

**SCHENECTADY COUNTY HOMELESS SERVICES PLANNING BOARD
CODE OF ETHICS**

Definition: Ethics – The principles of conduct governing an individual or group.
 Ethical – Confirming to accepted professional standards of conduct.

As a member of the Schenectady County Homeless Services Planning Board (HSPB) I agree to adhere to the following code of ethics. I will:

1. Serve with honesty and integrity.
2. Adhere to the spirit as well as the letter of the by-laws, decisions and applicable policies and procedures.
3. Foster cultural diversity and treat all people with dignity and respect.
4. Seek to understand one another's perspectives and opinions.
5. Actively encourage everyone to embrace and practice ethical principles.
6. Believe in the dignity and worth of people and provide services for the welfare of all.
7. Take responsibility for the work and the smooth operation of the HSPB.
8. Respect and support the decisions of the HSPB.
9. Maintain appropriate confidentiality.
10. Maintain loyalty to the HSPB and contribute to its positive image in the community.
11. Respect the rights, views and actions of all.
12. Listen, ask questions, communicate respectfully and directly and take the time to communicate.
13. Uphold the trust of those who elected or appointed me and those whom we serve.
14. Disclose conflicts, actual or perceived conflicts of interest.
15. Perform my responsibilities competently and seek training, knowledge and assistance as needed.

Member Name (Printed)

Member Signature

Date: _____

Approved June 19, 2014