

MHA Village Guiding Principles

WE BELIEVE...

1. *Hope makes recovery possible; it facilitates healing of the mind, body and spirit.*
2. *Welcoming people includes creating a culture of acceptance with easily accessible integrated supports and services.*
3. *Focusing on the whole person includes their strengths and weakness, abilities and barriers, wounds and gifts.*
4. *Each person creates their path and determines the pace of their recovery.*
5. *The recovery process is a collaborative journey in support of individuals pursuing their life goals.*
6. *Relationships are developed through mutual respect and reciprocity, including openness to genuine emotional connections.*
7. *A solid foundation for recovery is built by helping people to honestly and responsibly deal with their mental illness, substance abuse and emotional difficulties.*
8. *People thrive, grow and gain the courage to seek change in respectful environments that promote self responsibility.*
9. *The practical work of recovery takes place in the community.*
10. *Each person has the right to fair and just treatment in their community ensured through advocacy and social responsibility.*
11. *Everyone deserves the opportunity to have a place to call home.*
12. *Promoting natural supports, having fun and a sense of belonging enhances quality of life.*
13. *Employment and education are powerful means to help people build lives beyond their illness.*
14. *Program success is based on achieving quality of life and recovery outcomes.*