



# Cochran Recovery Services, Inc.

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### **Cochran Group Residential Housing Closing Its Doors**

HASTINGS – Cochran Group Residential Housing will be closing its doors before the end of 2017, ending an eight year program that has been dedicated to helping homeless men readmit to Minnesota Communities as they received life skills to help them secure employment and permanent housing.

“Since 2010, Cochran Group Residential Housing has provided a safe, sober living environment while offering assistance and tools to help adult homeless men achieve independence,” said Richard Terzick, Executive Director of Cochran Recovery Services. “We are closing our homeless shelter because it is no longer financially sustainable,” said Mr. Terzick.

After two years of discussions between Cochran Recovery Services and Dakota County, which resulted in no additional county funding, the CRS board, the Executive Director and the House Coordinator have made the decision to terminate their contract with Dakota County and close their Cochran Group Residential House in early December of this year.

“The Cochran House is an excellent place to begin to start your life over and to get high quality services from a staff that cares about each individual and about the community we all share,” said Kenny Johnson, the Housing Coordinator. “Cochran Recovery Services has provided services over and above to our clients in the Cochran Group Residential House beyond what was required by our Dakota County contract,” said Mr. Terzick. “Over the past eight years, we have helped hundreds of homeless men obtain employment, training and education along with a place to call their home...the decision to close the doors of this needed and valued program was not easy or painless,” agreed Mr. Johnson and Mr. Terzick.

The Cochran Group Residential House will close on December 1, 2017.