



Empowerment Initiatives Multnomah County Brokerage '09-'10

What is Empowerment Initiatives' Brokerage Program?

Empowerment Initiatives (EI) Inc. is an independent organization run *by* people with mental health issues *for* people with mental health issues. EI is about to start our fifth Multnomah County Brokerage! It will run from October 2009 through September 2010. We will be able to work with 25 individuals this plan year. Individuals will work with a resource broker to create a "person-directed plan." This plan will help you set goals for yourself in many areas of your life. You will have a "personal spending account" available to help you make purchases that will assist you to achieve these goals. Your resource broker will work with you during the plan year to help you with implementing your plan, making purchases, and accessing various community resources to help you achieve your goals. We believe that life goal planning and access to resources to implement your plan is invaluable for mental health stability, growth, and recovery.

Am I eligible? How do I apply?

This packet contains the materials needed to apply. To be eligible you must be receiving services through an agency funded by Multnomah County Mental Health and meet other selection criteria. You should have received this packet from your case worker or counselor. Your caseworker or counselor needs to fill out the "Participant Selection Criteria" form. You need to fill out the "Application to be a Customer" form and the "Release of Information" form.

Additionally, please include a copy of your medical card with your application. EI needs to verify that you have Verity using your Medical Card Recipient number.

We now accept applications on an on-going basis. We enroll customers from October through February annually.

Our Mission Statement: Empowerment Initiatives Inc. is a catalyst providing individuals, who experience mental health issues opportunities for choice and development of personal goals, using the four principles of self-determination: freedom, authority, responsibility, and support.

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APPLICATION TO BE A CUSTOMER

To be filled out by potential customer

The Empowerment Initiatives Inc. Brokerage Program would like you to take a few minutes to describe your interest in being a customer. This will help us decide if what you want and need matches our capacity to help.

While we encourage **everyone's** full recovery and self-determination, we unfortunately can not promise you that by filling out this application you can be a customer. Selection for the EI Brokerage will be subject to considerations of customer needs, goals, and matching brokerage resources. **Also, a case manager and/or counselor who has qualified you based on certain participant selection criteria.**

You have a right to see our **Participant Selection Criteria**. If you request to see our Participant Selection Criteria and if you have exceptional circumstances that you feel should be considered in the event your application is pending approval or not accepted, you have a right to request an interview with a representative of the EI selection committee. Your application will then be reviewed with consideration given to the information provided during your interview.

Customer Appeal Process

EI Inc. has an internal process available for appeal if a customer desires to pursue an acceptance after a denial that is not based on the participant selection criteria. Please inquire from the EI Selection Committee if you want to pursue this option.

Your name _____ Date of

Birth _____

Address:

Phone number: _____ Medical Card Recipient

Who referred you _____

Describe psychiatric disability or most recent psychiatric diagnosis:

Where do you get your mental health services? (Name of organization)

1. Please list a few goals and dreams that you have for your life.

2. Who is in your life right now that you think would support these goals and dreams? And what is your relationship to these people?

3. What kinds of other supports do you feel you will need in order to reach your goals? (For example: tutoring, job coaching, counseling, medical attention, self-help and recovery groups, etc.)

4. Please give a few ideas of how you might spend your personal planning money.

5. How do you believe that the life planning services and personal planning money available through our program will help you in terms of your recovery, healing, growth, and/or stability?

**Please mail or return THIS APPLICATION and attached
Release
of Information to:**

EI Inc. Brokerage Selection Committee

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