



Front Desk

Hours of Operation: MWF 10:00 am-2:00 pm



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Summary

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Below is a draft of the contents of a binder we are creating for the Puerto Seguro Front Desk. We are constructing it so that if someone were to fill in for Miss Jane, they could handle the front desk with as little stress as possible. The binder includes a list of opening/closing procedures, a list of forms and what situation calls for each form, how to properly file/organize forms, how to interact with clients, and a compilation of master forms.

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Chain of Command

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FRONT DESK PROCEDURES

Opening Routine

- During the summer when the evaporative cooler is on, open the window so the door will close
- Get out the Client Notebook and, if you are authorized, unlock the file cabinet
- Date a clean sign-in sheet and make sure New Client Forms are available
- **DO NOT** unlock the door until 10:00 am and core volunteers are here
- STAY AT THE DESK EVEN WHEN NOT BUSY unless you arrange for other volunteer to watch the desk
- **KEEP IT PROFESSIONAL**; when it is not busy, keep your feet off the desk

CLIENT INTAKE

ALL CLIENTS

- When a client arrives at PSI ask "How can I help you?"
 - Remember that we are here to serve the community
- After that ask "Have you been here before?"
- When a client arrives, have him or her **PRINT** his or her name and check-in time on the sign-in sheet located on the desk
- Check if client has existing or inactive file, if not the new client will need a client
 file created. Have them fill out and sign the PSSH Intake Form, Salvation Army
 Form, the PSSH Rules, and the Code of Conduct Form. See New Clients below
 to help complete client form.
- Have the client indicate his or her needs (clothes, shower, food, etc) on the sign-in sheet
 - This is important to have consistency for grants
- Record the client information in the Client Notebook
- Explain to the client the limits of service for his or her needs
 - The limits are \$200 in utilities, \$200 in rent, 1 load of laundry, 1 short shower, and 2 walmart bags of clothing



- If authorized, pull the client's chart from the filing cabinet when the director needs it. Counseling and financial aid are recorded when given. Pulled charts can be temporarily stored in the desk drawer. Return the charts before closing
- When client is ready to leave, thank him or her for visiting PSSH

NEW CLIENTS

- If a new client arrives who has never been to PSI before, have him/her fill out the New Client Form with personal information
- The client should also fill out the Salvation Army form and rules form. Assist them if they need it
- Create a new sheet and record the client visit into the Client Notebook
- If authorized, create a file folder with the client's full name written on the tab, and file it in the filing cabinet
- The three forms (Client Intake, Salvation Army, Rules) should go in this file, as well as any other client personal papers

OTHER DUTIES

- Distributes new client mail to the name on the address
- Re-alphabetize the files during slow spans of time
- Clean and organize the front desk and front room to present and professional work environment

Closing Routine

- VERY IMPORTANT: Record Daily totals in Tally Book
- Put the Client Notebook in the desk drawer
- Lock the windows and pull the curtains
- Return all client folders and lock the file cabinet
- Make sure we have sign-in sheets for the next day

DO NOT LEAVE THE BUILDING UNTIL 2:00 pm

File Procedure

Client Files Contain:

• Copy of the ID (f possible)



- Signed Code of Conduct
 - Used to enforce rules and regulations for clients
- History (if possible)
 - o Income
 - Occupation
 - Vehicle
 - Insurance
 - Address
- Intake Forms

Used to hold clients accountable and better assist their needs.

- Salvation Army*
 - For **Utilities** assistance
- PSSH Rules*
 - **■** For Accountability
- PSSH Intake Form*
 - For Background and identification of needs

File Procedures

Copying blank files:

- Make copies when blank forms are running low
- Copies can be made with the master forms found at the end of this binder
- Please return the master forms to binder when finished

Pulling/refiling files:

- Pull files when needed for reference
- Refile the files back into place after you are done with the file
- Very old files (2+ years if inactivity) are set aside with other old files and marked as "Inactive"

Editing documents:

- If a client has not been in for a while, his/her information may need to be updated. Please have the client fill out a **NEW Intake Form** with their current information.
- Hope does most of the edits to client files when clients have meetings with her.

^{*} Please refer to **Master Forms Section**



Phone and Mail

Phone Calls

- Phone calls must be
 - o 5 minutes maximum
 - Monitored by someone at the front desk
- The front desk person may
 - o Take messages for Hope, Shay, and Richard
 - Take messages for clients if it is a doctor's appointment, dentist appointment, call from disability, social security, or a potential job.
- The Front desk person may not
 - Take personal messages for clients.

Mail

- Clients can use Puerto Seguro as an address for disability payments, employment communication, medical information, social security, and other resources.
- The address is a secure location to send mail and can provide a residence address if clients don't have one.
- The PO box is 1433 Socorro NM, 87801 and is the only used address
- Mail is only given to the person to whom it is addressed
- **Do not** give mail to a significant other, relative, or friend of the addressee

Volunteers

Application

To apply to be a volunteer the **Volunteer Application & Policies Form** must be filled out and given to Hope. The potential volunteer will then be interviewed by Hope.

Code of Conduct

Volunteers are held to the same Code of Conduct as the clients. Please refer to the **Volunteer Application & Policies Form** with any questions or concerns. If the document does not answer these questions please ask someone in the chain of command.



REFERENCE MATERIALS

Rules

NO Alcohol

NO Drugs

NO Profanity

NO Weapons

NO Soliciting

NO Animals

NO Fighting

NO Smoking in the building

Code of Conduct

Respect Everyone

Clients and volunteers must be treated with respect. There will be no judgement passed on our clients. You are not aware of their situation. You must also respect and abide to all rules set by supervisors. Failure to do this will result in removal from property. Please treat others as you want to be treated!

Prioritize Safety

Your safety comes first. We prioritize the safety of children and the elderly. Safety also includes whether or not you feel safe. If you encounter a problem with another individual let a supervisor know. Do not deal with the problem alone. You are not allowed to ask a someone to leave.

Zero-Tolerance Approach

All clients and volunteers must be sober and civil while on premises. The usage of drugs and alcohol while on premises is forbidden. Failure to do this will result in removal from property.

Any removal of donations without documentation will be considered theft. Please ask supervisors before taking any donations.



This code is enforced by the authority of the executive director and the board of directors. If you have any questions about this code, please ask.

Safety

ADA Compliance and Fire Safety

- Keep all doorways, halls, and ramps clear.
- Make regular checks to insure that the building in within Fire and ADA Compliance.
 - When needed, ask people to not congregate in doorways, halls, or ramps.

ADA Compliance: https://www.ada.gov/2010 regs.htm

City of Socorro Fire Department: https://www.socorronm.gov/city-services/fire-department/

Weather Conditions

Open the doors before 10:00 a.m. only if:

• The outside temperature is **below 40°** F or **above 107°** F

Banned Person List

The front desk maintains a list of individuals that are banned from the property. This list includes the individual's name, start and end date of the ban, and reason for the ban.

A blank copy of the banned person list can be found at the end of this document in the Master Forms Section of this binder.

Sex Offenders

The Front Desk is aware of sex offenders in the area. These clients are monitored and kept away from children. Their status will remain confidential and they are treated with the same respect as any other client.

Intoxication

There is zero tolerance for disruptive intoxication. Refer to the **Rules Section** for more information.

Home Visits

Home visits are conducted by Shay, Hope, or Richard when the front desk observes an extended absence of a regular client. Make sure to inform one of the three if you notice an absence of 2 weeks or more.



Privacy

Please remember that all client information is confidential. **Refer to Code of Conduct section** for more information

Resources

Haircuts

Free haircuts are provided on location all day every 3rd Wednesday of the month and in the morning on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Please have clients sign up for the haircut waiting list before the event. The Haircut Waiting list form can be found in the **Master Forms Section** of this binder.

Needle Exchange

Clients may have used needles they need to dispose of. The needle exchange allows clients to exchange their dirty needles for clean ones. This is to reduce the chances of bloodborne disease. Most of the used needles come from diabetic clients. Needle exchange is handled by Alianza of New Mexico, and they come on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday** of each month.

Job Search and Unemployment

Hope assists with this but the front desk gets the clients started.

Online Job Search: https://www.dws.state.nm.us/

- 1. Job Seeker
- 2. Workforce connection
- 3. Find a job
 - Workforce Solutions
 - All workforce solutions are handled by Hope

Housing

Hope handles referrals to section eight housing:

Section eight housing is federally subsidized housing based on a sliding scale relative to income.

This service can allow clients to find housing they can afford even if they have very little money.

Three apartments in Socorro are:

- Cibola
- Los Pueblos

Loma Vista

Heating and Cooling Instructions and Chain of Command

Heating/Cooling Instructions

Heat control Procedures

- The heater is used October-March
- The main controls are located on the East wall in the Dining room next to the serving window
- The Thermostat is set between **68F** and **70F**, to prevent pipes from freezing
- LEAVE THE THERMOSTAT CONTROLS ALONE, there is no need to adjust controls during winter season
- Room heaters are used for the Clothing Boutique and Intake rooms
- Contact PSSH Facilities Manager with any issues. They will contact Facilities Management at NM Tech for any repairs.

Air Conditioner Procedures

- Cooling is used March-October
- PSSH has 4 swamp coolers
 - #1 Intake/Pantry
 - a. Controls are located on the west side of the intake room
 - b. Leave the cooler on LOW-COOL most of the time
 - #2&3 Kitchen (has 2 coolers)
 - a. Controls are located on the south kitchen wall above the metal open storage racks
 - b. The kitchen window is to be opened at the beginning of the shift and closed at the end of shift.
 - c. The back door may be opened if it becomes too hot in kitchen. Be sure the stove burners stay lit while door is open.



- #4 Dining/Reception
 - a. Controls are located in Dining room on South wall
 - b. Leave it on HIGH-COOL
 - c. Open the window next to the dryers at the beginning of the shift and close it at the end of the shift.
- Refer to the chain of command if any problems arise with the heating and cooling systems

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Master Forms

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Client sign-in Form (Excel)

Banned persons list

Client Intake Form

Salvation Army Intake Form

Rules Form

Code of Conduct Form

Haircut Sign Up

Volunteer Application & Policies



Banned Person List

Name	Start Date	End Date	Reason



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Safe Harbor, INC.

Day Shelter for the Homeless or Disadvantaged of Socorro County 519 Old US Hwy 85 / P. O. Box 1433 / Socorro, NM 87801 Phone: (575) 835-2895 / Email: director.psisafeharbor@gmail.com

Rules

NO Alconol	
NO Drugs	
NO Profanity	
NO Weapons	
NO Soliciting	
NO Animals	
NO Fighting	
NO Smoking in the building	
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Code of Conduct

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Date:	Name(Printed):	
Signature:_		



Puerto Seguro Safe Harbor

Sign up Sheet

519 Hwy 85 South, Box 1433

575-832-2895

Jeff's Barber Shop Haircuts

Socorro, NM

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Volunteer Application and Policies

All volunteers must read these policies fully and follow them. All volunteers must fill out this volunteer paperwork, even if they only work one time. Volunteers <u>must</u> sign in and sign out every time they begin and end their shift.

What to Expect

Puerto Seguro Safe Harbor is daytime homeless shelter (meaning no overnight shelter). However, we do not require clients to be homeless to use our facilities, and welcome those from all walks of life to use our resources in their time of need. We always need volunteers during our standard business hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am to 2 pm, and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm.

We always have plenty of donated clothes and toys we're trying to give away, and usually plenty of food. We also sometimes carry books, kitchenware, and other items. One of the main jobs for volunteers is to make sure that clients can find what they need, and that they understand it's free. We sort out the best donations and display them prominently, and recycle broken or spoiled items. We need many volunteers to help sort clothes, food, and other larger donations.

Volunteers may be selected to do the following:

- **Daily Opening Routine:** Bring in new donations left on the doorstep; make coffee; sweep the floors; stock the bathrooms; unpack the fridges; start a load of laundry (mostly towels).
- **Helping in the Kitchen:** Help plan meals, prep meals, serve meals, count meals, do dishes, and clean the kitchen.
- **Daily Closing Routine:** Pack the food into the fridges; make sure the sinks are dry and faucets turned off; secure the doors and windows; turn off the lights/heaters/coolers.
- **Maintaining the Front Desk:** Regular volunteers can be trained to maintain the front desk, answer the phone, sign in visitors, and update files.
- **Picking up Donations:** If you have a car, we have some regularly scheduled pickups of donated food that you may help with (including one from Belen), or we can list your phone



number and call for special pickups. If you have a pickup truck and are willing to use it, please let us know!



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Clients and other volunteers must be treated with respect. There will be no judgement passed on a client. You are not aware of their situation. You must also respect and abide to all rules set by supervisors. Never raise your voice to any client or volunteer. Failure to do this will result in removal from property. Please treat others as you want to be treated!

2. Prioritize Safety

The safety of you and clients come first. We prioritize the safety of children and the elderly. Safety also includes whether or not a client feels safe. Be welcoming and accommodating. Remember: if a client does not feel safe at the shelter, they will no longer use shelter resources. This is why it is very important that we build a safe space here. If you encounter a problem with another individual let a supervisor know. **Do not deal with the problem alone.** You are not allowed to ask a client to leave.

3. Zero-Tolerance Approach

All volunteers and clients must be sober and civil while on the premises. The usage of drugs and alcohol while on the premises is forbidden. Verbal and physical aggression is pro. Failure to do this will result in removal from property.

4. Maintain Confidentiality

Volunteers should not discuss clients outside of the shelter. Most clients do not want others knowing they are using the services. Please respect their privacy and keep all discussion of clients within the shelter

5. Communication Is Key

It is important to maintain clear and professional communication while volunteering with us.

Please let us know if you have a question or the slightest doubt in an action. It is better

to ask multiple times than to assume incorrectly. Please also arrive in a timely manner
to work, and communicate with us if something comes up and you cannot make it in for a
shift.

Volunteer as a Client

If a volunteer is also a client of the shelter, volunteers must stick to the same guidelines as clients. There are **no exceptions**. Volunteers will receive the same amount of clothing and food from intake as clients.



All Volunteers must show a staff member what they are taking home, and write it down in the "outgoing" section of the intake notebook. Nothing leaves the building without being written down, or it will be considered theft.

Distributing Donations

Clients may ask for specific small items. If an item is available, give it to them. Larger items such as tents and sleeping bags <u>require approval from a supervisor</u>. Items such as dish soap, laundry soap, bleach, toilet paper, coffee, razors, and socks are items that are not donated frequently and <u>require approval from a supervisor</u>. Any other small item should be given to whoever asks for it.

<u>Ask</u> the clients if they need a specific item! Sometimes people need things but are tired of constantly asking for help.

Break Time Policy

- Please wait 2 hours minimum before taking a 30 minute break. This is to minimize number of people on break at the same time.
- Be alert and diligent while you are volunteering.
- Keep phone usage to a minimum.
- There will be absolutely **NO** TV watching while you are on shift.
- If you need to step out immediately, let a supervisor know before leaving.



Personal Information

Name:		Phone #:		
Last	First	MI		
Home Address:			DOB:	
Employer:		Work Phone:		
Occupation:				
In Case of Emergency	Contact:Name		Phone #	
	Name		Phone #	
Education Level Comp	leted:			
Degree (if applicable):_				
Specify any Medical/Pl	nysical Conditions: _			
Volunteer Availa	bility			
Time Available:	□Mornings	□Afternoons		
Days Available	□Mon □Wed	□Sat		
How many hours can v	ou devote to a volunt	eer assignment each we	-k?	



Determining Eligibility

1	reference (not relatives):	
Name	Address	City
Phone #		
2. Name	Address	City
Phone #		
	onvicted of any criminal offense other than	the following:
	violation fine of \$500.00 or less; settled in juvenile court or under welfare yo	uth offender law?
	[f yes, please explain:	
Do you consent to PS Federal Requirements □Yes □No	I Safe Harbor performing or arranging a bace?	ckground check in accordance with
Agreement and	Signature	
that I have read the information is found	application, I affirm that the facts set for Code of Conduct and will abide to its rull to be false and/or inaccurate, or if I vice immediate dismissal and loss of any	ales of respect. If for any reason this plate the Code of Conduct, I
Signature		Date



Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement Form

Name (please print):		
Last	First	MI
By signing this confidentiality agreer PSI Safe Harbor is strictly confidential hold in confidence related information	al. I hereby agree to respect the	privacy of these clients and
I also agree to abide by the standards Procedures on Confidentiality of the	·	
Volunteer Signature		Date
Supervisor Signature	Date	