

November 16, 2021

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Dear Dr. Friedman:

Thank you for submitting the completed OMHSAS Trauma-Awareness Self-Audit form for the Warwick House Residential Treatment Facility. The self-audit form has been reviewed by OMHSAS clinical consultants, who have determined that Warwick House has met the standards for a TRAUMA-AWARE Residential Treatment Facility (TARTF) designation by the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

This designation signifies that Warwick House recognizes the need for ongoing assessment, planning and implementation of trauma-informed care principles and activities.

Among the activities that Warwick House has completed or is completing are the following:

- 1) Initiating an organizational trauma-informed care (TIC) initiative and conducting an initial formal self-assessment to determine TIC strengths and weaknesses.
- 2) Recognizing current trauma-related needs, with plans for implementing training and changes in multiple areas relevant to the provision of TIC.
- 3) Implementing plans and/or achieving goals in the areas related to the following trauma-informed practices:
 - building a commitment to trauma-informed care into the mission and/or strategic goals of the organization.
 - ensuring that all RTF leaders are trained in trauma-awareness;
 - developing treatment plans that are individualized, safe and developmentally appropriate
 - engaging family and youth in the treatment planning, intervention and discharge-planning processes;

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OMHSAS is aware that some residential treatment facilities are also making significant progress towards becoming trauma-sensitive and trauma-informed. We will be sharing information about the plan for OMHSAS-certified RTFs to become designated at higher levels on the TIPA/DHS TIC Continuum sometime in 2022.

We appreciate your participation in the trauma-informed care designation process. We look forward to collaborating in the future, and we invite you to reach out to us for technical assistance and support if needed, as we work together to create a trauma-informed system of care for children, youth and young adults in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

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Donald D. Hindmarsh
Human Services Program Representative