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Memorandum

Re: Recovery Residence Discharge

To: Aurora Police Department

From: Colorado Agency for Recovery Residences

This memorandum is being provided by the Colorado Agency for Recovery Residences (CARR) to inform the Aurora Police Department of recent updates to Colorado law and CARR policy concerning discharge of a resident from a recovery residence, also known as a sober living facility or sober home.

A recovery residence is any place that provides housing accommodation for individuals with a substance use disorder. Recovery residences in Colorado are regulated by the Behavioral Health Administration and overseen and certified by CARR. Current text of the law regulating recovery residences can be found at [C.R.S. § 27-80-129](#).

Recovery residences are not required to follow eviction procedures in discharging a resident from a recovery residence, in certain instances, as follows:

- A recovery residence may discharge a resident immediately if a resident is found in possession of alcohol, nonprescription drugs, or illicit drugs at the residence.
- A recovery residence may discharge a resident with 24 hours' notice if (1) the discharge is necessary for the safety of the resident or because the residence is unable to meet the needs of the resident; or (2) the resident has relapsed.

If the resident refuses to accept the discharge, this would constitute a violation of contract between client and recovery residence. If a client refuses to leave, they may be considered a trespasser. The recovery residence may seek assistance from law enforcement to remove a client that has been discharged and refuses to vacate the premises.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Rourke Weaver, executive director for CARR at: 720-729-9395 or rourke@carrcolorado.org.