooperative people	Dating/not dating
Self-blame and guilt	Going to court	Frightening news stories
Physical illness	Selfishpeople	Certain smells, tastes, sounds
Chronic pain	Changes in normal routine	Stigma of mental illness
Financial problems	Unreasonable people	Lack of structure
Sexual harassment	Noisy neighbors	Housing problems
Hateful outbursts by others	Traveling	Being around drugs/alcohol
Intimacy	Shopping	Problems with medications
Using alcohol and or drugs	Having deadlines	Family friction
Hearing from certain people	Paying my bills	Someone I know has
Over-extending myself	Perfectionism	problems
Not enough time alone	Obsessive-compulsiveness	Loss (specify type)
Legal problems	Gambling	
Crowded places	Pornography	
Other Triggers:		

Triggers					
Once completed, enter this in	formation on "M	ly Recovery Actio	on Plan Summa	ry" (see page 29	)).

# **NEGATIVE RESPONSES TO TRIGGERS**

We each have coping skills that we tend to use in times of stress, some of which may be more harmful than helpful. How you cope with stressors is unique and based on your past learning and experiences. By identifying and increasing your awareness of these responses you can take action earlier rather than later to prevent negative results. *Circle the responses below* that you are aware of.

"People Pleasing" Repress own needs Eating disorders Self-injurious behavior Smoke more cigarettes Drink alcohol Use illegal substances Improper prescription use Over/under medicating Gambling Can't or won't say "NO" Shop compulsively Sexual acting out Dysfunctional relationships Worrying Negative thoughts Self-critical thoughts Isolating/Withdrawing Self-pity Whining and complaining **Enabling behaviors** Caretaking

Over-personalizing Over-analyzing Making suicidal gestures Poor work performance Poor time management Not paying bills on time Not opening the mail Not answering the phone Not going to appointments Being overly controlling Not completing tasks Pornography Lack of daily structure Avoiding con fl icts Starting arguments Avoiding intimacy Perfectionism Work-a-holic behavior Not following treatment "Faking It" with others Stuf fi ng feelings Holding on to anger

Poor money management Spending money on others Blaming others Not attending 12-Step Watch too much TV Over use of computer **Procrastination** Sleeping too much Over-exercising Setting unrealistic goals Overly religious Having an affair Crying too much Over-dependence on others Never asking for help Playing "head games" Apathy "Vegging out"/laziness Indecisiveness Obsessive-compulsiveness

Yelling/Screaming

## **Other Negative Responses:**



## Positive Responses To Triggers

Developing better coping skills can prepare you to handle the ups and downs of life in a healthier manner. *Circle the items below* that you can do if your triggers come up so you can keep them from becoming more serious.

Use distraction Ignore it Take a time-out Deep breathing Relaxation Visualization Whistle Think before I act Talk with my friends Talk to my therapist Go to my support group Learn from the past Stand up for myself Just say "No" Set boundaries Act assertively Work for change Be an individual Know my limits/needs Negotiate/compromise

Do something fun Deal with my anger positively Confront the situation/person Look at what my part is in it Brainstorm with others Avoid people/places that cause problems Deal with it Ask for help Listen to music Walk the dog Take a mental health day off Get validation Socialize with supportive people Change negative thoughts to positive ones Go to place of worship Pray Meditate

Do relaxation techniques Make a plan Clean and organize Read Accept it Let it go Educate others/self Decide to handle it later Do something physical Use humor to diffuse it Reach out to others Don't take it personally Rest Pick my battles Know my rights Cry Stop catastrophizing Take PRN meds

("as needed" for anxiety,

pain, etc.)

## **Other Positive Responses:**

# Managing Life Stressors

1.	How can stress be helpful?
2.	How can stress be harmful?
3.	These are my stressors:
4.	These are my strengths:
5.	These are things about myself I would like to change:
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# EARLY WARNING SIGNS I HAVE OBSERVED ABOUT MYSELF

Recognition of early warning signs is an essential step in reducing symptoms and maintaining wellness. Early warning signs may be subtle changes that involve your thoughts, feelings and/ or behavior that indicate you may not be functioning at your best level. *Circle the signs below* that alert you to examine what might be happening within yourself or your environment. You can then work on making simple changes to keep yourself healthy.

Anxiety Forgetfulness Anhedonia (no pleasure) Lack of motivation Feeling slowed down Feeling speeded up Avoiding usual activities Avoiding my friends/family Feeling uncaring Obsessed with details Irrational thoughts Increased negativity **Irritability** Increased smoking Not keeping appointments Spending money foolishly **Impulsivity** 

Increased aches and pains Feeling discouraged Feeling hopeless Feeling helpless Not answering the phone Change in usual sleep and/or eating patterns **Tearfulness** Feeling worthless Decreased/increased libido Dif fi culty concentrating Poor attention to grooming Not wanting to get out of bed Substance abuse Thoughts of hurting myself Increased checking behaviors Putting myself down

Working too hard Gastro intestinal or stomach disturbances Hyperactivity/restlessness Feeling overwhelmed Poor housekeeping Can't find things Plants dying from neglect Little concern for kids/pets **Procrastination** Not paying bills on time Suppressing anger/grief Feeling shut-down Misperceiving reality Others seem different Feeling like an observer

Other Early Warning Signs:		



# EARLY WARNING SIGNS OTHERS HAVE REPORTED TO ME

Sometimes other people around you may notice signs before you do and may comment on their observations of your mood or behavior. *Circle the comments below* that reflect what others say they have noticed about you when you are starting to become ill.

Out of control behavior	Putting things off
Yelling	Wanting to be alone
Crying	Increased eating/drinking
Feeling uncomfortable in normal	Craving chocolate/sweets
situations	Fatigue/looking tired
Excessive rudeness	Feeling violent
Excessive anger	Wearing too much make-up
Unable to see positives	Wearing strange clothing
Excessive neediness	Dressing only in dark colors
Not answering the phone	Irrational worrying about things (spouse
Nothing seems to please me	leaving me, getting fired from job, being
Everything is a struggle	attacked, not being liked, etc.)
Easily frustrated	Over-reacting to small annoyances
Look like I'm falling apart	Appearing "out of it"
House is a mess	Being disorganized
Wanting to run away	Not taking time for myself

Other Early Warning Signs Others Have Reported:						
nce completed, ent	er this inforn	nation on "M	lv Recovery A	ction Plan Su	ımmarv" (see n	page 29).



## SIGNS/SYMPTOMS THAT THINGS ARE GETTING WORSE

There may also be signs that, even with your best efforts, you have been unsuccessful in coping with life stressors and are now exhibiting more serious symptoms and are approaching a crisis state. *Circle the items below* that re flect these more serious indications that you are becoming more ill.

Feeling overly sensitive/fragile Irrational responses to events, situations, actions of others Unable to sleep Sleeping all the time Avoiding eating Wanting to be totally alone Racing thoughts Risk-taking behaviors Thoughts of suicide Engaging in self-injurious acts Abusing substances Not bathing/grooming Obsessed with negative thoughts Inability to slow down Bizarre behaviors Hearing voices that others don't hear Seeing things that others don't see Chain smoking Spending excessive amounts of money Paranoia Can't complete projects

Can't begin projects

Feeling totally overwhelmed Crying all day Sitting and staring Total apathy Agitation Incredible fatigue Stop taking meds Feeling like crawling out of my skin Uncontrollable pacing Not being aware of my surroundings Panic attacks Hypochondria Criminal behavior Destruction of property Thinking I am someone I am not (grandiosity) Thinking others are spying on me Thinking I have the ability to do something I can't Rehearsing suicide Giving things away that are meaningful to me

Violence against others

# Other Signs/Symptoms That Things Are Getting Worse:

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# WHAT I AM LIKE WHEN I AM FEELING WELL

*Circle the descriptive words below* that represent your feelings, characteristics, and accomplishments of what you are like when you feel well. Refer back to this list when you aren't feeling well so that you can remember how you want to feel.

Active	Eager	Interested in life	Quick-witted
Affectionate	Energetic	Inspired	Able to read
Athletic	Engaged in life	Involved	Relaxed
Ambitious	Enjoy nature	In touch with	Reasonable
Accepting	Enjoy people	myself	Responsible
Balanced	Easy to get along	Imaginative	Responsive
Bright	with	Industrious	Spiritual
Calm	Enthusiastic	Joyous	Supportive
Cheerful	Ef fi cient	Kind	Satis fi ed
Competent	Empathetic	Laughing	Smiling
Clear-minded	Exercise regularly	Likeable	Social
Clean and sober	Friendly	Love and be loved	Spontaneous
Compassionate	Focused	Open	Sympathetic
Creative	Fun	Outgoing	Take care of myself
Committed	Flexible	Organized	Take my meds
Capable	Fast learner	Optimistic	Trusting
Content	Generous	Positive	Talkative
Connected	Goal-oriented	Playful	Understood
Cooperative	Нарру	Peaceful	Unique
Disciplined	Helpful to others	Patient	Vivacious
Determined	Hopeful	Pleasant	Worthwhile
Desirable	Humorous	Proud	Well-groomed

Other Words That Describe Me W	<b>Then I Am Feeling Well:</b>
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# Daily Maintenance Plan To Keep Feeling Well

*Circle the items below* which are necessary activities you must do on a daily basis to stay healthy, both physically and emotionally.

Take medications	Take vitamins
Eat 3 healthy meals	Do something I enjoy
Drink 6-8 glasses water	Listen to music
Avoid caffeine, sugar, alcohol,	Do positive af fi rmations
nicotine, junk food	Think about positive things
Get quality sleep	Dress in comfortable clothes
Exercise	Count my blessings
Stay well-groomed	Make a "To Do" list
Be assertive	Organize myself for the next day
Set good boundaries	Be gentle with myself
Be out in sunlight 30 minutes	Be objective
Do relaxation exercises	Smile
Get support from others	Don't personalize
Check-in with myself:	Be honest
"How am I doing?"	Set goals
Check-in with my significant other:	Release stress
"How are we doing?	Go to work if it's a work day

Othe	er Daily Activi	aily Activities That Help Me Stay Feeling Well:			



# Extra Activities To Keep Feeling Well

*Circle the list items below* that you can do on occasion to help maintain wellness and promote a balanced lifestyle. Incorporate these healthy coping skills to prevent illness.

Work	Put on fragrance	Go to place of worship
Pray	Get hair done	Fix my favorite meal
Meditation time	Make a gratitude list	Go out with my friends
Write in journal	Watch TV	Forgive myself
Play musical instrument	Dress up	Forgive others
Listen to music	Go to the movies	Problem solve
Laugh out loud	Go to the mall	Establish habits
Play with a child	Appreciate nature	Make schedules
Play with a pet	Go to the beach/mountains	Start new hobby
Go for a walk	Ride a bike	Go to support group
Go for a drive	Swim	Go to outpatient program
Give and/or get a hug	Get out of the house	Work 12-Steps
Do thought record	Garden	Eat at restaurant
Take a bath	Write letters/poetry	Visit a friend
Buy myself flowers	Read	Volunteer
Take a nap	Do yoga	Engage in hobbies
Follow creative urges	Take a time out	Do housework
Spend time alone	Dance	Go grocery shopping
Eat chocolate	Sing	Do laundry
Talk to positive people	Read spiritual literature	Use the computer
Burn incense/candles	See my therapist	Join a clubhouse

Other Extra Occasional Activities That Help Me Stay Feeling Well:					



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# COMMUNICATION SKILLS

1.	The pers	son I have the most trouble talking with is:
	The reas	son I have trouble talking to this person is:
3.	When ta	alking with someone, I get upset when they do the following:
4.	I think I	can improve my communication with others by:
5.	I start a	conversation by:
6.	I end a c	conversation by:
7.	My com	nmunication style is:
	a.	Assertive
	b.	Aggressive
	c.	Passive
	d.	Passive-aggessive
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## COMMUNICATION: INCLUDE FAMILY/FRIENDS IN YOUR RECOVERY

Family and friends can and do help! Since an illness can make the affected person feel hopeless and helpless, you will want and probably need help from others. However, people who have never had a mental disorder may not fully understand its effect. Although unintentional, friends and loved ones may unknowingly say and do things that may be hurtful. It is very helpful to share the information in this workbook with those you most care about so they can better understand and help you.

Here is a list of information you should share with your support network:

- Mental illness is not a weakness but a serious disorder with biological, psychological, and social aspects to its cause, symptoms, and treatment. A person cannot will it away. Untreated, it will worsen. Undertreated, it will return. Early diagnosis and treatment can help reduce frequent relapses and hospitalizations.
- Helping you may involve encouraging you to stay with treatment until symptoms begin to
  go away (usually several weeks) or to seek different treatment if no improvement occurs.
  On occasion, it may require making an appointment and accompanying you to the doctor. It may also mean monitoring whether you are taking medication for several months
  after symptoms have improved and reporting any worsening symptoms to your healthcare
  providers.
- Another important way to help you is to offer emotional support. This support involves understanding, patience, affection, and encouragement. They should not disparage or discount feelings expressed, but point out realities and offer hope. They must not ignore remarks about suicide they should always report these to your therapist.
- Ask them to invite you out for walks, outings, the movies or other activities and to be gently insistent if their invitation is refused. They can encourage participation in activities that once gave you pleasure, such as hobbies, sports, religious or cultural activities. However, do not push you to undertake too much too soon.
- They should not accuse you of faking illness or of laziness, or expect you "to snap out of it." Eventually, with treatment, most people do get better. Keep that in mind.

# COMMUNICATION: HELP FROM OTHERS

The following are ideas that might be helpful to ask your supporters to do for you. You can ask them to do a onetime specific task or request them to approach you in a different way when you are in crisis. You may also need to tell them what you want them to avoid so that you do not feel worse. *Circle the items* that are specific requests, general requests, and things you need to avoid.

Specifi c Requests:	<b>General Requests:</b>
Specific Requests.	General Requests.
Do my laundry	Encourage me to talk
Give me a back rub	Allow me to rest more
Call me once a day to check in with me	Practice relaxation techniques
Come by my home to check in with me	Give me more space
Make a meal for me	Allow me to pace
Help me to pay my bills	Encourage me to do self-care
Balance my check book	
Clean my home/room	<b>Other General Requests:</b>
Walk my dog	
Empty the cat box	
Feed my animal(s)	
Take care of my child(ren)	
Run an errand for me	<b>Things I Need To Avoid:</b>
Pick up my prescription	
Buy some groceries	Forcing me to go to a family function
Water my plants	Taking away my cigarettes
Remind me of an important event	Taking away my coffee/soda
Take me to church	Talking continuously to me
Drive me to an appointment	Taking away my music
Encourage me to move	Scolding/lecturing me
Take out the garbage	Sarcasm
Other Specific Requests:	Other Things I Need To Avoid:

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# MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

1.	List the reasons why it is important to ta	ake my medications.
2.	What can get in the way of taking my n from taking my medication as prescribe	nedications regularly? What barriers prevent me ed by my doctor?
3.	What can I do to overcome those barrie	rs?
4.	How do I handle side-effects of my med	dications?
	Side-effects	Solutions

# **M**EDICATIONS

Medication	(Example)	Dose	10 mg.	Frequency	3x/dav
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Purpose/Symptoms	Decrease Depr	ression/Lack_of	Motivation		
Special Instructions	Take with foo	od, blood test re	equired		
Possible Side Effects	S Causes drov	vsiness, dr <u>y m</u> o	o <u>uth</u>		
Medication		Dose		Frequency _	
Purpose/Symptoms_					
Special Instructions					
Possible Side Effect	S				
Medication		Dose		Frequency _	
Purpose/Symptoms_					
Special Instructions					
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Medication		Dose		Frequency _	
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Special Instructions					
Possible Side Effect	S				
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Medication	Dose	Frequency	
Purpose/Symptoms			
Special Instructions			
Possible Side Effects			

# MEDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

Medication	Dose	Frequency	
Purpose/Symptoms			
Special Instructions			
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Medication	Dose	Frequency	
Purpose/Symptoms			
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B. (T. 11 4 4 )			
Medication	Dose	Frequency	
Purpose/Symptoms  Special Instructions			
Special Instructions  Passible Side Effects			
Possible Side Effects			
Medication	Dose ———	 Frequency	
Purpose/Symptoms		1	
Special Instructions			
Possible Side Effects			
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Medication	Dose	Frequency	
Purpose/Symptoms			
Special Instructions			
Possible Side Effects			
Medication	Dose ———	 Frequency	
Purpose/Symptoms		<b>1</b> •	
Special Instructions			
Possible Side Effects			

# MEDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

Medication	Dose	Frequency	
Purpose/Symptoms			
Special Instructions			
Possible Side Effects			

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### CRISIS PLANNING

In spite of your best planning and assertive actions you may find yourself in a situation in which others may need to take over responsibility for your care when you are unable to make healthy choices. No one wants to think this will happen, but it's a good idea to prepare a clear crisis plan when you are well to use as a backup. This will keep your supporter(s) from wasting time trying to fi gure out what to do for you and can relieve them from guilt or worry because they know that they are taking actions that you have already approved.

The Crisis Plan differs from the rest of your R.A.P. because it may be used by others. Please make sure your entries are clearly stated and legible. Once you have completed your Crisis Plan, please give a copy of this document to your trusted supporter(s) for safe-keeping.

The following is a list of my **supporter(s)** that I want to assist me in my time of need:

Name:	Relationship:
Phone number:	Address:
Tasks I need done for me:	
Name:	Relationship:
Phone number:	Address:
Tasks I need done for me:	
Name:	Relationship:
Phone Number:	Address:
Tasks I need done for me:	
The following person(s) I <b>DO NOT</b> want involved	ved in my care and why:
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### CRISIS PLAN: TREATMENT

My Psychiatrist:Address:	Phonenumber:
My Medical Dr.:Address:	Phonenumber:
My Therapist:Address:	Phonenumber:
My Outpatient Program:	Phonenumber:
My Case Manager:	
My Sponsor: My Pharmacy:	Phonenumber: Phonenumber:
Treatment facilities where I prefer becomes necessary and why:	_
_	to be treated/hospitalized if it  Why I Like This Facility
becomes necessary and why:  Treatment Facility	Why I Like This Facility
becomes necessary and why:	Why I Like This Facility
Treatment Facility  Treatment facilities I want to avoid	Why I Like This Facility
Treatment Facility  Treatment facilities I want to avoid	Why I Like This Facility  Why I Want To Avoid This Facility
Treatment Facility  Treatment facilities I want to avoid  Treatment Facility	Why I Like This Facility  Why I Want To Avoid This Facility

Crisis Plan: Treatment	

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### My Recovery Action Plan Summary

Patient Name:	Date:
	nve written in your R.A.P. Workbook here n your medical record
MY TRIGGERS (from pages 3-6)	EARLY WARNING SIGNS (from pages 9-11)
	I've observed about myself:
	Others have observed about me:
WHAT I AM LIKE WHEN I FEEL WELL (from page 13)	MY DAILY MAINTENANCE PLAN & ACTIVITIES FOR WELLNESS (from pages 14-15)
	& HELP FROM OTHERS 25-26 & 19)
My Psychiatrist's name/number: /()  Preferred Treatment Facility name/number:/()	Specific requests (names, contacts info):
My Therapist's/Case Manager's name/number:	General requests:
My Trusted Supporter's name/number:	Things to avoid:
Person with a copy of my R.A.P.'s name/number:/( )	
	ATION MANAGEMENT page 22)
Name Dos	Sage When Taken



You have successfully completed your R.A.P. Plan and have a great strategy to deal with life's stressors in an organized, effective way. Initially it is recommended that you spend about 15 minutes each day reviewing your plans. You might want to do this in the morning before eating breakfast. As you become more familiar with your daily lists, triggers, symptoms and plans you will need less time to review it. You may find that after some time you will have integrated the information so well and have developed better self-care habits that you no longer need to refer to these worksheets regularly.

Begin by reviewing your list of how you feel when you are "alright." Do things on your list daily to keep yourself well. If you are "not alright," review the other sections to see what symptoms you are experiencing and follow the plan you have created. If you find yourself in a crisis situation, these plans can be used to let your supporters know what they can do to help you get well.

Remember that making a copy of this plan and giving it to your supporters is part of your commitment to maintaining well-being and will help ensure your safety and a speedy recovery. You might want to keep a copy of a portion of your plan in your wallet to refer to in times of need when you are away from home.

Good luck with your plan to be in charge of your own health and well-being!

### LONG-TERM DREAMS AND GOALS

Now that you have filled in your Recovery Action Plan Summary, you can focus on the future. Recovery includes having meaning and purpose in your life and it's always beneficial to keep those at the forefront of your thoughts.

You may not be ready to address this section at this moment. However, when you are ready, please make a list of the hopes, dreams and goals you have for yourself. Be both imaginative and practical for items in the areas of physical health, emotional health, education, relationships, creative pursuits, possessions, and experiences. (For example: "I want to write and publish poetry" or "I want to train to become a computer programmer" or "I want to own a car" or "I want to lose 20 pounds in 6 months"). You can break these goals down into manageable parts and set up short-term objectives later on.

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One of the keys to adopting a healthier lifestyle is knowing how to access and use community resources. The following is an abbreviated list of common resources for San Diego County. Please remember to **make a list of questions** you may need to ask of your contact. **Have a pen and paper ready to take down important information.** If you don't get your needs met by that particular resource, ask if they know of any other resources you can call instead.

**PLEASE NOTE:** THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS ACCURATE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE. SHARP BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CHANGES TO LISTINGS.

### **Sharp Behavioral Healthcare Resources**

(858) 278-4110 Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital 7850 Vista Hill Ave, San Diego, CA 92123

There are various support groups that meet regularly at the hospital, ask your therapist or social worker for applicable groups. Most groups are "open groups" and are open to the general public. In the evening and weekends there are NA, AA, CA, CoDA, OCD, and other 12-Step support groups available. You must provide your own transportation unless you are an inpatient.

### Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital Behavioral Healthcare Outpatient Services Assessment Line Sharp Grossmont Hospital Behavioral Healthcare (619) 740-4802 Open Unit (619) 740-4803 Closed Unit (619) 740-4806 Outpatient Services

### **Crisis Intervention**

2-1-1	Free 24 hour access to health and human resources information and referrals - <a href="www.211SanDiego.org">www.211SanDiego.org</a>
9-1-1	For a psychiatric crisis ask for <b>PERT</b>
	(Psychiatric Emergency Response Team)
(800) SUICIDE or (800) 784-2433	National Suicide Hotline, emergency counseling 24 hours everyday
(800) 273-TALK or (800) 273-8255	National Suicide Hotline, emergency counseling 24 hours everyday
(800) 799-SAFE	National Domestic Violence Hotline 24 hrs/day, 365 days/year
or (800) 799-7233	for crisis intervention & referrals in all 50 states
(800) 4-A-Child or (800) 422-4453	Child Abuse Hotline
(800) 344-6000	Child Welfare Services at the County of San Diego
(888) 724-7240	San Diego Access and Crisis Line, info & referral.
(619) 421-6900	Emergency Screening Unit for children under age 18
(619) 692-8200	San Diego County Psychiatric Hospital Emergency Psychiatric Unit
	for adults over 18
(858) 565-5200	County Sheriff 's Department Non-Emergency
(619) 531-2000	Police Department Non-Emergency
or (858) 484-3154	
(800) 510-2020	Elder Abuse thru Adult Protective Services
(800) 367-2437	AIDS Hotline
(619) 295-1055	Warm Line for non-crisis peer support, info, resources
or (800) 930-9276	referrals, etc. (5 PM – 11 PM - 7 days a week)
(619) 532-8436	American Red Cross (Including WIC Program)
(800) 656-HOPE	Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network Hotline
or (800) 656-4673	www.rainn.org/get-help/national-sexual-assualt-hotline
(800) 342-9647	Military One Source (24 Hour Hotline for Military)
(800) 835-5247	California Highway Patrol

### **Counseling Services**

San Diego Psychiatric Society (for info & referral to psychiatrists)
www.sandiegopsychiatricsociety.org
San Diego Psychological Association Info & Referral Service
www.sdpsych.org orwww.sandiegotherapists.com
Lists MFT, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, LCSW
Veterans Administration - www.va.gov
Crisis Hotline (800) 273-talk (8255); press 1
Consumer Credit Counseling Program
Money Management International
Council of Community Clinics - www.ccc-sd.org

### **Housing/Food/Transportation**

(858) 514-6885	Public Assistance, General Relief, CalWORKS, food stamps
5-1-1	San Diego Transit
(619) 233-3004	County Transit/ADA routes
(888) 517-9627	MTS Access
(619) 233-3004	San Diego Transit & Trolley Routes
(800) 921-9664	CTS Wheels (\$4.50 Mid, East, South Bay)
(619) 447-8782	Meals on Wheels East County
(619) 295-9501	Meals on Wheels San Diego
(619) 420-2782	Meals on Wheels South County
(760) 736-9900	Meals on Wheels North County
(866) 351-7722	County of San Diego In-Home Support Services (IHSS)
(858) 614-1554	Community Health Improvement Partners (CHIP) - <u>www.sdchip.org</u>
	assistance with coordination of health services in San Diego region
(800) 227-0997	Emergency Food, Clothing & Shelter Info Line
(800) 300-5616	State Unemployment
(800) 884-1684	State Fair Employment & Housing Divisions
(888) 942-9675	California Women, Infants & Children Program (WIC)
(619) 231-2828	Catholic Charities
(619) 282-1134	Jewish Family Services, 2700 Adams Ave., San Diego

### **Legal Assistance**

(800) 479-2233	Patient Advocacy Program
(877) 534-2524	Legal Aid Society of San Diego
(619) 471-2600	San Diego Mediation & Restitution Services including
Press 1	Legal Aid Society Pro Bono Program
(619) 544-9556	Homeless Advocacy Program (HAP) for health & welfare cases
(619) 330-9401	Elder Care Advocates - www.eldercareadvocates.com
(866) 401-3210	Child Support Enforcement
www.networkofcare.org	Network of Care for Mental Health (info & advocacy tools
	to help navigate the system of mental health services)
(800) 772-1213	Social Security Administration
(800) 480-3287	SDI (temporary income due to illness or injury)
(619) 692-8715	County Mental Health Case Management Services
(858) 694-4801	Housing & Community Development for Rental Assistance
	Programs information & applications, Section 8,
	renter & landlord info

### Self-Help/Support Groups/Clubhouses

(800) 523-5933	National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), 4480 30th St., San Diego
	for peer support, family education, resources
	www.namisandiego.org
(619) 342-7427	Impact Young Adults - Social group (ages 18-35)
	www.impactyoungadults.org
(858) 444-6776	Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) - Free peer-led
	support groups for people with mood disorders and their family/friends
	www.dbsasandiego.org
(619) 294-9582	The Meeting Place, 2553 State St., San Diego
	(open 8 AM-4 PM M-F) - Tours at 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM-M,T,Th&F
(619) 683-7423	The Corner Clubhouse, 2864 University Ave., San Diego
	(open 8 AM-4 PM)
(619) 233-6691	The Neighborhood House Association 851 S. 35th St., San Diego
(619) 420-8603	Visions, 266 Church Ave., Chula Vista
(619) 585-4646	The Bayview Clubhouse, 330 Moss St., Chula Vista
(619) 955-8217	Friend to Friend, 1009 G St. #A, San Diego (Serving homeless
	consumers)

(858) 268-4933	Eastwing Socialization Center, 2359 Ulric St., San Diego (PanAsian)
(760) 439-2785	Mariposa Clubhouse, 560 Greenbrier Dr. #102, Oceanside
(619) 631-0441	The East Corner Clubhouse, 1060 Estes St., El Cajon
(760) 631-2206	Friends at Copper Hill
(619) 543-1434	Albright Information and Referral Center, Local Chapter for NAMI
or (800) 523-5933	serving people and families with education and support for mental
01 (000) 828 8388	illness (Spanish speaking groups/services also)
	www.namisandiego.org
(858) 560-2500	Aging and Independence Services
(800) 272-3900	Alzheimer's Caregivers Group
(800) 492-4400	Alzheimer's Association
(619) 291-1400	Being Alive (HIV/AIDS groups)
` '	n_Divorce and separation support groups
(619) 278-6480	Center for Grief Care and Education - griefi
· · · ·	9) 543-0412 Mental Health Association of San Diego County,
advocacy &	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	self-help - www.mhasd.org
(619) 265-8762	Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
(619) 296-2666	Alanon/Alateen/Pre-Alateen
(619) 692-5727	Alcohol & Drug Services Information & Referral Line, San Diego
(,	County Health & Human Services
(619) 584-1007	Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Services Community
` '	Center (counseling, computer training, youth leadership, weekly
	discussion groups)
(619) 275-0364	Recovery International (free mental health self-help group)
` '	www.recovery-inc.org
(619) 543-1434	ECT Support Group at NAMI San Diego of fice, 4480 30th St.,
` '	San Diego (Meets every 2nd Tuesday 5:30-7:00 PM)
(619) 482-0297	Survivors of Suicide, provides counseling for those who have lost a
` '	loved one to suicide
(858) 274-4650	Recovery Innovations – WRAP Classes
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### **Job/Volunteer Resources/Education**

(858) 627-2600 San Diego Mesa College - www.sdmesa.edu
(619) 388-3400 San Diego City College - www.sdcity.edu
(619) 282-8211 Volunteers of America (VOA) - www.voa.org
(619) 767-2100 California Department of Rehabilitation for employment services www.dor.ca.gov
(800) 300-5616 State Unemployment Services - www.ca.gov/work/unemploy
(858) 627-7208 San Diego Metro Center (ROP)

### Family/Community Resources

www.sandiegoparent.com Parenting Classes and Resources for all areas of

San Diego County

www.fatherhood.gov National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse

(800) 481-2151 Childcare Resource Service (YMCA) listing of licensed

childcare - www.crs.ymca.org

<u>www.sandiegofamily.com</u> San Diego Family

<u>www.sdmts.com</u> San Diego Metro Transit System (MTS)

or call 5-1-1

(800) 514-0301 Americans with Disabilities Act

2-1-1 Disaster Services - <u>www.211sandiego.org</u>

### **Medical Resources**

(619) 275-0244	San Diego County Dental Society - www.sdcds.org		
(877) 734-3258	Consumer Center for Health Education & Advocacy www.healthconsumer.org/SanDiego.html		
2-1-1	Referral program to link uninsured with needed medical care (Medi-Cal, dental, vision, doctors, specialists, programs, etc.) reduced fees		
www.reachoutforhealth.org			
www.211sandiego.org			
(858) 492-4444 or (800) 587-8118	County Medical Services (CMS); info & application		
www.sdcounty.ca.gov/hhsa/programs/ssp/county_medical_services/index.html			
(858) 694-3900	San Diego County Health & Human Services www.co.san-diego.ca.us		
(866) 262-9881	Public Assistance (Medi-Cal questions answered, General Relief, food stamps, CAL Works 8 AM -5 PM M-F)		
(800) 339-4661	San Diego County Aging & Independence Services		
(619) 239-7264	Lions Club Vision Clinic, 1805 Upas St., San Diego (9 AM-1 PM M-F) - <a href="mailto:sdlionsclub@gmail.com">sdlionsclub@gmail.com</a>		
(619) 583-1542	San Diego Center for the Blind (serves all ages) - www.sdcb.org		
(619) 216-6663	Southwestern College, free dental cleaning, exams and x-rays 880 National City Blvd., National City		
(866) 262-9881	National Access Center		
	National Diabetes Education Program - www.ndep.nih.gov/index.aspx		

### **Leisure & Recreation**

(619) 235-2222	San Diego Information Centers provides maps & info on San Diego www.sandiego.org and/orwww.servingseniors.org	
(619) 235-6538	Senior Community Centers of San Diego	
(619) 525-8247	Therapeutic Recreation Services thru San Diego Park & Recreation for group activities including sports, recreation, recreation for adults with mental & physical disabilities <a href="http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/pdf/trscalendar.pdf">http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/pdf/trscalendar.pdf</a>	
(858) 939-3048	Adaptive Yoga Classes, free year-round for physically challenged <a href="https://www.sharp.com/rehab/classes-andevents.cfm">www.sharp.com/rehab/classes-andevents.cfm</a>	
(619) 282-4627	Creative Arts Consortium (CAC) for art & theatre opportunities <a href="https://www.creativeartsconsortium.org">www.creativeartsconsortium.org</a>	
(619) 239-0512	Balboa Park Visitors Center Information Schedule of museums offering free Tuesday admission - <a href="https://www.balboapark.org">www.balboapark.org</a>	
(619) 239-0512	House of Hospitality at Balboa Park offers maps <a href="https://www.balboapark.org/in-the-park-visitors-center-house-hospitality">www.balboapark.org/in-the-park-visitors-center-house-hospitality</a>	
(619) 234-5623	The Old Globe Theater, 1363 Old Globe Way at Balboa Park www.theoldglobe.org	
(619) 238-1233	Reuben H. Fleet Science Center at Balboa Park - www.rhfl	
eet.org (619) 234-2544	San Diego Hall of Champions at Balboa Park - www.sdhoc.com	
(619) 236-5800	Directory at the Central Library, 820 E. Street, San Diego www.openwi fi spot.com	
(760) 438-5996	Museum of Making Music, 5790 Armada Dr., Carlsbad www.museumofmakingmusic.org	
(619) 409-5900 (800) 468-3533	Chula Vista Nature Center, 1000 Gunpowder Point Dr., Chula Vista www.chulavistanaturecenter.org	
(619) 435-6611	Hotel del Coronado, 1500 Orange Ave., Coronado, www.hoteldel.com	
(858) 534-3474	Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla - <a href="www.aquarium.ucsd.edu">www.aquarium.ucsd.edu</a>	

(619) 557-5450	Cabrillo National Monument, 1800 Cabrillo Memorial Dr.	
((,,,,,,,,,	San Diego - <u>www.nps.gov/cabr</u>	
(619) 283-7319	Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcala, 10818 San Diego Mission Rd. San Diego - <a href="https://www.missionsandiego.com">www.missionsandiego.com</a>	
(619) 220-5422	Old Town San Diego State Historic Park - www.parks.ca.gov	
(619) 233-8792	The New Children's Museum, 200 W. Island Ave. San Diego www.thinkplaycreate.org free admission 2nd Sunday of the month, closed on Wednesday	
(619) 235-4014	Seaport Village, 849 W. Harbor Drive, San Diego www.spvillage.com	
(858) 694-2778	Farmer's Markets of San Diego County <a href="https://www.sdcfb@sdfarmbureau.org">www.sdcfb@sdfarmbureau.org</a> (for listing of days and locations of local markets)	
(858) 273-7800	San Diego Audubon Society for local field trips observing local birds <a href="https://www.sandiegoaudubon.org">www.sandiegoaudubon.org</a>	
www.sdreader.com	The San Diego Reader, free about town weekly paper of local events, news, coupons & ads	
www.sdcitybeat.com	The San Diego City Beat, free about town weekly paper for alternative local lifestyles, events, restaurant review, news	
www.meetup.com	Website to help people with shared interests meet and/or form new clubs in local communities	
www.utsandiego.com	San Diego Union-Tribune, (for community activities click on "entertainment," then choose "calendar")	
(619) 448-5253	ACES: Adaptive Computer Empowerment Services offering \$75 computers for low income and disabled) - <a href="www.adaptive.org">www.adaptive.org</a>	
www.eteamz.com	Website to search for teams/sports in your area	

### **Mental Health Resources**

<u>www.mentalhealth.com</u> Info on mental health issues

www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services

www.bu.edu/cpr Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation at Boston University

www.psych.uic.edu National Research & Training Center on Psychiatric Disability

& Peer Support

www.namisandiego.org National Alliance On Mental Illness (NAMI)

(local and national chapters)

www.sdcounty.ca.gov/hhsa/programs/bhs/ Info on San Diego County Mental Health

Resources

(800) 553-4539 National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse

www.mhselfhelp.org

### **Recovery Oriented Resources**

(858) 274-4650 Recovery Innovations – WRAP Classes

www.mentalhealthrecovery.com

www.copelandcenter.com

www.mentalhealth.org Order a series of 6 books by Mary Ellen Copeland on

Recovery of Your Mental Health

www.bu.edu/cpr Boston University Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation

<u>www.APAHelpCenter.org</u> American Psychological Association

www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/cmhs/communitysupport/toolkits/about.asp

www.samhsa.gov/prevention Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Administration Center for Mental Health Services

<u>www.nimh.nih.gov</u> National Institute of Mental Health

www.recoverymonth.gov National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Month Materials

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