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A Local Law in relation to establishing clubhouses for individuals with serious mental illness

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Clubhouses for individuals with serious mental illness. a. Definitions. For purposes of this local law, the following terms have the following meanings:

Clubhouse. The term “clubhouse” means a community-based facility designed to support individuals with serious mental illness in a non-residential setting that provides wraparound services and opportunities for social connection for such individuals, including group activities and programming, job readiness skills and transitional employment opportunities, educational opportunities, and peer support, and that connects such individuals to medical and mental health providers.

Serious mental illness. The term “serious mental illness” means one or more mental, behavioral, or emotional conditions that significantly impair an individual’s ability to function in daily life, including, but not limited to, schizophrenia; mood disorders, such as bipolar or major depressive disorder; anxiety disorders; or post-traumatic stress disorder.

b. Establishment. The mayor shall establish and maintain at least 5 new clubhouses, all of which shall be operational no later than December 1, 2025. On or before such date, the mayor shall conspicuously post on the website of any mayoral agency that provides or coordinates mental health services, including, but not limited, to the department of health and mental hygiene and mayor’s office of community mental health, a list

of the clubhouse locations established pursuant to this local law.

c. Reports. Every 6 months after the effective date of this local law, and until all new clubhouses required by subdivision b of this section are operational, the mayor shall submit a progress report to the speaker of the council regarding the establishment of such clubhouses. No later than December 1, 2026, the mayor shall submit a report to the speaker of the council that includes the cost of operating such clubhouses, an analysis of the impact and effectiveness of such clubhouses, and any other information or recommendations the mayor deems relevant.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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