



# **Annual Report on Voluntary Accreditation of Recovery Housing Data**

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# Executive Summary

House Bill (H.B.) 299, 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, added Health and Safety Code (HSC) Chapter 469, which requires the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to create a voluntary accreditation process for recovery housing. HB 299 directs HHSC to adopt minimum standards for accreditation as a recovery house consistent with the quality standards established by the National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) and the Oxford House Incorporated (OHI). HHSC may only approve the NARR and the OHI as accrediting organizations that develop, administer, and certify a voluntary accreditation program.

Section 469.0051 requires HHSC to prepare an annual report on:

- The total number of accredited recovery houses;
- The number of recovery houses accredited during the preceding year;
- Any issues concerning the accreditation or reaccreditation process;
- The number of accredited recovery houses that had, and an accreditation revoked during the preceding year; and
- The reasons for the revocation.

HHSC collected the information presented in this report from the accrediting organizations, NARR and OHI, for fiscal year 2024. The report includes information on recovery houses that are accredited.

In fiscal year 2024, 43 recovery houses were accredited, and no revocations occurred. HHSC received a reported concern regarding the cost of the accreditation or reaccreditation process.

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<sup>1</sup> [Health and Safety Code §469.005](#)

## Background

A recovery house is a shared living environment that promotes sustained recovery from substance use disorders by integrating residents into the surrounding community and providing a setting that connects residents to supportive services, promoting sustained recovery from substance use disorders, is centered on peer support, and is free from alcohol and drug use.<sup>2</sup>

H.B. 299 created a voluntary accreditation process for recovery houses and authorized HHSC to adopt minimum standards for accreditation. Those minimum standards, require recovery homes seeking voluntary accreditation to meet the accreditation standards of HHSC-approved accrediting organizations.<sup>3</sup> On August 18, 2024, HHSC adopted rules related to recovery housing minimum standards established by NARR and OHI for accreditation as a recovery house<sup>4</sup>:

- Recovery Residence Quality Standards published by NARR<sup>5</sup> on November 19, 2018; and
- Oxford House Manual published in September 2017<sup>6</sup>.

## Accreditation Process

Undergoing the accreditation or charter process is voluntary. Although a recovery house can operate in Texas without receiving accreditation or charter status, at least one is required to receive funding from the state.

NARR designates state affiliate organizations responsible for accrediting recovery houses. The Texas affiliate for NARR is the Texas Recovery Oriented Housing Network (TROHN). TROHN<sup>7</sup> uses a certification process to determine if a recovery house meets NARR standards. NARR's certification process requires a recovery house to pay a fee when applying for initial certification and when applying for recertification, which occurs every two years.

OHI is a best practice recovery housing model, recognized by the Substance Abuse

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<sup>2</sup> [HSC §469.001.](#)

<sup>3</sup> [HSC §469.002.](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Texas Administrative Code §571.11.](#)

<sup>5</sup> <https://narronline.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/NARR-Standard-3.0.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <https://oxfordhouse.org/doc/BasicManual2019.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> <https://trohn.org/certification/>

and Mental Health Services Administration. OHI recovery houses are self-run, self-supported, and alcohol and drug-free. OHI uses a charter process, to certify that the recovery house meets national standards outlined in their operation manual.

## **Revocation of Accreditation**

If an accredited recovery house violates any requirements outlined in the Health and Safety Code Chapter 469 or Chapter 571 of the Texas Administrative Code (Title 26), the affiliated accrediting organization may suspend the accreditation for a period not to exceed six months while the accrediting organization conducts an audit of the recovery house.<sup>8</sup>

The accrediting organization may implement a corrective action plan or revoke the recovery house's accreditation after completing the audit and determining that a recovery house has violated accreditation standards.

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<sup>8</sup> [Health and Safety Code §469.008](#)

## Data

TROHN has accredited a total of 81 recovery houses. In fiscal year 2024, 23 of those residences became newly accredited through the voluntary accreditation process. OHI chartered a total of 326 houses. In fiscal year 2024, 20 of those residences were newly chartered.

Both organizations reported that no houses had their accreditation or charter revoked. TROHN reported one issue, specifically that voluntary accreditation is a financial burden to recovery housing providers.

The Recovery Housing Accreditation Data table below outlines the data collected from the NARR Texas affiliate TROHN and OHI in fiscal year 2024.

**Table 1. Recovery Housing Accreditation Data**

	<b>TROHN</b>	<b>OHI</b>
<b>Total Number of Accredited Recovery Houses</b>	81	326
<b>Total Number of New Accredited Recovery Houses Between September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024</b>	23	20
<b>Total Number Revocations</b>	0	0
<b>Reasons for Revocation</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Reported Issues Concerning the Accreditation Process</b>	Financial barriers surrounding the cost of obtaining accreditation.	None

## Conclusion

Recovery housing offers a supportive, shared, living environment founded on peer support and connection to community services that promote a person's active participation in their recovery. HHSC adopted by reference the standards set forth by NARR (TROHN) and OHI as the minimum standards recovery houses must adhere to for accreditation.

In state fiscal year 2024, OHI and TROHN accredited a total of 43 new recovery houses. In addition, there were no revoked accreditations of both new and existing accredited recovery houses.

The single issue concerning accreditation is the financial barriers associated with the cost of accreditation. HHSC continues to monitor reported accreditation concerns to ensure the accreditation process remains accessible to recovery houses seeking to meet and operate at the highest standards that are nationally recognized best practices.

# List of Acronyms

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Full Name</b>
HHSC	Health and Human Services Commission
HSC	Health and Safety Code
NARR	National Alliance for Recovery Residences
OHI	Oxford House Incorporated
TROHN	Texas Recovery Oriented Housing Network, the Texas affiliate of NARR