

Appendix E: Glossary

Homeless: In order to be considered homeless for the purposes of this RFP, an individual must meet one of the following criteria:

(1) be an un-domiciled person (whether alone or as a member of a family) who is unable to secure permanent and stable housing without special assistance. This includes those who are inappropriately housed in an institutional facility and can safely live in the community and those who are at risk of homelessness;

(2) be a youth or young adult who left foster care within the prior five years and who was in foster care at or over age 16, and who is without permanent and stable housing;

(3) be an adult or young adult reentering the community from incarceration or juvenile justice placement, who was released or discharged, and who is without permanent and stable housing; or

(4) be a young adult between the ages of 18 and 25 years of age without a permanent residence, including those aging out of a residential school for individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability.

Integrated Setting: Integrated settings are those that provide individuals with disabilities opportunities to live, work, and receive services in the greater community, like individuals without disabilities. Integrated settings are located in mainstream society; offer access to community activities and opportunities at times, frequencies and with persons of an individual's choosing; afford individuals choice in their daily life activities; and, provide individuals with disabilities the opportunity to interact with non-disabled persons to the fullest extent possible.

Permanent Supportive Housing: Non-time-limited affordable housing located in newly developed apartment settings, combined with wrap-around supportive services for people experiencing homelessness, as well as other disabilities or life challenges. Services are individualized and driven by family members' needs, interests, and development of strengths necessary for successful economic self-sufficiency and full independent living (including establishment of positive family and social supports in the community). This does not include State certified/licensed apartments residences.

Persons with serious mental illness (SMI): Individuals who meet criteria established by the Commissioner of the Office of Mental Health, which shall include persons who are in psychiatric crisis, or persons who have a designated diagnosis of mental illness under the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders and whose severity and duration of mental illness results in substantial functional disability. Persons with serious mental illness shall include children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances.