Oxford House 2016 Profile Series

An Evaluation of the NJ Network of Oxford Houses



Oxford House –Providing Time, Support and Confidence for Long-Term Recovery

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About Oxford House, Inc.

Oxford House, Inc. is the Delaware nonprofit, 501(c)(3) corporation that serves as the umbrella organization of the worldwide network of more than 2,100 individual Oxford Houses. Its central office is at 1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 300, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

Oxford HouseTM is a concept and system of operations based on the experience of recovering alcoholics and drug addicts who learned that behavior change is essential to recovery from alcoholism and drug addiction. They also learned that Oxford House provided the living environment that could help them become comfortable enough with abstinent behavior to stay clean and sober without relapse.

The Oxford House Manual[©] is the basic blueprint that provides the organization and structure that permit groups of recovering individuals to successfully live together in a supportive environment. All Oxford Houses are rented ordinary single-family houses in good neighborhoods. There are Oxford Houses for men and Oxford Houses for women but there are no co-ed houses. The average number of residents per house nationally is about 8 with a range per house of 6 to 16.

Oxford Houses work because they: (1) have no time limit for how long a resident can live in an Oxford House, (2) follow a democratic system of operation, (3) utilize self-support to pay all the household expenses, and (4) adhere to the absolute requirement that any resident who returns to using alcohol or drugs must be immediately expelled. Oxford House provides the missing elements needed by most alcoholics and drug addicts to develop behavior to assure total abstinence. It provides the time, peer support and structured living environment necessary for long-term behavior change to take hold.

Individuals living in an Oxford House learn or relearn values, responsible behavior and, slowly but surely, develop long-term behavior to assure comfortable sobriety – forever. Some individuals live in Oxford Houses a few months, others for many years. By using participatory democracy and self-support, alcoholics, drug addicts and those with co-occurring mental illness develop long-term recovery.

After 41 years of steady growth and successful recovery outcomes, Oxford HouseTM is the most cost-effective way to support long-term recovery from alcoholism, drug addiction and co-occurring mental illness. The network of 140 Oxford Houses in 21 of the 23 New Jersey counties confirms its effectiveness and this evaluation should motivate everyone to establish more Oxford Houses in the state.

Oxford House is listed as a best practice on the National Registry of Evidence-based Practices and Procedures. [NREPP] and is singled out as an effective tool for long-term recovery in the November 2016 U.S. Surgeon General's Report on Facing Addiction.

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2016 Oxford House Profile New Jersey Oxford House Fall Survey Results

The resident profile is derived from 393 confidential responses submitted by residents of New Jersey Oxford Houses. The survey was completed by 81% of the residents given it.

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Total Number of Oxford Houses:	140	Total Number of Recovery Beds	1,128
Average cost Per Person Per Week for Rent and Household Expenses [Range \$100 to \$157]	\$140	Rent Per Group Per Month [average]: [Range \$750-\$3200]	\$2,550
Average Age:	32.2 Yrs.	Average length of current sobriety	14.0 mos.
Percent Military Veterans	4%	Average Years of Education	12.5 yrs.
Residents Employed 9/30/2016	87.5%	Average Monthly Earnings:	\$2,216
Percent Addicted To Both Alcohol & Drugs:	68.2%	Percent Addicted Only to Alcohol:	31.8%
Race - White Black Latino Other	85.7% 6.1% 5.3% 2.8%	Marital Status - Never Married Separated Divorced Married Widowed	77.1% 4.6% 11.9% 2.8% 0.8%
Prior Homelessness:	54.4%	Average Time Homeless:	2.2 Mos.
Currently in Drug Court Program	16.5%	Currently on Parole or Probation*	15.1%
Prior Jail:	62.4%	Average Jail Time:	19.1 Mos.
Average AA or NA Meetings Attended Per Week:	4.3 Times	Median Jail Time	6 Mos.
Percent Going To weekly Counseling in addition to AA or NA:	27.6%	Residents Expelled Because of Relapse:	28%
Average Length of Stay In An Oxford House:	11 Mos.	Average Number of Applicants For Each Vacant Bed:	4.0

^{*} There is some overlap between drug court participants and parole and probation but about half of drug court residents did not indicate "parole or probation" and about a third of those indicating "parole or probation" were not current drug court participants.

Oxford Houses In New Jersey

Oxford HouseTM is a concept and system of self-run, self-supported recovery homes. Oxford House, Inc. [OHI] is the nonprofit umbrella organization for all Oxford Houses. Nationally, as Oxford House begins its 42nd year, there are 2,125 individual Oxford Houses with a total of 16,770 beds. While the average number of residents per house is 8, the range of the number of residents per house is 6 to 16. The average number of residents per house for the 140 Oxford Houses in New Jersey is 8.1.

When the 13 halfway house residents started the first Oxford House in Silver Spring, Maryland in 1975, eleven were alcoholics and two were addicted to alcohol and other drugs [primarily heroin]. In the current survey of New Jersey Oxford House residents, 68.2% were addicted to drugs in addition to alcohol and 31.8% were addicted to just alcohol.

In November 2016, 383 residents in about a third the New Jersey Oxford Houses completed a survey questionnaire. The survey asked how many Alcoholics Anonymous [AA] and/or Narcotics Anonymous meetings the resident attended each week. In general, recovering individuals attended a couple of AA or NA meetings a week. However, the average NJ Oxford House resident attends 4.3 meetings a week or over twice as many as the average 12-step meeting member attends even though there is no Oxford House requirement to do so. Table 1 below compares weekly 12-Step meeting attendance among Oxford House residents in NJ with residents in six other states.

Table 1 - Number of Twelve Step Meetings Each Week Among Oxford House Residents in Seven States

	NJ	TN	TX	VA	LA	NC	DE
Number of 12-Step Meeting Attended each week	4.3	4.6	4.5	5.2	4.3	5.2	4.8

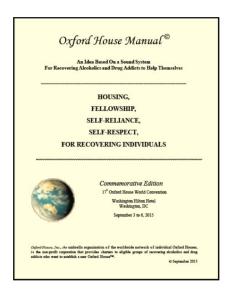
Attendance at 12-Step Meetings [AA/NA] is a good indicator of how seriously an individual is pursuing long-term recovery from alcoholism, drug addiction and co-occurring mental illness. In addition to voluntary attendance at AA and/or NA, 27.6 percent of the respondents also visited a counselor or outpatient treatment program once a week. Both activities are indicative of seriousness in working to change behavior from being actively addicted to behavior conducive for long-term recovery without relapse.

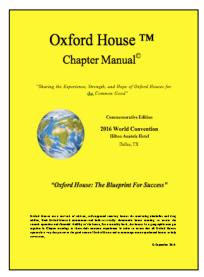
Every individual achieves long-term recovery at a different pace. Few addicts experience a quick transformation. Therefore, one unique benefit about Oxford House living is the fact that there is no time limit on residency. Because all Oxford Houses are established using rented single-family houses it is possible to expand capacity to meet demand that exceeds supply of recovery beds. This fact alone permits residents to live in an Oxford House for as long as they remain clean and sober and pay their equal share of household expenses. The average length of residency is about 12 months but in New Jersey as throughout the country some residents will live in an Oxford House for years.

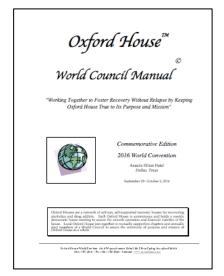
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¹ Alcoholics Anonymous [AA] annually conducts surveys on weekly meeting attendance. The average 12-Step attendee goes to an average of just 2 meeting a week.

Every Oxford House follows a standardized process that is defined in standardized time-tested copyrighted manuals of operation:







Each Oxford HouseTM uses the standardized process of democratic operation and holds a weekly business meeting that follows parliamentary procedures and protects individual rights and responsibilities. In the time-tested process of democratic operations, the recovering individuals live together in an environment identical to a well functioning family and positively influences individual behavior.



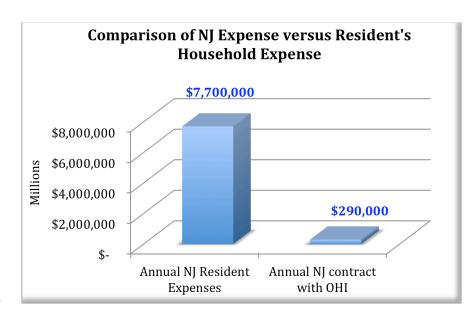
Over its 42-year old history, the "Oxford House Blueprint for Success" pictured above has evolved. The values illustrated in the "Oxford House Blueprint for Success" are basic healthy personal values. In some cases individuals are re-learning basic values they had before

becoming addicted; in other cases they are learning the values for the first time. In all cases, the democratic process and system of operation promotes self-confidence and demonstrates that it is possible to live a productive, happy life without the use of alcohol or illicit drugs.

A story of how Oxford House development began in the State of New Jersey was published in the *Washington Post Magazine* November 12, 1989. [Downloadable at www.oxfordhouse.org by clicking on "*The Oxford House Experiment: Washington Post Magazine*" at the left side of the web homepage]. That article, written by Washington Post writer Peter Carlson, describes the first venture of Oxford House into the State of New Jersey. The resulting partnership between the state and OHI has resulted in the existing statewide network of 140 Oxford Houses. In the last 12 months, more than 2,000 recovering individuals have lived in the New Jersey Oxford Houses. Since the first NJ Oxford House began in 1990, more than 50,000 individuals have lived in the New Jersey Network of Oxford Houses. For most residents, recovery without relapse has become the norm – not the exception. Today, there are Oxford Houses in 21 of the 23 counties within the State of New Jersey.

Oxford House residents themselves support the program with minimal support from the state. During fiscal year 2016, the state's contract with OHI was approximately \$290,000 or \$260 for each Oxford House bed in the State of New Jersey. During the fiscal year, 13 new Oxford Houses were started in the state adding 114 additional beds to the statewide network. At the same time, individuals living in the statewide network of 140 Oxford Houses [1,128 beds] were paying all their own household expenses including utilities and rent.

During 2016, residents paid an average of \$140 a week to live in an Oxford HouseTM. In residents paid total \$7,700,940 to cover the expense of the NJ network of 140 Oxford The New Houses. Jersey Oxford House residents are mastering long-term recovery by living together in an environment proven to support their long-term recovery and paying for it themselves. Few



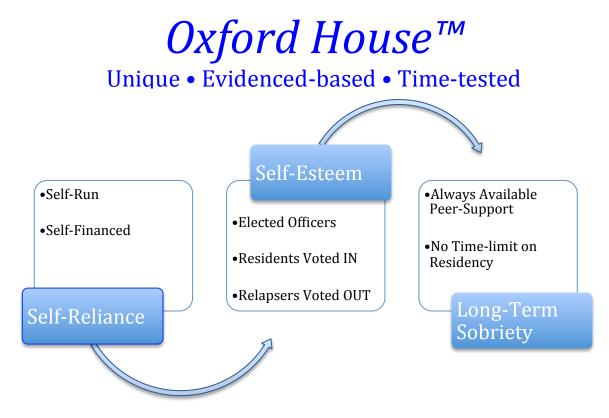
programs are as cost-effective as the establishment of self-run and self-supported Oxford Houses But for living in an Oxford House, most of the residents would have been homeless or in jail. The economic benefit to the state from NJ Oxford House residents is much more because most residents are employed and earn significant income.

On average, the monthly income of NJ Oxford House residents is \$2,216 a month or \$26,592 a

year. The aggregate earnings are about \$29,000,000 adding money to the New Jersey economy and adding about \$4,500,000 in payroll tax [FICA including combined employee and employer share]. An additional economic benefit of the program arises from the fact that each of the 140 Oxford Houses is a rental property. Local real estate taxes are paid and local landlords gain taxable income.

This profile of NJ Oxford Houses does not attempt any cost comparisons with other taxpayer-supported programs in the state. It should be noted, however, that jail time or other incarceration programs tend to cost much more because of staff and paid supervision.²

The reasonable cost for Oxford HouseTM is directly related to the self-run, self-support concept and system of operations. The following diagram illustrates how Oxford House living enhances the process of changing behavior from active addiction to long-term continuous recovery.

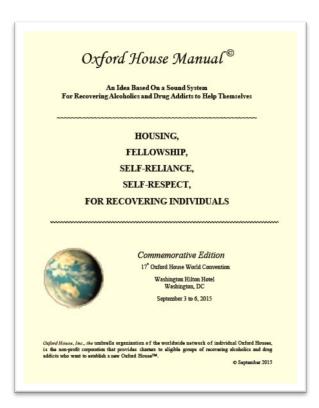


When Oxford HouseTM came to New Jersey more than 25 years ago it did so in an organized and structure way. The partnership between the state and OHI has benefited more than 50,000 individuals and successful long-term recovery has benefitted the state. The concept and system of operation continues year after year. Because the houses are grouped into mutually supportive chapters, individual houses are kept on track with occasional workshops to educate new residents about the system of democratic operation and financial self-support.

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² In June 2012 the New York Times ran a series about private alternatives to incarcerations that had a cost of about \$39,000 per person per year. Oxford House living is a possible and less costly alternative. As noted above, the cost for an Oxford House bed amounted to about \$241 per person per year.

In the last twelve months more than 2,300 individuals lived in the New Jersey Network of 140 Oxford Houses.³ While living in the Oxford Houses they followed a disciplined system of operations as described below. Their behavior followed the practices and precepts of an American community wedded to majoritarian democracy having safeguards to protect individual rights.



The self-run, self-supported nature of Oxford HouseTM is not a haphazard system of operation. It is spelled out in detail in the time-tested Oxford House Manual[©]. Each group must

include at least six individuals of the same gender. Each group must obtain a federal tax identification number and open a checking account

House Officers

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Comptroller
- Chore

for the particular group. Each group must elect five officers needed to implement the standardized, democratic system of operation. Each group must have a weekly business meeting in the house and follow the three conditions of the Oxford House Charter: [1] the democratic system spelled out in the Oxford House Manual[©]; [2] be financially selfsupporting; and [3] immediately expel any resident who returns to using alcohol or illicit

drugs. Most houses also join together to form a chapter of six to twelve individual houses. The chapter provides a mechanism for houses to help each other to stay on track and to plan social events and workshops to better learn about recovery and the good times that can be had without using alcohol or illicit drugs.

The network of 140 Oxford Houses in New Jersey has fifteen chapters and the officers from various houses in the particular chapter meet once a month. Each chapter elects officers to carry out the processes and procedures set forth in the Oxford House Chapter Manual. Once a year, the state chapters sponsor a statewide workshop or convention to review the nuts and bolts of the self-run, self-supported principles underlying the Oxford House concept, evaluate the where new houses are needed and to broaden contacts among all New Jersey Oxford House residents and alumni.

About 18% [65 of 383 competing the survey] of New Jersey Oxford House residents are active

³ Nationally in the last 12 months over 35,000 have lived in the network more than 2,100 Oxford Houses throughout the country.

⁴ There are Oxford Houses for men; women; or men or women with children. There are no co-ed houses because such experiments with co-ed houses have shown that such homes tend to develop small subgroups that interfere with the sense of community that helps same gender houses succeed.

in a drug court program. Their presiding judge told them to apply to an Oxford House. If they were not accepted at the first house they applied to, they were expected to apply to another Oxford House in the area. Most eventually got accepted into an Oxford House. Most stayed clean and sober and successfully satisfied the conditions of their drug court participation. If they relapse they are expelled from the Oxford House, the drug court is notified and it takes whatever additional steps and sanctions required. Following an expulsion from an Oxford House many got back on track, applied to another house, got accepted and did well. All residents who do not relapse, including drug court participants, successfully master the behavior change needed to assure long-term recovery without relapse.

General Characteristics and Views of NJ Oxford House Residents

Alcoholism, drug addiction and co-occurring mental illness are egalitarian diseases but each produces abnormal behavior as illustrated below.

Jail Time

About two-thirds [63%] of the surveyed NJ Oxford House residents [238 of 383] have done jail time averaging 1.6 years [576 days] with a range of time from 1 day to 30 years. The median length of time is 356 days – a little less than a year. As shown in Table 2 this is a little lower percentage than those living in Oxford Houses in other states, but not statistically significant.

Table 2 – Prior Incarceration Among Oxford House Residents in Seven States

NJ TN TX VA LA NC I

	NJ	TN	TX	VA	LA	NC	DE
% With Jail Time	62.4%	86.6%	83.0%	78.5%	90.2%	78.5%	69.7%
Average Length	19.2 Mos.	15.9 Mos.	13.7 Mos.	23.0 Mos.	16.0 Mos.	23.0 Mos.	12.5 Mos.
Median	6.0 Mos.	5.5 Mos.	2.0 Mos.	12.0 Mos.	4.0 Mos.	12.0 Mos.	8.0 Mos.

Around 15% [58] of NJ Oxford House residents surveyed are on probation or parole. For those on probation or parole, the relationship of supervision is solely between the individual and his or her parole/probation office, but if the individual is expelled from the house or moves it is incumbent on the house officers to notify the appropriate authority. There is some overlap between those on parole and probation and those currently in drug court programs [65] but 30 of the drug court participants did not indicate parole or probation beyond drug court participation.

Age, Education, and Race

In each of the New Jersey Oxford Houses, the egalitarian nature of alcoholism, drug addiction and co-occurring mental illness helps form a common bond that molds the residents into a unified household despite other differences.⁵ For example, educational attainment among New Jersey Oxford House residents ranges from 4 years to 21 years [average: 12.48 years; median: 12]. The average age among NJ residents is 32.2 years but ranges from age 18 to age 71 with a median age of 29. Income among the residents in the survey averaged \$2,216 per month [median \$2,000] with a range of \$300 to \$5,400 per month. Some have characterized Oxford

⁵ Nationally there were 2,109 Oxford Houses as of December 5, 2016 having a total of 16,657 beds. All residents of Oxford Houses have similar characteristics to those among NJ Oxford House residents. All are tied together with the common bond of past addiction and the standardized Oxford House system of operations.

Houses residents as a mixture of "has-beens" and "never-weres" based on their backgrounds and characteristics. However, the resident's common background of addiction and the common goal of long-term recovery meld their educational and economic differences into creating a unified community. As Table 3 shows this egalitarian nature of addiction by comparing age, race, and educational attainment. Notice the similarity among residents irrespective of location.

Table 3 - Age, Race and Educational Level Among Oxford House Residents in Seven States

	NJ	TN	TX	VA	LA	NC	DE
Average Age [Years]	32.2	36.6	36.4	41.5	36.7	44.4	38.7
White	85.7%	89.7%	79.0%	74.6%	89.6%	65.7%	75.2%
Black	6.1%	9.5%	7.0%	19.5%	7.1%	30.6%	21.6%
Other	8.1%	.7%	14.0%	4.3%	3.3%	3.7%	3.3%
Average Educational							
Attainment [Years]	12.5	12.6	13.3	13.3	12.6	12.9	12.4

The egalitarian nature of addiction is probably one of the reasons that Oxford House during its 42 years of existence has never had a racial problem. The common experience of addiction coupled with the common goal of achieving long-term recovery is a powerful reinforcement of the concept that all men or women are equal. In each state, the ages range from 18 years old to those in their seventies. The average age of the NJ Oxford House residents is lower than in other states [average 32.2 years; median 29.0 years]. The age difference is significant when compared to Virginia, North Carolina and Delaware but not significantly different from the average age of residents in Tennessee, Texas or Louisiana.

Texas, Virginia and North Carolina have a slightly higher level of education attainment in part because college towns in those states tend to have significant clusters of Oxford Houses. Likewise house location has an impact on racial composition of the houses. For example, according to US Census New Jersey has a Black population of 14% but the percentage of Blacks living in NJ Oxford Houses is only 6.1%. This is, in part, because of the location of Oxford Houses. Greater effort will be made to develop houses in Newark, Trenton and other areas with a greater concentration of Black residents. The network of NJ Oxford Houses already works closely with Integrity House [36 of the 383 participants in this survey came to Oxford Houses from Integrity House facilities]. By working more closely with Integrity House a greater number of Oxford Houses can be established in areas of Northern New Jersey that will better serve recovering individuals.

Marital Status

Table 4 - Marital Status Among Oxford House Residents in Seven States

	NJ	TN	TX	VA	LA	NC	DE
Never Married	77.1%	54.8%	60%	58.2%	53.2%	50.9%	58.2%
Divorced	11.9%	28.1%	27%	25.9%	31.9%	29.2%	27.5%
Separated	4.6%	9.6%	8%	10.5%	9.1%	13.4%	9.8%
Married	2.8%	2.9%	5%	4.1%	5.6%	4.1%	3.3%
Widowed	0.1%	4.4%	0%	1.3%	1.5%	1.3%	1.3%

Last Formal Treatment Facility No.					
Advanced Health & Education	28				
Alina Lodge	1				
Ambrosia	5				
Angel Hope	2				
APR	1				
ATSI	3				
Behavioral Health	3				
Bergen Regional	6				
Caron Foundation	3				
Carrier Clinic	3				
Crawford	6				
Cura	4				
Damon House	1				
Destination Hope	1				
Discovery House	10				
Drug Court	1				
Eva's Recovery Village	4				
Endeavor	26				
Enlightened Solutions	6				
First Step	1				
Footprints to Recovery	2				
Hampton Hospital	2				
Hanson House	10				
Humble Beginnings	3				
Integrity House	36				
Jail/Prison	6				
John Brooks	9				
Kintoc 3	1				
Lakeland	2				
Liberation Way	1				
Lighthouse	9				
Malvern Willow Grove	2				
Market St Mission	1				
Maryville	11				
Mrs. Wilson's Halfway House	1				
New Hope	42				
Park Bench	5				
Phillip House	3				
Princeton House	4				
Rescue Mission	4				
Road to Recovery	1				
Salvation Army	9				
Seabrook	15				
	15 5				
Spring House	5 4				
Straight and Narrow	4 7				
Summit Oaks Hosp	8				
Sunrise Turning Point	8 14				
Turning Point TOTAL	332				
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In all states, most Oxford House residents have never been married. The percentage of unmarried individuals in NJ Oxford Houses is significantly higher than in the other six states in part because of a younger average and median age. "Treatment" for alcoholism, drug addiction and co-occurring mental illness usually involves four distinct phases: [1] intervention (taking the steps needed to convince the addicted individual to begin the treatment process), [2] physical detoxification (forced deprivation of alcohol or other drugs while the body physically withdraws from the effects of the alcohol or drugs), [3] focused treatment (education about the nature of the diseases and motivation to change behavior), and [4] behavior change to encourage long-term recovery without relapse.

The first two phases of treatment are pretty well defined. Intervention can be triggered by family members, employers, drug courts, union leaders or licensing organizations – lawyers, doctors, etc. and successful when the addict is persuade to enter the next phase – physical detoxification. Detoxification usually takes place in a setting where access to alcohol or addictive drugs is denied. Whether alcohol or another addictive drug, the physical detoxification of the body takes place within a week. However, the desire to use stays in the mind for a much longer period of time. That is where focused treatment is needed to motivate the individuals to develop the behavior change needed to assure long-term recovery without relapse. The list at the left shows the residential treatment facilities that many of the NJ Oxford House residents used prior to moving into an Oxford House. Most Oxford House residents have been through residential treatment several times. [See table 5]

The recycling of individuals through focused treatment is a poor use of treatment resources. The Treatment Episode Data Set [TEDS] complied by the Federal government is published annually and shows various characteristics of those who are in treatment for addiction to alcohol and other drugs. Looking at the 1.7 million individuals per year getting residential treatment, several things stand out. First, considering that there are more than 25 million Americans needing treatment for alcoholism and drug addiction, the total receiving such treatment represents about 7% of those needing treatment getting it. Second, of those in treatment, over 60% have had

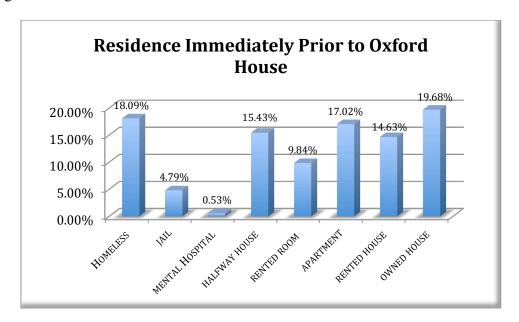
⁶ Center for Behavioral Statistics and Quality, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, Treatment Episode Data Set [TEDS]. Data received through January 23, 2015. Table 2.5.

prior treatment but because of relapse they are again in treatment. More discouraging is the fact that 14% of those in treatment have been through treatment five or more prior times. Third, a fact often overlooked is that the behavior change is essential for long-term recovery and that the length of time it takes to develop comfortable behavior change differs among any group of individuals. Oxford Houses provide that length of time because their low operational cost and easy replication removes the pressure to limit length of residency.

Table 5 – Prior Treatment Episodes Among Oxford House Residents in Four States

Prior Residential Treatment Episodes	NJ	TX	VA	NC
One time	28.2%	23.9%	16.1%	18.2%
Twice	22.3%	18.8%	24.2%	20.0%
Three to Five Times	36.3%	31.9%	41.9%	44.1%
Six to Ten Times	12.8%	13.8%	12.9%	10.9%
More than Ten	1.2%	11.6%	4.8%	6.3%

Another way to look at the resident profile is to examine where the individual residents lived immediately prior to moving into an Oxford House. The November survey showed the following:



Notice that about half [48.3%] were living in a marginal environment [homeless, jail, mental hospital, halfway house or rented room] immediately prior to moving into an Oxford House. For that group of NJ Oxford House residents it can be safely assumed that almost all would have returned to addictive living – with likely relapse – but for living in an Oxford House.

Conclusion

The network of Oxford Houses in New Jersey is effectively serving many individuals to master long-term recovery without relapse. However, every house vacancy continues to attract an average of nearly 4 applicants showing that bed supply continues to lag behind demand. New

Jersey with its 140 Oxford House and its 9 million population has one Oxford House for every 63,000 population. Delaware, on the other hand, with its 74 Oxford House has one Oxford House for every 12,000 population. Vacancy demand and general population suggest the need for more Oxford Houses in New Jersey continues to be great.

Moreover, the difference between minority populations in NJ Oxford Houses compared to the percentage of minorities in the overall New Jersey population suggests that greater outreach into minority communities is also needed. Both growth in the overall number of Oxford Houses and greater outreach into minority communities can be obtained if the state chooses to pay for more outreach workers. Each outreach worker costs about \$80,000 a year, which covers salary, fringe benefits, taxes and expenses. Experience has shown that an outreach worker can effectively create three new Oxford Houses a year and monitor thirty or more houses. The outreach worker is also the principle educator for drug court and treatment provider personnel. Such outreach helps change treatment protocol to move closer to the desirable goal of recovery without relapse.

This evaluation does not take into account the historic legal work done by Oxford House, Inc. in New Jersey to overcome the NIMBY [not-in-my-backyard] problem. Twenty-five years ago when Oxford House came to the state nearly every house it established became a target for litigation. Fortunately, the 1988 Amendments to the Federal Fair Housing Act added those with a handicap as a class protected from discrimination. Today, as the result of numerous federal court cases, localities must make a reasonable accommodation in local zoning laws to permit groups of recovering individual to live together in good neighborhoods. Even state laws have been changed to reflect the civil rights recovering individuals have to live together in an environment supportive of long-term recovery.

New Oxford Houses tend to continue year after year. For example, Oxford House – Clementon [pictured on the following page] is a house for eight men started April 1, 1991 in Clementon, New Jersey. Every day for more than 25 years the house has served as a tool for men recovering from alcoholism, drug addiction and co-occurring mental illness to help each other learn behavior conducive to long-term recovery without relapse. Since its beginning Oxford House – Clementon has served more than 420 individuals. Based on studies of various Oxford House outcomes, it can be safely predicted that about 80% of those residents [336] stayed clean.⁷

Oxford House – Hilltop is an Oxford House for nine men and it was established June 1, 1990. It has served 491 men since it started. These two houses are singled out to remind the reader that Oxford Houses become permanent tools for combating addiction and promoting long-term recovery. Once established, most Oxford Houses continue year after year. Note that 97% of existing residents would recommend living in an Oxford House because they found it to be a significant factor in their own recovery. [See full listing of New Jersey Oxford Houses at the end of this evaluation.]

⁷ See <u>The need for substance abuse after-care: Longitudinal analysis of Oxford House</u> which is a 2007 article in the Journal of Addictive Behaviors reporting a study done by DePaul University following 897 residents in 219 Oxford Houses across the nation for 24 months. At three month intervals the residents were interviewed in 4 waves. At the final wave 4, only 13.5% of participants reported using either alcohol or drugs, and of those who had left the OH, only 18.5% indicated using any substances. Other studies by DePaul have found similar outcomes.



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Oxford House - Hilltop 108 Hilltop Court Cherry Hill, NJ 08003-1708 9 Men • Established June 1990

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Oxford House - Ocean 4703 Atlantic Ave Atlantic City, NJ 08401-5604 609-449-8701 7 / M Oxford House since Oct '95

Oxford House - Vassar 50-52 Vassar Road Audubon, NJ 08106-1108 856-546-1750 10 / W Oxford House since Jun '01

Oxford House - Artie Scott 28 Memorial Dr. Barnaget, NJ 08005 732.600.7346 8 / WC Oxford House since Aug '15

Oxford House - Grand Central 178 Grand Central Parkway Bayville, NJ 08721 848-224-4357 9 / M Oxford House since Apr '15

Oxford House - Lookout 452 Compass Avenue Beachwood, NJ 08722-4120 732-998-8100 8 / M Oxford House since Jan '05 Oxford House - 13th Ave 408 13th Ave Belmar, NJ 07719-2432 848-404-9808 10 / M Oxford House since Nov '13

Oxford House - 11th Ave 214 11th Ave. Belmar, NJ 07719-2404 732-556-0566 8 / W Oxford House since Nov '13

Oxford House - Melrose Avenue 1002 Melrose Ave Blackwood, NJ 08012 856-362-0510 8 / M Oxford House since Mar '15

Oxford House - Hazelwood 68 Hazelwood Road Bloomfield, NJ 07003-5137 973-707-5996 8 / M Oxford House since Sep '04

Oxford House - Bradley Beach 601 Ocean Park Avenue Bradley Beach, NJ 07720-1424 732-774-0705 9 / M Oxford House since Apr '01

Oxford House - Fletcher Lake 404 Newark Ave Bradley Beach, NJ 07720-1537 732-775-0094 6 / M Oxford House since Oct '12

Oxford House - Kenbury 12 Kenbury Road Branchburg, NJ 08876 908-255-4632 12 / M Oxford House since May '16

Oxford House - Brick 127 Hollywood Court Brick, NJ 08723-3315 732-600-7346 8 / M Oxford House since Oct '03

Oxford House - Madison Court 307 Madison Court Brick, NJ 08724-1611 732-458-3593 7 / W Oxford House since Mar '05 Oxford House - Rockefeller Park 747 Lynnwood Ave Brick, NJ 08723-5352 732-262-1466 8 / M Oxford House since Jun '05

Oxford House - 5th Avenue 704 Maple Avenue Brick, NJ 08724-1553 732-600-7346 7 / M Oxford House since Feb '07

Oxford House - Texas Drive 287 Texas Drive Brick, NJ 08721 848-241-5506 8 / W Oxford House since Jun '16

Oxford House - Westside 241 Conover St Burlington, NJ 08016-1306 609-239-8699 7 / M Oxford House since Aug '00

Oxford House - East Broad St. 230 E. Broad Street Burlington, NJ 08016-1606 609-239-3011 8 / M Oxford House since May '09

Oxford House - Isaac Collins 201 East Broad Street Burlington, NJ 08016 609-733-3764 10 / M Oxford House since Nov '15

Oxford House - Hilltop 108 Hilltop Court Cherry Hill, NJ 08003-1708 856-751-3837 9 / M Oxford House since Jun '90

Oxford House - Point of Woods 1805 Kresson Rd Cherry Hill, NJ 08003-2519 856-433-8158 10 / M Oxford House since Sep '05

Oxford House - Dudley 318 State St Cherry Hill, NJ 08002-2356 856-356-2664 7 / WC Oxford House since Jun '12 Oxford House - Merion 201 Merion Ave Cherry Hill, NJ 08003-3619 856-888-1967 8 / W Oxford House since Aug '13

Oxford House - Doral 421 Doral Dr. Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 856-888-2555 9 / M Oxford House since Oct '14

Oxford House - Clementon 58 Blackwood-Clementon Hwy Clementon, NJ 08021-3853 856-784-7813 8 / M Oxford House since Apr '91

Oxford House - Haddon 549 Haddon Ave Collingswood, NJ 08108-1446 856-854-0508 9 / M Oxford House since Jul '13

Oxford House - Prospect Avenue 329 Prospect Ave. Dunellen, NJ 08812 732-529-5898 7 / M Oxford House since Mar '15

Oxford House - Parsons 20 Parsons Road E. Brunswick, NJ 08816 732-210-2328 8 / W Oxford House since Aug '15

Oxford House - East Brunswick 7 Buck Road East Brunswick, NJ 08816-3903 732-353-6463 7 / M Oxford House since Apr '02

Oxford House - Milltown Road 255 Milltown Road East Brunswick, NJ 08816-2254 732-353-6623 7 / M Oxford House since Mar '06

Oxford House - East Rutherford 231 Hackensack Street East Rutherford, NJ 07073-2001 201-933-2862 8 / M Oxford House since Jan '05

Oxford House - Union Creek

511 Buffalo Ave

Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215-2022

856-619-6323

Oxford House since Nov '13

Oxford House - Patcong Creek 312 Poplar Ave

Egg Harbor Twp, NJ 08234-8300

609-365-8049

10 / M

Oxford House since Jan '11

Oxford House - Norwood

763 Norwood Ave. Elberon, NJ 07740

732-443-4418 8 / M

Oxford House since Nov '14

Oxford House - Tennent Ave

7 Tennent Ave

Englishtown, NJ 07726-1515

732-446-1904

7 / M Oxford House since May '13

Oxford House - Harrison

26 Tennent Ave

Englishtown, NJ 07726

732-524-8524

7 / WC Oxford House since Jul '14

Oxford House - Crows Mill

550 Crows Mill Road

Fords, NJ 08863

732-881-5188

9 / M

Oxford House since Apr '16

Oxford House - Forked River

546 Brentwood Road

Forked River , NJ 08731-1519 609-756-0785

7 / M

Oxford House since Oct '07

Oxford House - Freehold

64 Bowne Avenue Freehold, NJ 07728-1658

732-409-9951

8 / M

Oxford House since Jan '03

Oxford House - Spring Street

31 Spring Street

Freehold, NJ 07728-1843

732-462-7270

7 / M Oxford House since Oct '05 Oxford House - Monument

15 Monument Street Freehold, NJ 07728-1720

732-333-0415 12 / M

Oxford House since Jul '10

Oxford House - Medford Blvd

102 Medford Blvd

Freehold, NJ 07728-3341

732-409-7000

8 / WC Oxford House since Mar '13

Oxford House - Highlands

296 Route 36 Highland, NJ 07732

732-872-4633

9 / WC

Oxford House since Aug '14

Oxford House - Dorer

268 Dorer Ave

Hillside, NJ 07205

862-231-6496

7 / M

Oxford House since Mar '15

Oxford House - Howell

18 Laurel Court

Howell, NJ 07731-1748 732-276-5454

7 / M

Oxford House since Jan '03

Oxford House - Southport

20 Hampton Road

Howell, NJ 07731-1810

732-364-6760 7/M

Oxford House since Mar '07

Oxford House - Manhattan Street

39 Manhattan Street

Jackson, NJ 08527

848-373-9177

7 / M

Oxford House since Jan '16

Oxford House - Palisade

137 Palisade Ave Jersey City, NJ 07306

201-659-1923

8 / M Oxford House since Jul '14

Oxford House - Big Red

117 Port Monmouth Road Keansburg, NJ 07734

732-600-7346

9 / W

Oxford House since Dec '16

Oxford House - Carr Avenue

60 Francis PI

Keansburg, NJ 07734

732-600-7346

Oxford House since Jan '17

Oxford House - Kendall Park

45 Donald Avenue

Kendall Park, NJ 08824-1733

732-297-5970

7 / W Oxford House since Oct '04

Oxford House - Lakewood

8 Henry Street

Lakewood, NJ 08701-4707

732-367-5028

8 / M

Oxford House since Aug '02

Oxford House - Hearthstone

854 Hearthstone Drive

Lakewood, NJ 08701-5511 (732) 534-7105

8/M

Oxford House since Jun '04

Oxford House - Clairmont

847 Hearthstone Drive

Lakewood, NJ 08701-5515 848-245-0386

8 / M

Oxford House since Mar '07

Oxford House - Hillridge

6 Hillridge Place

Lakewood, NJ 08701 848-245-9616

7 / W

Oxford House since Jun '13

Oxford House - Elm Avenue

230 E. Elm Avenue

Lindenwold, NJ 08021-2215 856-782-1214

8 / M Oxford House since Aug '95

Oxford House - Hiddenway

221 W. Linden Avenue

Lindenwold, NJ 08021-3238 856-258-6321

Oxford House since Sep '93

Oxford House - Linwood

1937 Shore Road Linwood, NJ 08221-2141

609-365-2052 7 / W

Oxford House since Jun '10

Oxford House - Belhaven

1532 Shore Rd. Linwood, NJ 08221

609-365-8834

6 / M Oxford House since Dec '16

Oxford House - Waters Edge

34 Waters Edge Drive Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087-2080

732-644-0495

7 / M

Oxford House since Mar '09

Oxford House - Dougie

37 Irving Ave

Livingston, NJ 07039 973-486-6169

8 / W

Oxford House since Oct '15

Oxford House - Loch Arbor

7 Evergreen Pl

Loch Arbour, NJ 07711-1215

732-531-1294

8 / M Oxford House since Dec '02

Oxford House - Myrtle 250 Corabelle Ave

Lodi, NJ 07644

862-247-8063 6 / W

Oxford House since Nov '12

Oxford House - Cardinal Court

52 Liberty St

Long Branch, NJ 07740-7131 732-600-7346

7 / W Oxford House since Aug '05

Oxford House - Long Branch 338 East Warburton Place

Long Branch, NJ 07740-6923 848-888-3150

7 / M Oxford House since Dec '09

Oxford House - Van Court 767 Van Court Avenue

Long Branch, NJ 07740 732-759-8071

7 / W Oxford House since Dec '14

Oxford House - Lockwood 909 Van Court Ave

Long Branch, NJ 07740 732-443-4123

8 / WC Oxford House since Sep '15

Oxford House - Evesham 207 NE Atlantic Avenue Magnolia, NJ 08049-1203 856-258-4465 8 / M

Oxford House since Sep '02

Oxford House - Anchor Ave 56 Anchor Ave Manahawkin, NJ 08050 609-549-3500 6 / M Oxford House since May '13

Oxford House - Matawan 7 Johnson Avenue Matawan, NJ 07747-2509 732-583-1416 8 / M Oxford House since Aug '02

Oxford House - Woodbrook 25 Woodbrook Drive Matawan, NJ 07747 732-970-3259 7 / M Oxford House since Feb '06

Oxford House - Montclair II 21 Irving Street Montclair, NJ 07042-4523 973-746-4294 9 / M Oxford House since Nov '03

Oxford House - Moorestown 629 E. Main Street Moorestown, NJ 08057-3009 856-780-5918 7 / W Oxford House since Mar '10

Oxford House - Morristown 16 Jardine Road Morristown, NJ 07960-4222 862-242-8394 7 / M Oxford House since Aug '05

34 Garden ST Mount Holly, NJ 08060-1840 (609) 667-7146 7 / W Oxford House since Dec '13

Oxford House - Garden Street

Oxford House - Lexington Ct 29 Lexington Court Mount Laurel, NJ 08054 856-638-5268 8 / M Oxford House since Aug '12 Oxford House - Mountainside 1000 Springfield Avenue Mountainside, NJ 07092-2905 908-233-1313 8 / M Oxford House since May '14

Oxford House - Love Lane 140 Main Street Netcong, NJ 07857 973-527-4459 11 / M Oxford House since Jul '14

Oxford House - Hub City 6 Juliet Street New Brunswick, NJ 08901 848-459-9706 11 / M Oxford House since Feb '17

Oxford House - Lake Street 915 Lake St. Newark, NJ 07104 973-484-4359 7 / M Oxford House since Nov '14

Oxford House - Stuart Street 11 Madison Street Newton, NJ 07860 973-940-0497 6 / M Oxford House since Jan '15

Oxford House - Diller Avenue 34 Diller Ave Newton, NJ 07860 848-459-9708 8 / W Oxford House since Jan '17

Oxford House - Greenbrook Park 31 Myrtle Ave North Plainfield, NJ 07060 848-459-9708 12 / M Oxford House since Jun '16

Oxford House - Woodlynne 108 Evergreen Avenue Oaklyn, NJ 08107-2216 856-962-8415 7 / M Oxford House since Mar '03

Oxford House - Bayside 1600 West Avenue Ocean City, NJ 08226-3053 609-398-9099 6 / M Oxford House since Mar '93 Oxford House - The Gardens 929 Central Avenue Ocean City, NJ 08226-3538 609-398-4011 12 / M Oxford House since Jun '91

Oxford House - Wesley 816 Wesley Ave Ocean City, NJ 08226-3623 609-938-4796 11 / W Oxford House since Jul '12

Oxford House - Route 527 1643 Englishtown Road Old Bridge, NJ 08857 732-251-1307 8 / M Oxford House since May '06

Oxford House - Billings Avenue 26 E Wood St Paulsboro, NJ 08066 856-599-0094 7 / M Oxford House since May '06

Oxford House - Plainfield 947 Prospect Ave Plainfield, NJ 07061 908-205-0354 8 / M Oxford House since Dec '15

Oxford House - Arnold Ave 318 Arnold Ave Point Pleasant, NJ 08742 848-232-2642 7 / M Oxford House since Dec '14

Oxford House - Langford 38 Raritan Avenue Port Reading, NJ 07064-1906 732-218-8527 8 / M Oxford House since Oct '06

31 Carnegie Dr Princeton, NJ 08540-4023 609-688-0099 8 / M Oxford House since Apr '02

Oxford House - Kingston

Oxford House - Carnegie 68 Erdman Ave Princeton, NJ 08540-3908 609-924-2911 9 / M Oxford House since Nov '03 Oxford House - Millbrook 186 Millbrook Ave Randolph, NJ 07869-1405 862-397-3622 8 / M Oxford House since Nov '13

Oxford House - Tigger 127 Hubbard Ave Red Bank, NJ 07701-5534 732-842-0872 12 / M Oxford House since Dec '13

Oxford House - South Ward 61 South Ward Ave Rumson, NJ 07760-2030 732-747-1470 9 / M Oxford House since Aug '13

Oxford House - Jarvis 1480 Jarvis Road Sicklerville, NJ 08081-9745 856-545-7924 8 / M Oxford House since Jan '12

Oxford House - Meadowbrook Circ 61 E Meadowbrook Circle Sicklerville, NJ 08081-1671 856-302-1119 9 / M Oxford House since Mar '14

Oxford House - Somers Point 532 Shore Road Somers Point, NJ 08244-2447 609-365-8072 6 / M Oxford House since Jul '11

Oxford House - Thompson Avenue 17 Lehigh Ave Somers Point, NJ 08244-1410 609-365-8087 6 / W Oxford House since Apr '13

Oxford House - South River 99 Jeffries Ave South River, NJ 08882 732-930-9736 8 / W Oxford House since Sep '16

Oxford House - Galway Place 11 Galway Place Teaneck, NJ 07666-3607 201-530-7279 8 / WC Oxford House since Oct '12

Oxford House - Johnson Ave

160 Johnson Ave Teaneck, NJ 07666-4216 201-530-5390 10 / W

Oxford House since Sep '14

Oxford House - Dickinson Avenue Oxford House - Victorian

495 Madison Avenue Toms River, NJ 08753 732-240-4450 8 / W

Oxford House since Nov '15

106 S Frankfort Ave Ventnor city, NJ 08406 609-541-2526

Oxford House since Sep '93

Oxford House since Aug '04

Oxford House - Cedar Broadway

Oxford House - West Orange

West Orange, NJ 07052-1304

1393 Pleasant Valley Way

Oxford House - South Toms River Oxford House - Rutgers Place

51 Lakeview Dr. Toms River, NJ 08757-5114

732-930-9736 6 / M

Oxford House since Mar '04

10 Rutgers Place Trenton, NJ 08618 609-337-7172 10 / M

367 Marine Street

732-600-7346

29 S. Weymouth

609-541-3207

7 / M

6 / M

Oxford House since Apr '15

Oxford House - Marine Street

Tuckerton, NJ 08087-2534

Oxford House since Oct '13

Oxford House - Ventnor

Ventnor, NJ 08406-2451

Oxford House - Cornwall

15 S Cornwall Ave Ventnor City, NJ 08406-2716 609-541-2251

12 / M

Oxford House since Jan '13

Westville, NJ 08093-1409

8 / M

856-349-2796 6 / W

10 Cedar Avenue

973-243-7233

Oxford House since Feb '05

Oxford House - West Ridge

24 West Ridge Road Toms River, NJ 08755-4933 732-281-8204 8 / M

Oxford House since Apr '05

Oxford House - Bayshore

2905 Shore Drive Villas, NJ 08251 609) 408-4499 12 / M

Oxford House since Sep '13

Oxford House - Bradford 1 Meadowbrook PI

Willingboro, NJ 08046-2105 609-877-1299

7 / M

Oxford House since Dec '01

Oxford House - Disney

21 Disney Drive Toms River, NJ 08755-4911 732-228-7456 8 / WC

Oxford House since May '05

Oxford House - Vineland

1435 North Maple Avenue Vineland NJ 08360-3391 856-839-2128 9 / M

Oxford House since Dec '06

Oxford House - Parish Lane 16 Parish Lane Willingboro, NJ 08026

609-526-2071 8 / M

Oxford House since Jul '15

Oxford House - Bay Lea

896 Indian Hill Rd Toms River, NJ 08753-4358 732-503-4237 8 / WC Oxford House since Jul '06

Oxford House - Winchester

Oxford House since Feb '99

308-310 Hampshire Drive Ventnor, NJ 08406-1020 609-823-4919 8 / W Oxford House since Nov '04 Oxford House - Nylund

1773 Magnolia Road Vineland, NJ 08361-6579 856-405-6124 8 / M Oxford House since Apr '11 Oxford House - Woodbury

25 Aberdeen Place Woodbury, NJ 08096 856-845-8698 7 / M

Oxford House since Jan '99

Oxford House - Claire Drive

25 Tilton Ave Toms River, NJ 08757 848-525-5697 7 / M Oxford House since Mar '07 Oxford House - Suffolk 105 S. Suffolk Avenue

Ventnor, NJ 08406-2851 609-428-7555 12 / M Oxford House since Nov '09 Oxford House - Mt. Vernon

520 N West Blvd Vineland, NJ 08360 Oxford House since Jan '17

Oxford House - Fischer Blvd

523 Fischer Blvd Toms River, NJ 08753-6271 732-608-6657 6 / M Oxford House since Dec '12 Oxford House - Frankfort

109 S Frankfort Ave Ventnor, NJ 08406-2938 609-350-7278 8 / M Oxford House since Jul '12 Oxford House - Stratford

62 Dunhill Dr Voorhees, NJ 08043-2508 856-229-7791 7 / M Oxford House since Jan '94

Oxford House - Astoria 848 Astoria Dr

Toms River, NJ 08753-4443 732-998-8296 12 / M Oxford House since Oct '13

Oxford House - Trov 6209 Ventnor Ave

Ventnor, NJ 08406-2651 609-246-7648 9 / W Oxford House since Jun '12 Oxford House - Sears

20 Sears Place Wayne, NJ 07470-2611 973-720-1900 10 / M Oxford House since Mar '14

Oxford House - Pine Fork

20 Pine Fork Dr. Toms River, NJ 08755 848-224-4368 7 / M Oxford House since Apr '15 Oxford House - Melbourne

124 N Lafayette Ave Ventnor, NJ 08406-1907 609-428-6813 7 / W Oxford House since Nov '12 Oxford House - Melody Lane

41 1st Avenue West Deptford, NJ 08051-1628 856-464-6722 7 / WC Oxford House since Apr '12

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- 1. Oxford House has as its primary goal the provision of housing for the alcoholic and drug addict who wants to stay clean and sober.
- 2. All Oxford Houses are run on a democratic basis. Our officers serve continuous periods of no longer than six months.
- 3. No Member of an Oxford House is ever asked to leave without cause -- drinking, drug use, or disruptive behavior.
- 4. Oxford House members realize that active participation in AA and/or NA offers assurance of continued sobriety.
- 5. Each Oxford House should be autonomous except in matters affecting other houses or Oxford House, Inc. as a whole.
- 6. Each Oxford House should be financially self-supporting.
- 7. Oxford House should remain forever non-professional.
- 8. Propagation of the Oxford House, Inc. concept should always be conceived as public education.
- 9. Members who leave an Oxford House in good standing should become associate members

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