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If the resident(s) in need are interested in ongoing services, there are options for signing up with several versions of case management, depending on what services they are willing to accept and are most relevant. Linkage to housing services may be included in these case management programs, though won't be the main focus.

1. Berkeley Mental Health has an intake team (CAT) that can interface with a resident seeking mental health services, and can provide info/referrals as well as intake/assessment for BMH services. Their phone number is 510-981-5244.
2. Aging Services has a small case management unit that can work with older adults 55+ who reside in Berkeley and who have needs for linkages to services. Their team message line is 510-981-5180.
3. Lifelong Medical Care has case management available to their patients who qualify and are interested. The resident would need to be a patient of Lifelong first and be interested in and ask for those services. Residents can call Lifelong at 510-204-4100 for patient services.
4. Bay Area Community Services (BACS) is an agency provides housing case management to the members of our community in the highest need.
5. If there is a medical emergency, it's still best to contact EMS through emergency dispatch (911).
6. If there's a mental health emergency or the resident appears to need a mental health evaluation, you can contact the Mobile Crisis Team quickly through emergency dispatch (911) or via phone message at 510-981-5254. If the resident is a danger to themselves/others or gravely disabled due to a mental health condition, a mental health evaluation could result in a 5150 and transport to a mental health receiving facility until the resident stabilizes. State law also authorizes law enforcement (police) to perform a 5150 assessment and hold.

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The main reasons being Health, Safety and overall comfort of other residents and the entire YMCA Residence and its staff as a whole.

The reason I am trying to connect city of Berkeley services and Village of Love is so hopefully these two gentlemen will get the help that they need.

Joey, please let me know when we can schedule a call to discuss any idea/plan you may have. Also, let us know of any questions you may have as well. I am just hoping that if enough minds come together on this a quick decision can be made, even if it is not permanent.

Thank You All!

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Ms. Vasquez,

How are you today? I am hoping you can lead me in the right direction.

When Covid hit us all, as you know, we here at the YMCA decided to provide low income housing to the housing unstable population in Berkeley and Bay Area. Working through not just through you at the city we partnered with a few social service agencies to provide housing. We were hoping we could provide some stability to individuals who were transitioning to housing stability. Transitioning was the key word and "housing unstable" was the next key word/phrase. We heavily expressed this to the social services we were working with.

Unfortunately we have had some residents placed at the YMCA that in addition to being housing unstable, a major factor in the reason they are housing unstable is due to the fact they are mentally unstable. We are not trained or equipped to provide assistance to these residents. I was wondering if you knew if there is a program or some other sort of assistance we can refer these residents to? We definitely have 3-4 residents that would benefit from Board and Care, not just board.

Thank You and I hope to hear from you. Have a great day.

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