

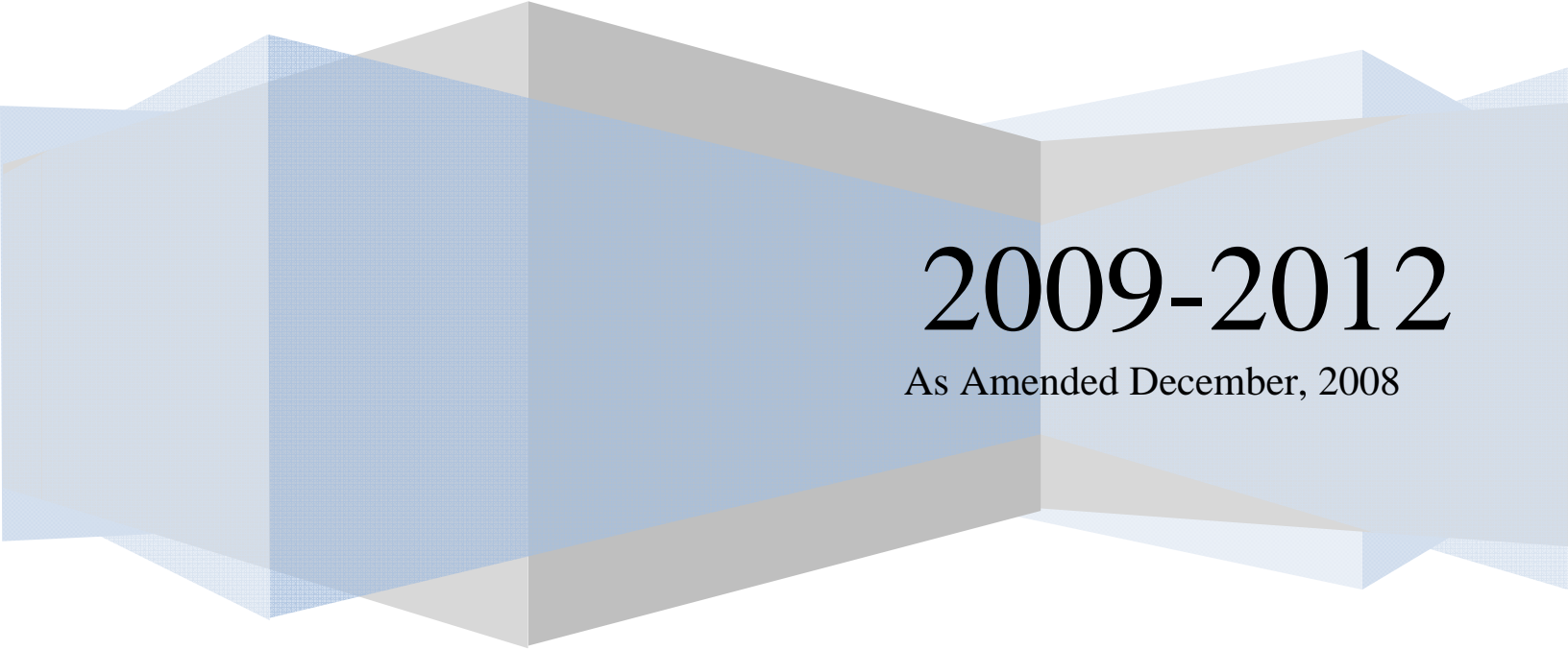


LACKAWANNA / SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY MENTAL
HEALTH / MENTAL RETARDATION PROGRAM

MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING PLAN

**A PLAN TO MEET THE HOUSING NEEDS
OF PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND
THOSE IN RECOVERY WITHIN THE
LACKAWANNA / SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY
PROGRAM AREA**

Prepared by the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental
Health / Mental Retardation Program Mental Health
Housing Subcommittee



2009-2012

As Amended December, 2008

December 4, 2008

Ms. Joan L Erney, J.D., Deputy Secretary
Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
Department of Public Welfare
P.O. Box 2675
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2675

Re: Amendment to the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health Housing Plan for 2009 to 2012 as requested by the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS).

Dear Deputy Secretary Erney:

On behalf of the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health Housing Subcommittee, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to prepare and present to you our amended Housing Plan for persons with mental illness and those in recovery who live and work in Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties. As you are aware, our Joinder Program was requested by the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) to amend our Program's Housing Plan which was originally submitted on March 14, 2008.

The Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Housing Subcommittee was established with full representation from persons with mental illness, persons in recovery, Lackawanna and Susquehanna County Community Support Programs (CSP's) family members, advocates, housing providers, treatment providers, Clark Summit State Hospital (CSSH), Northeast Region Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS), Lackawanna County Children and Youth, Lackawanna County Human Services Department, Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program, the Northeast Regional Housing Coordinator, North Central Region Housing Coordinator representing Susquehanna County and the Lackawanna County Housing Coalition.

This planning process has given our communities the opportunity to initiate a collective approach to expand housing opportunities for persons with mental illness and persons in recovery in both Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties. We look forward to working closely with the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) to implement the objectives as defined within this Plan.

Sincerely,



Carl Mosier, Chairperson
Lackawanna / Susquehanna County
Mental Health Housing Subcommittee

LACKAWANNA-SUSQUEHANNA MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE:

The Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health housing Subcommittee was established in an effort to build consensus around housing issues facing persons with mental illness. In addition, the Housing Subcommittee was established to be the catalyst to develop housing opportunities for persons with mental illness living and working in Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties.

The following list identifies the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health Housing Subcommittee:

<i>MEMBER</i>	<i>TITLE</i>
Carl Mosier	Chairperson
Kevin Brown	Member
Arthur Rosencrance	Member
Marie Onukiavage	Member
Lea Dougherty	Member
Kathy Wallace	Member
Patricia Mentis	Member
Maureen Walsh	Member
Stephen Nocilla	Member
John Ainsworth	Member
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Jeanie Pavlovich	Member
Nancy Perri	Member
James Martin	Member
Jeff Sadavage	Member
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Teresa Osborne	Member
Carol Torch	Member
Bill Pecuch	Member
Katie Connolly	Member
Kenneth Matalavy	Member
James Meehan	Member

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MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING PLAN

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COUNTY PROGRAM:

Lackawanna / Susquehanna County
Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program

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SUMMARY OF COUNTY HOUSING PLAN

THE LACKAWANNA / SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE IS PROPOSING WITHIN THE JOINDER HOUSING PLAN TO EXPAND HOUSING OPTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND IDENTIFIED AS A TARGET POPULATION WITHIN THE PLAN.

THE TARGET POPULATIONS IDENTIFIED TO BE SERVED INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- INDIVIDUALS RESIDING AT CSSH
- INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PARTICIPANTS IN MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT COURT
- TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH
- INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE A MENTAL ILLNESS AND ARE HOMELESS

THIS LACKAWANNA / SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING PLAN AS PRESENTED IS PROPOSING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOLLOWING HOUSING OBJECTIVES FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS WITHIN THE JOINDER PROGRAM AREA:

- SITE BASED INITIATIVE (PERMANENT SUPPORTED HOUSING INITIATIVE)
-FIVE (5) SEPARATE UNITS
- HOUSING CONTINGENCY FUND

INTRODUCTION:

In an effort to respond the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) Planning Initiative to engage County Based Mental Health / Mental Retardation Programs in the development and ultimate implementation of a Housing Plan, the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program has initiated a community based planning process to:

- *Promote the enhancement and development of housing opportunities for persons with mental illness and persons in recovery.*
- *Promote the understanding of housing needs for persons with mental illness and persons in recovery through a community education and training process.*
- *Partner with community stakeholders in an effort to identify additional housing resources for persons with mental illness and persons in recovery either through the acquisition of new financial resources or through creative housing partnerships.*

BACKGROUND:

The Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program has a rich blend of housing supports for persons in recovery and person with mental illness. The Program has two (2) Provider Agencies that provide Community Residential Rehabilitation (CRR) Services to the residents of the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Program area. Allied Services maintains a CRR license for forty (40) beds located in two (2) separate program locations both located within Lackawanna County. One (1) of the two (2) facilities is a jointly licensed CRR / PCBH. Both programs are used extensively by the Lackawanna Mental Health Treatment Court Program. The other Provider Agency, Catholic Social Services is located in Lackawanna County and maintains a CRR license for eight (8) beds. This program was a specialized residents (Homeless Chronically Mentally Ill) program funded through McKinney Act Funds. At the present time this Program is funded through base appropriations from the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS).

The Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program has also over the past twenty (20) years effectively converted partial care / transitional care CRR beds to Supported Housing opportunities for persons in recovery and persons with mental illness within the Joinder Program area. In fiscal year 2005-2006 the Joinder Program served two-hundred twenty-eight (228) unduplicated individuals within supported housing opportunities in Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties. Both Step x Step and Allied Services provide supported housing services within the Joinder Program.

In addition to CRR and Supported Housing opportunities within the Joinder Program more than 250 individuals at any point in time reside in personal care settings within Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties.

PLANNING PROCESS:

In order to develop this Housing Initiative at the local level, the Lackawanna-Susquehanna County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program requires the development and implementation of a robust role for persons in recovery in the development of our programs Mental Health Housing Plan for inclusion within the Joinder Program Plan for Fiscal Years 2009-2012.

The program has requested that a full time Certified Peer Specialist, presently employed with the Advocacy Alliance of Northeastern Pennsylvania, serve in the capacity of Chairperson of the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Housing Subcommittee. In addition, the Lackawanna-Susquehanna County Housing Subcommittee will have as a member the Co-Chairperson of the Lackawanna County Community Support Program (CSP) as well as the President of the Susquehanna County Community Support Program. Other member agencies / stakeholders of the programs Housing Committee will include representation from the following organizations:

One (1) Member- Nami, Scranton Office
Five (5) Members- Lackawanna County Housing Coalition
Four (4) Members- Housing Provider Mental Health
One (1) Member- Advocacy Organization
Two (2) Members- Base Service Units
One (1) Member- Clarks Summit State Hospital
One (1) Member- County Office
One (1) Member-Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS)

The total number of members identified for participation in the Lackawanna-Susquehanna County MH/MR Program Mental Health Housing Committee is twenty-eight (28). In addition, the Northeast Regional Housing Coordinator, a staff member of United Neighborhood Centers is one of the Coalition Members highlighted above and is an active member on the Subcommittee. Finally, as indicated above, OMHSAS staff from the Northeast Region will be members of this Mental Health Housing Coalition.

The programs Mental Health Housing Subcommittee will be a standing Committee of the Lackawanna County Housing Coalition which represents a broad based housing coalition involving a wide variety of individuals within the community who have an interest in housing needs for all residents within the county.

In order to increase consumer participation, development and implementation of the Lackawanna Susquehanna County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program Housing Plan, locally based Community Support Program Committees (CSP's) will be utilized to provide input and feedback related to the development of the Housing Plan. Local CSP's meet monthly and an update on the status of the development of the Lackawanna Susquehanna MH/MR Program Mental Health Housing Plan will be provided at each monthly meeting.

The feedback and input received from each CSP will be incorporated into the Lackawanna-Susquehanna MH/MR Program Mental Health Housing Committee Plan development process.

A meeting was convened with the Chairperson of the Lackawanna County Housing Coalition in an effort to determine current housing planning structures, which exist within the local communities, that would support our Lackawanna-Susquehanna MH/MR program in developing a Mental Health Housing Plan. During this meeting it was determined that the Lackawanna Susquehanna County MH/MR Program Housing Plan Subcommittee would be a Standing Committee of the Lackawanna County Housing Coalition. It was decided that a member of the Mental Health Housing Subcommittee would serve on the Coalition to report on the status of the development of the Mental Health Housing Plan.

In establishing these communication linkages between the Housing Coalition and the Mental Health Housing Subcommittee it is anticipated that a greater awareness of standard housing services, grants and alternative housing options will be identified for possible development by the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program in conjunction with the Housing Subcommittee.

It is anticipated that the Lackawanna County Housing Coalition will be an active participant in the development of the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program Mental Health Housing Plan Initiative for fiscal year 2009-2012 as well as housing development opportunities moving forward.

The Lackawanna County Housing Coalition comprised of numerous community stakeholders who have an interest in the housing needs of our local residents has agreed to accept the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health Housing Subcommittee as a standing committee of the committee structure of the Coalition. To this end, at the Lackawanna County Housing Coalition Meeting conducted on Tuesday, October 9, 2007, the coalition formally created the reporting structure for the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health Housing Committee to the Coalition. Committee updates are provided formally at monthly Coalition Meeting and feedback from the Coalition will be provided to the Committee at each of their scheduled meetings.

From the initial meetings with members of the Lackawanna County Housing Coalition a tentative membership listing was developed for the creation of the Mental Health Housing Subcommittee. The initial membership listing identified for the Mental Health Housing Subcommittee is as follows:

MEMBER	TITLE	ORGANIZATION
Carl Mosier	Certified Peer Specialist	Advocacy Alliance of NE PA
Kevin Brown	Co-Chairperson	Lackawanna County CSP
Arthur Rosencrance	President	Susquehanna County CSP
Marie Onukiavage	Executive Director	Nami, Scranton Chapter
Lea Dougherty	Deputy Executive Director	United Neighborhood Centers (UNC)
Kathy Wallace	Director of Community Services	Advocacy Alliance
Patricia Mentis	Program Director	Step By Step, Inc.
Maureen Walsh	Program Director	Allied Services
Stephen Nocilla	Executive Director	Catholic Social Services
John Ainsworth	Director of Social Services	Clarks Summit State Hospital
Sal Santoli	Director of Adult Services	Scranton Counseling Center
Joseph J. Milewski	Director of Adult Services	Tri-County Human Services
John Antognoli	Executive Director	Lourdesmont
Tara Finnerty	Executive Director	Community Intervention Center (CIC)
Jason Kavulich	Caseworker	Lackawanna County Children and Youth
Jeanie Pavlovich	Inpatient Manager	Community Medical Center
Nancy Perri	Regional Housing Coordinator	United Neighborhood Centers (UNC)
James Martin	Deputy Administrator	Lackawanna-Susquehanna MH/MR Program
Jeff Sadavage	Housing Specialist	Allied Services
Ray Stella	Adult Case Management Supervisor/Liaison CSSH	Scranton Counseling Center
Celia Browning	Team Leader	OMHSAS
Lynn Wright	Mental Hospital Services Area Representative	OMHSAS
Teresa Osborne	Executive Director	Lackawanna County Human Services/Aging
Carol Torch	ICM/RC Supervisor	Tri-County Human Services
Bill Pecuch	Behavioral Health	CMC
Katie Connolly	Co-Manager of Community Services	Advocacy Alliance
Kenneth Matalavy	Program Supervisor	Catholic Social Services
James Meehan	Regional Housing Coordinator	Futures Community Support Services, Inc.

TARGET POPULATION GROUPS:

At the initial meeting of the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health Housing Subcommittee the Subcommittee discussed and determined that the target population groups for this planning process would be as follows:

- Individuals residing at Clark Summit State Hospital
- Individuals who are participants in Mental Health Treatment Court
- Transitional aged youth
- Persons who are homeless and have a mental illness.

The Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program Joinder has approximately seventy (70) individuals residing at Clark Summit State Hospital. In addition to information gathered through the housing assessment process, the Program's CHIPP Committee, CSSH Treatment Team and Community staff will provide valuable information related to the housing needs of this population group. Over the next two (2) years a Community Support Program (CSP) Assessment will be completed by individuals who are residing at Clarks Summit State Hospital (CSSH) and who have agreed to participate in the process. This information will become a part of the planning process.

In April, 2007, a Mental Health Treatment Court was established in Lackawanna County. The initial phase of the Program was the development and implementation of a Mental Health Treatment Court which presently has twenty (20) individuals active in this phase of the Program. It is anticipated that in April, 2008, the County of Lackawanna will be looking to develop and ultimately implement an Intercept Model whereby diversions of persons with mental illness from the judicial system will occur at various points within the community. With the expansion of the Mental Health Treatment Court Program in Lackawanna County continued pressure for housing options for persons with mental illness will occur.

Transitional aged youth represents a growing population group which presents a challenge to the local human service system in finding and securing housing options. Through this housing planning process this population will be explored in greater detail to better understand the scope of this population.

Persons who are homeless and have a mental illness will also be studied in greater detail through this housing planning process. The United Neighborhood Center will be providing information gathered through the submission of "A Point In Time Survey" which will be completed during the month of February.

The Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program Mental Health Housing Committee has adopted a local housing assessment tool to use for this planning process. A copy of the housing assessment tool is attached and identified as "Attachment C" the Lackawanna / Susquehanna Housing Resource Assessment Tool.

Individual housing assessments across all target population groups were completed during November, 2007. In addition, information will be gathered through a special community housing survey process which will be completed in November, 2007 and January, 2008 by the United Neighborhood Centers.

IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITY CONSUMER GROUP:

The Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health Housing Subcommittee was utilized to support the identification of the various target population groups identified within this Housing Plan.

In order to assist the Lackawanna/Susquehanna Mental Health Housing Subcommittee in their decision making process related to identifying target populations groups for consideration within this Housing Plan, a Housing Assessment Survey was conducted with a sample population from each target population. A summary report of the Housing Assessment Survey conducted is included as an attachment to this Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program Housing Plan. In addition to the Housing Assessment Survey, the Subcommittee worked closely with the United Neighborhood Center (UNC) who administered the "Point in Time" Homeless Survey to modify the survey and support the distribution and completion of the survey. The results of that survey have also been included as an attachment to this Plan.

Priority Group 1: Persons who are Homeless and have a Mental Illness

Rationale for Priority: The Lackawanna / Susquehanna Mental Health Housing Subcommittee has identified the Chronically Mentally ill Homeless population as a critical target population within this Housing Plan. Specifically, information documenting the needs of this target population has been identified by the “Point In Time” survey conducted in 2007 within Lackawanna County.

According to the 2007 “Point In Time” Homeless survey, ninety-one (91) unaccompanied homeless adults (singles and couples no children) completed this survey. Of the ninety-one (91) individuals completing the survey, the age distribution was as follows:

Age Category	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Under 20 years of age	08	09%
20 years to 29 years of age	11	12%
30 years to 39 years of age	10	11%
40 years to 49 years of age	28	31%
50 years of age to 59 years of age	28	31%
Over 60 years of age	05	06%
Total	91	100%

Ten (10) out of the ninety-one (91) unaccompanied homeless adults indicated that their reason for their current episode of homelessness was mental illness. Six (6) out of ten (10) who indicated their reason for homelessness was mental illness reported that they were homeless 2 or more times and of those 6, three (3) reported it was four (4) or more times. Thirty-two (32) out of ninety-one (91) or (35.1%) unaccompanied homeless adults reported having a mental illness. Finally, eleven (11) out of ninety-one (91) or (12%) unaccompanied homeless adults reported that they were unable to obtain permanent housing due to a mental illness.

In addition to the Point In Time Survey completed for 2007, the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health Housing Subcommittee completed individual housing assessments that targeted persons who were homeless and mentally ill. The results of that housing assessment are attached to this Housing Plan.

Priority Group 2: Individuals residing at Clark Summit State Hospital

Rationale for Priority:

The Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program and more recently the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health Housing Subcommittee considered individuals residing at Clark Summit State Hospital (CSSH) a priority population for this Mental Health Housing Plan. As of February 1, 2008, seventy-two (72) individuals who reside at Clark Summit State Hospital (CSSH) are residents of Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties.

Of the seventy-two (72) individuals residing at CSSH a sample of fifteen (15) housing assessment were completed indicating that individuals were interested in moving to community based housing options and living independently with supports. In addition to the fifteen (15) sample housing assessments completed, Thirty-seven (37) individuals have successfully completed a Community Support Plan (CSP) expressing their interest in community based housing options with individual supports.

The Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Housing Subcommittee reviewed the documentation provided related to the housing assessment survey, information presented by the Administrator's Office staff and concluded that this priority population group should be included within the County Housing Plan.

Priority Group 3: Individuals who are participants in Mental Health Treatment Court

Rationale for Priority:

In April, 2007, the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program in cooperation with the Judicial System in Lackawanna County initiated a Mental Health Treatment Court Program. The Program was initiated as a Pilot Project to serve three (3) to five (5) individuals. The pilot quickly grew and presently the Mental Health Treatment Court Project is servicing approximately twenty (20) individuals.

The primary concern in providing services to individuals who are participants in the Lackawanna County Mental Health Treatment Court Program is the expressed need for housing.

The Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Housing Subcommittee reviewed the documentation provided concerning the number of participants in Mental Health Treatment Court, the sample individual housing assessments completed by individuals within this target population group and determined that this target population needed to be included within the County Program's Housing Plan.

Priority Group 4: Transitional Aged Youth

Rationale for Priority:

The Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program provided services to 14,536 unduplicated individuals in fiscal year 2006-2007. Of the 14,536 individuals served, 4,695 individuals were children and adolescents between the ages of 0-18. To further define this population within the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Program the Administrator's Office reviewed county funded claims information and determined that forty-five (45) individuals who are eighteen (18) and are diagnosed with a mental illness were served by the Joinder Program in fiscal year 2006-2007. In addition claims information was reviewed to determine the number of individuals who are eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21) and are diagnosed with a mental illness and were served by the Joinder Program in fiscal year 2006-2007. During fiscal year 2006-2007 the Joinder provided services to one hundred eighty-four (184) individuals with a mental illness who were between the age of eighteen (18) and twenty-one (21).

Finally, the Northeast Behavioral Health Care Consortium (NBHCC), the Managed Care Behavioral Health Care Company which serves the counties of Lackawanna and Susquehanna was requested to provide detailed information on the number of children and adolescents who receive services through the Healthchoices Program. NBHCC provided the following information;

In fiscal year 2006-2007, NBHCC provided services to 158 individuals who were 18 years of age. Those 158 individuals received a variety of services including inpatient psych, non-hospital D/A, MH outpatient, D/A outpatient, BHRS, RTF, community support services and other medical services.

Transitional aged youth has consistently been identified as a "difficult to place" or a population which has little or no financial resources and no rental history to support their move towards independence.

The housing assessment sample completed for this target populations indicates the need to provide rental assistance and on-going staff support to insure a successful transitional to independence.

HOUSING RESOURCE ASSESSMENT:

In order to complete an analysis of the local housing programs available to persons with mental illness and persons in recovery within the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program Joinder area, the Program used the Mental Health Housing Subcommittee to develop, review and finalize options. The Subcommittee took the opportunity to develop a Resource Inventory which was comprehensive including all housing options available within the Joinder including existing housing programs funded through the Joinder Program, single room occupancy (sro's), shelters etc.

As part of the planning process associated with the development of this Housing Plan, the Subcommittee was presented with a listing of rental units which are available throughout Lackawanna County that has been developed by the United Neighborhood Centers (UNC). This listing of rental units was developed in an effort to identify landlords who have made rental units available to persons with mental illness, persons in recovery and individuals who are homeless. Although no listing of this type can be complete since often times these landlords change as well as their available housing stock, this listing represented a very good start at identifying and documenting this type of available housing resource.

Finally, the LS Housing Subcommittee had the opportunity to discuss a program that was in the planning stages but never implemented by the United Neighborhood Centers (UNC). UNC presented an "Eviction Prevention Program" concept to the Subcommittee which was embraced as a program which should be developed in Lackawanna County. The Subcommittee understood the importance of a program like this since maintaining affordable housing options is as important as developing affordable housing options. In addition, the Subcommittee understands that the tenant's rental history represents an important part of their path towards housing independence. The Subcommittee identified various members who would be interested in further developing this initiative and a new workgroup was formed. This workgroup is now in process of meeting with a local District Judge in an effort to finalize the concept and look at the possibility of developing a pilot project for implementation.

The intent of the Eviction Prevention Program is to work closely with landlords in an effort to provide them with an option to engage local agency staff to work with a tenant who is identified as a possible candidate for eviction proceedings. This effort would start with a landlord education program during which the Eviction Prevention Program will be presented to them as an option. In addition to landlord education, the pilot program would provide an option for the landlord at the District Judge level to engage the services of an "intervention team" that would work with the tenant to resolve the identified issues which are necessitating the eviction process by the landlord. It is the Subcommittee's hope that the pilot program will be implemented in the spring of 2008.

It is the intention of the Subcommittee to periodically update this housing resource inventory so that the comprehensive housing list is available for use in accessing housing opportunities or reviewing opportunities for the identifying housing types for future development. Provided as an Attachment within this Lackawanna / Susquehanna Mental Housing Plan is the Attachment A – Housing Resource Assessment

HOUSING PLAN OBJECTIVES:

1. Objective for Capital Investment - Site-Based (PSH) Initiative

Describe the need and opportunity for using MH Funding Streams for Housing Capital financing to create targeted permanent supportive housing units: The demonstrated need for this objective for the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program Mental Health Housing Plan has been demonstrated within the Housing / Living Environment Survey conducted for this Plan development process. The results of this assessment were reviewed with the LS MH/MR Mental Health Housing Subcommittee which agreed with the results of the Survey. The LS MH/MR Program Housing / Living Environment Survey Results Document is attached to this Mental Health Housing Plan.

The purpose of this objective is to establish a formal partnership between The Lackawanna County Housing Coalition and the Lackawanna-Susquehanna County Mental Health Housing Subcommittee to augment the use of HUD funds with the use of HealthChoices County Reinvestment dollars to establish a site based permanent supported housing initiative focused on persons who are chronically homeless and mentally ill.

Describe the strategy(ies) for using MH Funding Streams to support a Housing Development Fund: The primary MH Funding source for this initiative is Reinvestment Dollars generated through the NBHCC HealthChoices Program serving the Counties of Lackawanna and Susquehanna. NBHCC is presently in the process of identifying possible dollars available through their reinvestment planning process. A preliminary indication is that reinvestment dollars will be available to support this LS MH/MR Program Housing Objective.

Range of housing units to be created: Five (5) separate units
Amount of MH Funding required: Two – Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00)
Planned Avg. Capital Investment per unit: Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) per unit.
Amount and source of leveraged funds: Two-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00)

Describe the plan to select/identify a Fund Administrator including the selection process, qualifications and experience that you will be looking for and any possible candidates: The LS Mental Health Housing Subcommittee will work closely with the Lackawanna County Housing Coalition to develop a process to identify and select a Fund Administrator for this Project.

Sustainability Plan: Please discuss how the County plans to provide housing coordination, tenant referral and housing support services to sustain these units over the long-term: The LS Mental Health Housing Subcommittee will work closely with the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program to insure that the Joinder Program plans for the development of additional supported housing staff to work in conjunction with this new Project.

Action Steps: (Describe each action steps to be accomplished over 18 months to achieve the objective)	Proposed Completion Date [†]	Resources needed: (include partnerships, technical support, involvement of consumers, changes in use of existing resources, etc.)
Finalize HealthChoices Reinvestment dollars through discussions with NBHCC, the local MCO, for Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties.	May, 2008 through July, 2008	Meetings with NBHCC to plan for the use of reinvestment dollars for this Project insuring that this Project is included within the NBHCC Reinvestment Plan as submitted to the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS).
Finalize project design with local funding partners to include housing type, number of units.	May, 2008	This discussion will occur with the Lackawanna County Housing Coalition and the Lackawanna / Susquehanna Mental Health Housing Subcommittee. The LS Mental Health Housing Subcommittee has a broad partnership of consumers, persons in recovery, family representation, court personnel, providers and coalition members
Work with the Lackawanna County housing Coalition to identify a Project Administrator and/or service provider	July, 2008 through September, 2008	Lackawanna County Housing Coalition / LS Mental Health Housing Coalition.
Project implementation	Spring / Summer, 2009	All local partners

6. Objective for Housing Contingency Fund

Describe the need for using MH Funding Streams to support a Housing Contingency Fund: The Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program in conjunction with the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health Housing Subcommittee recognizes the need to have in place a Housing Contingency Fund for individuals who need one time funds to overcome barriers in obtaining housing options. This objective is targeted for each of the four (4) target populations identified within this Housing Plan.

Describe the strategy(ies) for using MH Funding for a Contingency Fund: The Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program would be the identified agency to manage these funds on behalf of the two (2) counties. This process would be done in conjunction with PSH providers within the two (2) counties who identify individuals in need of funding to support their effort to secure housing. It is anticipated that the contingency fund will be developed by an appropriation from The Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) and the use of Reinvestment dollars from NBHCC. It is anticipated that \$10,000 dollars would be earmarked by NBHCC and \$10,000 dollars would be appropriated by OMHSAS for this Plan Objective.

Amount of MH Funding required: \$42,980.00-NBHCC

Estimated Range (or number) of Priority Consumers that the Housing Contingency Fund will support: Twenty (20) individuals

Describe the plan to select/identify a Program Administrator, including discussing the selection process, qualifications and experience that you will be looking for and any possible candidates: As mentioned above the over-site of the use of these funds would be the responsibility of the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program. A protocol would be developed for the day to day use of these funds with the PSH providers within the Joinder Program area.

Sustainability Plan: Discuss your strategies to diversify funding for the program in order to continue the fund after MH Funding is exhausted: The Joinder Program would work closely with the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health Housing Subcommittee to identify other possible sources of funding assistance to support the development of a permanent housing contingency fund within Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties.

Action Steps: (Describe each action step to be accomplished over eighteen months to achieve the objective)	Proposed Completion Date	Resources needed: (include partnerships, technical support, involvement of consumers, changes in use of existing resources, etc.)
Secure funding from the Office of Mental Health and substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) and NBHCC for the development of a Housing Contingency Fund within the Joinder Program area.	July, 2009	
	September, 2009	Developed in conjunction with the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health Housing Subcommittee.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Capital Funding

Amount: \$200,000.00

Source: Health Choices Reinvestment

Housing Contingency Fund

Amount: \$42,980.00

Source: Health Choices Reinvestment \$42,980.00

***Total Funding Request* \$242,980.00**

Sources:

Health Choices Reinvestment - \$242,980.00



ATTACHMENT A

LACKAWANNA / SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH / MENTAL RETARDATION PROGRAM

MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING PLAN INITIATIVE
MEMBERSHIP LISTING

November 2007



MEMBER	TITLE	ORGANIZATION
Carl Mosier	Certified Peer Specialist	Advocacy Alliance of NE PA
Kevin Brown	Co-Chairperson	Lackawanna County CSP
Arthur Rosencrance	President	Susquehanna County CSP
Marie Onukiavage	Executive Director	Nami, Scranton Chapter
Lea Dougherty	Deputy Executive Director	United Neighborhood Centers (UNC)
Kathy Wallace	Director of Community Services	Advocacy Alliance
Patricia Mentis	Program Director	Step By Step, Inc.
Maureen Walsh	Program Director	Allied Services
Stephen Nocilla	Executive Director	Catholic Social Services
John Ainsworth	Director of Social Services	Clarks Summit State Hospital
Sal Santoli	Director of Adult Services	Scranton Counseling Center
Joseph J. Milewski	Director of Adult Services	Tri-County Human Services
John Antognoli	Executive Director	Lourdesmont
Tara Finnerty	Executive Director	Community Intervention Center (CIC)
Jason Kavulich	Caseworker	Lackawanna County Children and Youth
Jeanie Pavlovich	Inpatient Manager	Community Medical Center
Nancy Perri	Regional Housing Coordinator	United Neighborhood Centers (UNC)
James Martin	Deputy Administrator	Lackawanna-Susquehanna MH/MR Program
Jeff Sadavage	Housing Specialist	Allied Services
Ray Stella	Adult Case Management Supervisor/Liaison CSSH	Scranton Counseling Center
Celia Browning	Team Leader	OMHSAS
Lynn Wright	Mental Hospital Services Area Representative	OMHSAS
Teresa Osborne	Executive Director	Lackawanna County Human Services/Aging
Carol Torch	ICM/RC Supervisor	Tri-County Human Services
Bill Pecuch	Behavioral Health	CMC
Katie Connolly	Co-Manager of Community Services	Advocacy Alliance
Kenneth Matalavy	Program Supervisor	Catholic Social Services
James Meehan	Regional Housing Coordinator	Futures Community Support Services, Inc.



ATTACHMENT B

LACKAWANNA / SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING COMMITTEE

MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING PLAN

MEETING MINUTES



LACKAWANNA / SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY
October 26, 2007

The initial Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health Housing Subcommittee Meeting was conducted on Friday, October 26, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program Administrator's Office located at 135 Jefferson Avenue Scranton, P.A. The following individuals were in attendance:

John Ainsworth	Clarks Summit State Hospital
John Antognoli	Lourdesmont
Kevin Brown	Lackawanna County CSP
Lea Dougherty	UNC-NEPA
Tara Finnerty	CIC
Jason Kavulich	Lackawanna County CYS
James Martin	L.S. MH/MR Program
Patricia Mentis	Step By Step
Carl Mosier	The Advocacy Alliance
Stephen Nocilla	Catholic Social Services
Marie Onukiavage	Nami Scranton
Teresa Osborne	Lackawanna County
Jeanie Pavlovich	CMC - Behavioral Health
Nancy Perri	UNC-NEPA
Jeff Sadavage	Allied Services
Ray Stella	Scranton Counseling Center
Carol Torch	Tri-County Human Services
Kathy Wallace	Advocacy Alliance
Maureen Walsh	Allied Services

The following topics were discussed at the meeting:

OVERVIEW OF THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES HOUSING INITIATIVE – An overview of the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Housing Plan Initiative was provided to the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee received three (3) separate handouts. Handout number 1 was the Executive Summary of a Plan for Promoting Housing and Recovery-Oriented Services. Handout number 2 was the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Department of Public Welfare County Mental Health / Substance Abuse Housing Plan (Handout 1-7) and Handout number 3 was the Sample Housing Assessment Tool from the PA Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS). All three (3) handouts were reviewed with the Committee members.

ROLE OF THE L/S HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE / RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY HOUSING COALITION – The Subcommittee discussed the role of the Subcommittee in relationship to the role of the Lackawanna County Housing Coalition in terms of structure, composition and purpose. Recent meetings with the leadership of the Lackawanna County Housing Coalition as well as the full Coalition have lead to the adoption of

the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health Housing Committee being incorporated as a Subcommittee of the Lackawanna County Housing Coalition. The L/S Mental Health Housing Subcommittee will now formally be providing updates on the status of mental health housing plan development at the Lackawanna County Housing Coalition Meeting which are held monthly.

In addition, the new Regional Housing Coordinator was introduced to the Subcommittee. Ms. Nancy Perry was introduced as a new member of the staff at the United Neighbor Centers of Northeastern Pennsylvania (UNCNEPA).

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE TARGET POPULATION GROUPS – The Subcommittee discussed the following target population groups for consideration in this Mental Health Housing Plan Initiative:

- < Clark Summit State Hospital Patient Population
- < Transitional Aged Youth who have a Mental Illness
- < Mental Health Treatment Court and Prison Population who have a Mental Illness
- < Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness

HOUSING SURVEY / DISTRIBUTION, COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS – The Subcommittee discussed the Sample Housing Assessment Tool provided by the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS). The Subcommittee determined that volunteers from the Subcommittee would meet prior to the next Subcommittee meeting to review this assessment tool and provide some recommendations to the Subcommittee about a possible housing assessment tool to use locally.

MISSION STATEMENT – Members of the Subcommittee agreed to meet prior to the next Subcommittee meeting to draft a mission statement for the L/S Mental Health Housing Committee to consider.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the L/S Mental Health Housing Subcommittee will be on Friday, November 9, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County MH/MR Program Office located at 135 Jefferson Avenue Scranton, P.A.

LACKAWANNA / SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
November 9, 2007

The second Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health Housing Subcommittee Meeting was conducted on Friday, November 9, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the Lackawanna County Drug and Alcohol Commission Office located at 135 Jefferson Avenue Scranton, P.A. The following individuals were in attendance:

John Ainsworth	Clarks Summit State Hospital
Celia Browning	OMHSAS SFO
Bill Pecuch	CMC
Lea Dougherty	UNC-NEPA
Tara Finnerty	CIC
Kenneth Matalavy	CSS of Lackawanna County
James Martin	L.S. MH/MR Program
Patricia Mentis	Step By Step
Carl Mosier	The Advocacy Alliance
Marie Onukiavage	Nami Scranton
Nancy Perri	UNC-NEPA
Jeff Sadavage	Allied Services
Ray Stella	Scranton Counseling Center
Carol Torch	Tri-County Human Services
Katie Connolly	Advocacy Alliance
Maureen Walsh	Allied Services

The following topics were discussed at the meeting:

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Jim Martin reported to the Subcommittee that he had a conversation with Mr. Arthur Rosencrants, President of the Susquehanna County CSP concerning housing needs with Susquehanna County. Mr. Rosencrants is very interested in this Mental Health Housing Committee process since the hope is that it would lead to some additional housing opportunities within Susquehanna County. Mr. Rosencrants was not available to be at this meeting or on a conference call but it was agreed that all the information shared at this meeting would be forwarded to him for review and comment. Mr. Martin will follow up with Mr. Rosencrants prior to the next meeting.

In addition, it was announced that the next Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) Housing Training Session is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at Allentown State Hospital. Both Carl Mosier and Jim Martin will be attending this meeting and will report on this training at our next Housing Subcommittee Meeting.

Finally, the Committee received a presentation on HealthChoices Reinvestment opportunities in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Mr. Martin explained what HealthChoices Reinvestment dollars are and what the status of the process is in the Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Luzerne and Wyoming Counties is in determining what dollars are available, the planning process with the Commonwealth and a possible timeline on availability.

REVIEW OF THE SUMMARY OF THE MEETING HELD BY THE MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 26, 2007 – The Subcommittee reviewed the

summary provided related to the Friday, October 26, 2007 meeting. The Subcommittee members had no corrections or additions to this summary document of the meeting.

STEP X STEP – PRESENTATION ON HOUSING PROGRAM OPTIONS – Pat Mentis, Director of Behavioral Health Services, Step x Step provided an overview of Housing Services provided by Step x Step.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF A DRAFT MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE LACKAWANNA / SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING – Katie Connolly, Co-Manager of Community Services for the Advocacy Alliance presented a draft mission statement for review and consideration by the Subcommittee. After some discussion and amendments to the draft mission statement the Subcommittee agreed on a final mission statement. The Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health Housing Subcommittee Mission Statement is attached to this meeting summary document.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF A DRAFT HOUSING ASSESSMENT TOOL TO BE USED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO ASSESS THE HOUSING NEEDS OF THE IDENTIFIED TARGET POPULATION GROUPS – Katie Connolly, Co-Manager of Community Services for the Advocacy Alliance presented the initial draft of a Housing Assessment Tool. Katie reviewed housing assessment tools presently being utilized in other parts of the Commonwealth in developing this draft Housing Assessment Tool. After extensive discussion the Subcommittee agreed to support the use of the final draft of a Housing Assessment Tool which is attached to this meeting summary document.

UPDATE FROM UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS (UNC) – Lea Dougherty, Deputy Director, United Neighborhood Centers (UNC) provided an update to the Subcommittee on the status of planning for the “Point in Time” Homeless Survey which will be conducted on January 30, 2008 nationally.

NEXT STEPS – The Subcommittee agreed that the next steps in this planning process would be to initiate a process to complete a sample number of Housing Assessments from each Target Population Group. The final Housing Assessment Tool will be shared with key partners who will administer the Housing Assessment Tool. The results of this effort will be shared with the Subcommittee at our next Mental Health Housing Subcommittee Meeting to be conducted Friday, December 14, 2007.

NEXT MEETING – *The next meeting of the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health Housing Subcommittee Meeting will be conducted on Friday, December 14, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. at the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program Administrator’s Office.*

LACKAWANNA / SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY
MHMR HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY – DECEMBER 14, 2007

The December Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health Housing Subcommittee Meeting was conducted on Friday, December 14, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. at the Lackawanna/Susquehanna Mental Health Mental Retardation Program located at 135 Jefferson Avenue Scranton, P.A. The following individuals were in attendance:

James Martin	LS MH/MR
Kathy Wallace	Advocacy Alliance
Maureen Walsh	Allied Services
Ray Stella	Scranton Counseling Center
Kevin Brown	Lackawanna CSP
John Ainsworth	Clarks Summit State Hospital
Jeffrey Sadavage	Allied Services
Celia Browning	OMHSAS
Nancy Perri	UNC
John Antognoli	Loudesmont
Lea Dougherty	UNC
Kenneth Matalavy	Catholic Social Services
Colleen Phillips	Lackawanna County Mental Health Court
Carl Mosier	Advocacy Alliance

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING HELD BY THE MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING – December 14, 2007 – The meeting summary was reviewed and approved by the Subcommittee.

STATUS REPORT ON THE OMHSAS TRAINING SESSION CONDUCTED ON November 20, 2007 – The Subcommittee received an update on the Training session conducted on the 20th of November, 2007. Both Carl Mosier and Jim Martin attended this training that was conducted at Allentown State Hospital. The purpose of the meeting was to have County Programs provide an update on their Housing Plan process specifically related to the organization and structure of the locally established housing committee. The consulting team was impressed with the structure developed within our Joinder Program area. In addition, the County Programs were asked to discuss their plans to conduct a county housing resource assessment as well as individual housing needs assessments for each target population group identified within the Housing Plan. The training session was a good opportunity to discuss various housing options developed by each participating county.

ALLIED SERVICES – PRESENTATION ON THEIR HOUSING PROGRAM

A brief history of Allied Services' Mental Health Division was given by the Director, Maureen Walsh. The Mental Health Division began with Community Residential Programs in 1979, with full care and partial care sites. 1981, they opened their TL site in Jermyn. In 1987, TL became a HUD subsidized program. 1987, Harbor House opened with 30 beds. Between 1990-1993, they converted their partial care sites into Supported Living Program. They had a HUD grant from 1999-2007, to provide supports to the homeless. Currently their SLP provides services to 88 individuals. In 1997, with the help of a CHIPP's initiative, Harbor House became a dually licensed Program, CRRP and Personal Care Home. Twenty-eight of the thirty beds are dually

licensed. The other two beds are CRRP and used as respite. In 1998, with the help of a CHIPP's initiative, they opened an Intensive Supported Living Program. This program serves eight individuals. Along with housing, Allied has educated their staff in Psychiatric Rehabilitation. They have credentialed staff. In 2003, Allied received a challenge grant from L/S MH/MR County Office to provide a Psychiatric Rehabilitation Pilot Program to the consumers in their housing programs. Also, they worked with Drexel University staff to develop and offer an educational program to MH Consumers on Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services.

REVIEW OF DISCUSSION OF THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE LACKAWANNA / SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE – The Subcommittee agreed that the Mission Statement as presented is accepted. This Mission Statement will be inserted on the Subcommittee agenda for each meeting.

UPDATE ON THE HOUSING ASSESSMENT PROCESS – The Subcommittee received an update on the following two (2) items:

1. Housing Resource Assessment – Various housing stakeholders were requested to provide information on housing resources for persons who have a mental illness within both Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties. A final version of this assessment will be e-mailed to all Subcommittee Members.
2. Individual Housing Assessments – Individual Housing Assessments are in the process of being completed on individuals within each of the target population groups. A summary of the assessments completed will be provided at the next Housing Subcommittee Meeting.

UPDATE FROM THE UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (UNC) Lea Dougherty from UNC provided information on several initiatives in the community:

1. The Continuum of Care is exploring the possibility of a Safe Haven PSH project for 2008 round of funding – Luzerne County is also exploring this type of PSH.
2. The Chronic Homeless Subcommittee of the Housing Coalition has been working to identify the chronic homeless persons in the community – There are currently 52 homeless persons that the group is tracking. The change from four years ago when the homeless PSH programs started is that this current group of chronically homeless represents those who have multiple episodes rather than the long-term continuous homelessness.
3. Two PSH programs from the area were invited to present at the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania conference on December 6th. The presentation went very well and this community was seen as a model for how to effectively implement the HUD model of PSH for chronically homeless persons with mental illness and substance issues.
4. UNC is also piloting a new TH program with CYS for two youth who are exiting foster care but who have significant barriers/challenges that could likely result in future homelessness. There is currently one participant and a second youth has been referred.

NEXT MEETING – The Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program Housing Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 11, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. at the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County MH/MR Program's Administrator's Office.

LACKAWANNA / SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY
MHMR HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY – January 11, 2008

The January Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health Housing Subcommittee Meeting was conducted on Friday, January 11, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at the Lackawanna/Susquehanna Mental Health Mental Retardation Program located at 135 Jefferson Avenue Scranton, P.A. The following individuals were in attendance:

Carl Mosier	Advocacy Alliance
Kevin Brown	Lackawanna CSP
John Ainsworth	Clarks Summit State Hospital
Jen Duggan	Advocacy Alliance
Nancy Perri	UNC
Jeffery Sadavage	Allied Services
Lea Dougherty	UNC
Steven Nocilla	Catholic Social Services
Ray Stella	Scranton Counseling Center
Marie Onukiavage	NAMI
Patricia Mentis	Step By Step
Kathy Wallace	Advocacy Alliance
Teresa Osborne	Lackawanna County
Lynn Wright	OMHSAS
James Martin	LS MH/MR

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING HELD BY THE MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING – December 11, 2007 – The meeting summary was reviewed and approved by the Subcommittee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Committee received an update on a recent meeting of the Eviction Prevention Workgroup which was put together to discuss this Program initiative and determine next steps. It is likely this initiative will be a pilot project with one (1) Magisterial District to determine if the Pilot Program should be further developed and expanded to other areas.
2. Susquehanna County CSP will be contacted prior to the next meeting to solicit feedback on the Housing Plan process to date.

STATUS REPORT ON THE OMHSAS TRAINING SESSION CONDUCTED ON January 8, 2008 – The Subcommittee received an update on the Training session conducted on the 8th of January, 2008. The training session was conducted at Allentown State Hospital. The OMHSAS consulting team was once again impressed with our Housing Committee’s efforts to date. Specifically, our Committee’s summary report on housing assessments completed on a sample population from each of our identified target population groups was presented at the training session. All county programs present at the session were very impressed with the summary document. In addition, the LS Housing Plan Attachment A – Resources Assessment of housing options was also reviewed and determined to be an excellent resource guide and very comprehensive. At this training session the participants had the opportunity to work through the development of a housing objective for a specific target population group. Finally, the OMHSAS

consulting team discussed specific deadlines for plan submission. There are no additional housing training session although, OMHSAS is scheduling a housing Conference for March 19, 2008. The time and location of this Conference will be announced in the near future.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES – PRESENTATION ON THEIR HOUSING PROGRAM – Catholic Social Services presented the various programs that they provide throughout Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties. CSS provided a listing and description of thirteen (13) programs that are provided to persons who are homeless, homeless and mentally ill, veterans and persons with a prior criminal justice history.

UPDATE ON THE HOUSING ASSESSMENT PROCESS – The Subcommittee received an updated version of the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Housing Inventory. Each committee member was asked to review it and get back to Jim Martin with any final changes.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL HOUSING ASSESSMENTS COMPLETED FOR THE TARGET POPULATIONS GROUPS INCLUDING; PERSONS ACTIVE IN MH TREATMENT COURT, ADOLESCENTS IN TRANSITION AND PERSONS WHO ARE HOMELESS. – This report summarized information received from twenty-six (26) individuals across three (3) of the target population groups highlighted above. Surveys from patients at CSSH are still in the process of being completed. Some of the highlights mentioned in this summary report were as follows:

- 69% (18 individuals) have had or currently have involvement with the criminal justice system.
- 31% (8 individuals) have been homeless in the past year.
- 100% (26 individuals) have a Mental Health diagnosis.
- 27% (7 individuals) reported having physical disabilities.
- 57% (4 individuals) who reported having physical disabilities also reported being homeless.
- 73% (19 individuals) reported choosing their current housing situation.

UPDATE FROM THE UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (UNC) – Lea Dougherty, Deputy Director, UNC provided a copy of the Point in Time survey which will be completed during the month of January, 2008.

NEXT MEETING – The Lackawanna / Susquehanna County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program Housing Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 8, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at the Lackawanna / Susquehanna County MH/MR Program's Administrator's Office.



ATTACHMENT C

LACKAWANNA / SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING COMMITTEE

MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING PLAN
HOUSIN/LIVING ENVIRONMENT SURVEY



Housing/Living Environment Survey

Provider: _____

Please check identifying information:

Q1 Age:

- Under 18 25-35 46-59
 18-24 36-45 60 and above

Q2 Have you always lived in Lackawanna or Susquehanna County?

- Yes No

If NO, where did you previously live? _____

Q3 Gender

- Male Female Transgender

Q4 How would you describe your Race?

- White African American Asian
 Hispanic American Indian Pacific Islander

Q5 Please check any of the situations below that pertain to you:

- Homeless
 Being discharged from the State Psychiatric Hospital
 Being discharged from a Community Psychiatric Hospital/Unit
 Being released from Prison
 Moving from a CRR or Personal Care Home
 At risk of losing your present housing

Other reasons for looking for Housing: _____

Q6 In the past year have you been homeless?

- Yes No

If YES, please explain: _____

Q7 Do you have any physical disabilities?

- Yes No

If YES, please explain: _____

Q8 Do you have a Mental Health diagnosis?

- Yes No

Q9 If YES, please check your Mental Health diagnosis:

- Bi-Polar Schizophrenia Major Depression Anxiety

Q10 Have you used any Mental Health services in the past year?

- Yes No

Q11 If YES, please check the services you received?

- Case Management Partial Hospitalization Outpatient Inpatient

Q12 If NO, please list some reasons why you didn't receive Mental Health services in the past year?

Q13 How would you describe your current housing situation?

- Homeless C.S.S.H. Apartment
 Shelter Community Residential Rehabilitation Own Home
 Prison Personal Care Live with relative Boarding Home

Q14 Did you choose your current housing situation?

- Yes No

Q15 Please list what you like about your current housing arrangement?

Q16 Please list what you dislike about your current housing arrangement?

Q17 Do you think there is any reason you could not apply for public housing?

- Yes No

If YES, please explain:

Q18 Are you currently receiving benefits?

- Yes No

Q19 Please check the benefits you are currently receiving:

- Social Security Disability Supplement Security Income Railroad Retirement Pension Veterans Benefits Annuities

Q20 If are not currently receiving benefits, do you have another source of income?

- Yes No

If YES, please explain:

Q21 Do you have:

	Yes	No
Drivers License	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State issued ID	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Security Card	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Voters Registration Card	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q22 Do you have any current/previous involvement with the criminal justice system?

Yes No

If YES, please explain:

Q23 Are you currently employed?

Yes No

Q24 If you are not currently employed, were you offered information on employment opportunities?

Yes No

Questions relating to housing options

Q25 Would you:

	Yes	No	Not Sure
Like to live alone?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Like to live with others?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q26 What is the maximum amount of people you would like to live with in the same house or apartment?

No One 3 6
 1 4 7
 2 5 No Preference

Q27 What is the maximum amount of people you would like to live within the same bedroom?

No One 2 4
 1 3 No Preference

Q28 If you share a living space, what age group do you want to live with?

19-25 37-50 60 and above
 26-36 51-60

**Q29 For each of the housing choices below, how much do you want to live there?
Do you want to:**

	Very Much	A Little	Not At All
Live in a house	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apartment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Room by yourself	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Live in a house with family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apartment with family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A Room with family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Live in a house with roommate(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apartment with roommate(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Room by yourself with roommate(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Live in a transitional rehabilitation group setting with other individuals and 24/7 staff support on-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Live in a permanent rehabilitation group setting with other individuals and 24/7 staff support on-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q30 Would you prefer to live with a:

- Smoker Non-Smoker No Preference

Q31 What skills would you like help with if you were to be more independent?

- Cooking Laundry Money Management
 Cleaning Medications Transportation by bus

Q32 If you were to live where you want, would you like:

- Daily Support Staff Monthly Support Staff I don't know
 Weekly Support Staff No Support Staff

Q33 Do you have any pets?

- Yes No

Q34 Where did you live in the past several years that was most preferable to you?

Q35 What is most important to you in regards to where you want to live:

	Able to Walk...	Able to take a bus to...
See family and friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open spaces such as a park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church or synagogue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Malls/shopping areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A grocery store	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A pharmacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drop-in centers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drug and alcohol counseling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medical services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mental Health Clinic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-Help - (AA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: _____



ATTACHMENT D

LACKAWANNA / SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING COMMITTEE

MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING PLAN
RESOURCE ASSESSMENT OF RESIDENTIAL OPTIONS



ATTACHMENT D

MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING PLAN RESOURCE ASSESSMENT OF RESIDENTIAL OPTIONS

A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.	G.	H.	I.
Housing Name	Type of Housing	Owner/ Manager of Property	Service Provider Name	Target Group	Capacity: Units; Slots; People	Services Funding	Housing Funding	Additional Information
St. Anthony's	ES	Jerry Hallinan	Catholic Social Services	HM	20 Men & 4 Women	State Food	FEMA Mass Shelter; ESG	
Bethel WINTER Shelter	ES	Rev. Katherine Simmons	Bethel AME	HM	25	State Food	Donations FEMA Mass Shelter	
Emergency Shelter	ES	Tara Joyce	Catherine McAuley	HM, FAM,	1 Single Woman, 7 Women & Children	State Food; Donations	ESG; FEMA Mass Shelter	
Women's Shelter	ES	Ann Marie Witko	Women's Resource Center	HM, FAM, DV	5 Women Only 12 Women & Children & hotel overflow	PCADV, United Way, HUD, ESG, State Food	HUD; FEMA Mass Shelter & FEMA	Legal Services available for homeless DV victims
Emergency Hotel Voucher & Condemnation	ES	Lisa Durkin or Mary Schindler	United Neighborhood Centers	HM			FEMA; CDBG	
Walsh Manor	ES	Joanne Stevens	St. Joseph's Center	HM (pregnant women)	4	UW; Donations	UW, DPW; Donations	Proof of Pregnancy
Emergency Hotel Voucher	ES	Karen Harper	Voluntary Action Center	HM		State Food	FEMA	
Nativity Place Emergency Shelter	ES	Ryan Pollock	Catholic Social Services	HM, FAM	2		Foundation Grant	
Day Shelter Program	ES	Tara Finnerty	Community Intervention Center	MISA; MH; FAM: HM	Outreach & Meals	ESG MH/MR D/A		Day Shelter serves an average of 100 drop-in clients daily. 70% MISA, 20% Homeless
St. James Manor	TH	Sandy Boise	Catholic Social Services	HM, FAM	12 Individual male & female; 4 Family	HUD SHP; CDBG;	HUD SHP; CDBG; VA PDO;MH	
MH/VA TH Program	TH	Ken Matalavy	Catholic Social Services	MH, HM	14 Men	HUD SHP; CDBG; VA PDO	HUD SHP; CDBG;	
SRO Program	TH	Ken Matalavy	Catholic Social Services	HM	8 Men & Women	VA PDO; CDBG	VA PDO; CDBG	
Bridge Program	TH	Eileen King	Catherine McAuley Center	HM; FAM	3 Single Women; 4- 5 Women & Children	DPW; State Food		

A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.	G.	H.	I.
Housing Name	Type of Housing	Owner/ Manager of Property	Service Provider Name	Target Group	Capacity: Units; Slots; People	Services Funding	Housing Funding	Additional Information
TH Program	TH	Brooke Addley	Catherine McAuley Center	HM, FAM, DV	2 Single Women & 8 Family	HUD SHP; Fundraising; CDBG	HUD SHP; Fundraising; CDBG	
Mother Infant Program	TH	Sr. Ann Walsh	St. Joseph's Center	HM, FAM	5 Women & Children	HUD SHP, UW, DPW, Donations	HUD SHP, UW, Donations	
TH Program	TH	Mary Schindler	United Neighborhood Centers	HM, FAM	10 Families	HUD SHP; CDBG	HUD SHP; CDBG	
TH Program	TH	Ann Marie Witko	Women's Resource Center	HM, FAM, DV	5 Women & Children	HUD SHP; UW	HUD SHP; UW	
Prison Program	TH	Sr. Terese Marques	Catherine McAuley Center	FAM	3 Women exiting Prison	Donations	Donations	
PSH	PSH	Eileen Wilson	United Neighborhood Centers	MISA, Single Adults, Chronic Homeless	8 Individuals	HUD SHP; CDBG	HUD SHP; CDBG	
PSH	PSH	Jason Griffiths	Community Intervention Center	MISA, Single Adults, Chronic Homeless	8 In	HUD SHP; CDBG	HUD SHP; CDBG	
PSH	PSH	Ryan Pollock	Catholic Social Services	MISA, Single Adults, Chronic Homeless	8	HUD SHP; CDBG	HUD SHP; CDBG	
PSH	PSH	Sr. Kathleen	Catherine McAuley Center	MISA, Single Adults, Chronic Homeless	8	HUD; CDBG Fundraising	HUD; CDBG Fundraising	
Supported Living Program	Independent living with supports		Allied Services-MH Division	Adult Mental Health Consumers	85 individuals	Base Funding		
Intensive Supported Living Program	Apartments with Staff supervision	Allied Services-MH Division	Allied Services-MH Division	Adult Mental Health Consumers	8 beds	CHIPP		
TL	CRRP	Allied Services-Housing Division	Allied Services-MH Division	Adult Mental Health Consumers	10 beds	Base Funding	HUD Subsidized	
Harbor House	CRRP/ Personal Care Home	Allied Services-MH Division	Allied Services-MH Division	Adult Mental Health Consumers	30 CRRP Beds and 28 of these beds are also Personal Care beds	Base Funding/ CHIPP		This facility is dually licensed-CRRP and Personal Care for 28 of the 30 beds. The other two beds are CRRP used for respite.
Blakely St., Dunmore	PSH	Step By Step	Step By Step	MISA	6units(6 people)	CHIPPs	County	
Church St., Carbondale	PSH	Step By Step	Step By Step	MH	2 units(6 people)	CHIPPs	County	
Montrose Sup. Living Susquehanna County	Varies,clients live in their own homes/apts.in the ommunity	Private landlords, public housing, etc...	Step By Step	MH	55 people	CHIPPs/Base funding	N/A	

Codes:

Type of Housing: PSH, PSH/SRO, S+C, CRR, CRR-Group Home, CRR-APT, LTSR, Fairweather Lodge, Supportive Housing has not been a defined “funding” category by OMHSAS; however, PSH (Permanent Supportive Housing) is defined on page 7.

Target Group: MISA = Mental Illness/Substance Abuse; MH= Mental Health; PwD = People with Disabilities (not targeted to specific disability subpopulation); PhysDis = Physical Disabilities; Youth; Eld = Elders; Fam = Family; DV = Domestic Violence; HM = Homeless (More than one code can be used per property), SA = Substance abuse

Services Funding: Medicaid by type, McKinney, Base funding, CHIPPs

Housing Funding: HUD202; HUD811; HUD McKinney; Section 8 PBA, PHFA; County/ County, CDBG, Section 236, Health Choices Reinvestment



ATTACHMENT E

LACKAWANNA / SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING COMMITTEE

MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING PLAN
HOUSING ASSESSMENT SURVEY SUMMARY DOCUMENT





Housing/Living Environment Survey
Results

Prepared for
Lackawanna-Susquehanna Counties
Mental Health Housing Committee

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Executive Summary

In an effort to respond the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) Planning Initiative to engage County Based Mental Health / Mental Retardation Programs in the development and ultimate implementation of a Housing Plan, the Lackawanna / Susquehanna Counties Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program has initiated a community based planning process to:

- Promote the enhancement and development of housing opportunities for persons with mental illness and persons in recovery.
- Promote the understanding of housing needs for persons with mental illness and persons in recovery through a community education and training process.
- Partner with community stakeholders in an effort to identify additional housing resources for persons with mental illness and persons in recovery either through the acquisition of new financial resources or through creative housing partnerships.

The Lackawanna / Susquehanna Counties Mental Health Housing Committee, comprised of numerous stakeholders who have an interest in the housing needs of our local residents, determined the following target population groups for consideration in this Mental Health Housing Plan Initiative:

- Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population
- Transitional Aged Youth who have a Mental Illness
- Mental Health Treatment Court and Prison Populations who have a Mental Illness
- Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness

In an effort to determine the current composition and needs of the target populations, the Lackawanna / Susquehanna Counties Mental Health Housing Committee developed a survey tool which was distributed to a sample population of those targeted populations noted above. The preliminary results of 41 surveys show a basic overall desire for more independence and self-reliance, regardless of age or current housing/living situation.

Highlighted results from the survey include:

46% (19 individuals) have had or currently have involvement with the criminal justice system; 24% (10 individuals) have been homeless in the past year, with 15% (6 individuals) currently homeless; 100% (41 individuals) reported having a Mental Health diagnosis; 29% (12 individuals) reported having physical disabilities, with 33% (4 individuals) who reported having physical disabilities also reported currently being homeless; and 54% (22 individuals) reported choosing their current housing situation, with 100% (6 individuals) who reported choosing their housing situation also reported currently being homeless.

63% (26 individuals) are currently receiving benefits (e.g., Social Security Disability Income, Supplement Security Income);

80% (33 individuals) have a Social Security Card and 44% (18 individuals) have State issued ID; and 15% (6 individuals) are currently employed and 83% (29 individuals) of those unemployed were offered information on employment opportunities.

68% (28 individuals) would very much like to live in a house and 76% (31 individuals) would very much like to live in an apartment;

46% (19 individuals) reported that learning money management would help them be more independent;

41% (17 individuals) reported that learning how to use bus transportation would help them be more independent;
32% (13 individuals) reported that help with cooking would help them be more independent; and
68% (28 individuals) reported that being able to walk to a pharmacy is most important to them regarding where they want to live and 63% (26 individuals) reported being able to walk to an open space like a park is most important.

Finally, when individuals commented about places where they have lived in the past several years that were most preferable to them, comments revolved around independent houses or apartments or with family members.

Following are the results of 41 Housing/Living Environment surveys, striated by identified target populations.

Demographics

Age of Respondent	Under 18	18-24	25-35	36-45	46-59	60 and above	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	-	2	1	1	5	6	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	7	-	-	-	-	-	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	1	1	3	5	3	-	13
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	1	1	2	2	-	-	6
Total	9	4	6	8	8	6	41

Have you always lived in Lackawanna or Susquehanna County?	Yes	No	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	5	9	1	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	6	1	-	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	9	4	-	13
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	1	5	-	6
Total	21	19	1	41

If NO, where did you previously live?

Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population

- Michigan for 3 1/2 years.
- South Philly
- South Philly, Chicago
- South Carolina, New Jersey
- Philadelphia County
- Lehigh
- New Jersey
- Luzerne County, Massachusetts
- Luzerne County

Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness

- Florida, PA

Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness

- Dauphin County, PA Orange County, CA
- Bexar County Texas, Cook County Illinois
- California
- Luzerne County

Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness

- Philly(3yrs), New Jersey (Camden) (13yrs), Queens NY (6yrs)
- California (San Diego)
- Daytona Beach, FL
- TN (Nashville)(2yrs), Puerto Rico (21 yrs)
- North Carolina (all over NC), Florida

Gender of Respondents	Male	Female	Transgender	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	7	8	-	-	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	5	2	-	-	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	5	8	-	-	13
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	6	-	-	-	6
Total	23	18	-	-	41

How would you describe your race?*	White	Hispanic	African American	American Indian	Asian	Pacific Islander	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	12	-	2	2	-	-	-	16
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	2	3	1	-	-	-	-	6
Total	36	3	3	2	-	-	-	44

*Respondents were able to choose more than one response to this question.

Please check any of the situations that pertain to you*	Home less	Being discharged from the State Psychiatric Hospital	Being discharged from a Community Psychiatric Hospital/Unit	Being released from prison	Moving from a CRR or Personal Care Home	At risk of losing your present housing	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	-	-	2	-	2	1	2	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	-	-	-	10	2	-	1	13
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	7
Total	6	15	3	10	4	1	3	42

*Respondents were able to choose more than one response to this question and some chose not to respond.

Other reasons for looking for housing:

Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness

- Want to be independent (mentioned by two respondents)

Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness

- To find an apartment so I can live with my 2 yr old daughter

In the past year, have you been homeless?	Yes	No	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	2	13	-	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	-	7	-	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	2	11	-	13
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	6	-	-	6
Total	10	31	-	41

If Yes, please explain:

Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population

- I was over medicated which caused me to be unaware of my surroundings. So, I was homeless because of that.
- I was living on the street doing drugs and living in shelters.

Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness

- I was in jail and homeless when I first came here from California
- Mental Illness

Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness

- Have been homeless since Jan 2007; prior to being admitted to CSS MH/VE in July, stayed at St. Anthony's shelter
- Homeless because of mental health issues. Been homeless for 3 months.
- Lost job in April and became homeless. Prior to that was living with family and friends for 2 yrs.
- Been homeless since January. Prior to being homeless had an apartment.
- Been homeless two times in the past year, one event was one week and the other event was 3 months (current situation)
- Homeless the past year due to mental illness

Do you have any physical disabilities?	Yes	No	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	5	10	-	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	-	7	-	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	3	9	1	13
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	4	2	-	6
Total	12	28	1	41

If YES, please explain:

Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population

- Broken back, herniated disk, back problems.
- I am hard of hearing
- Heart problems
- Toes are crippled up
- Curvature of spine

Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness

- Broke back, hip, pelvis, femur, humorous, and has recurring problems, has arthritis and nerve damage in whole right side
- Wrist problems
- Oxygen tank
- Paranoid schizophrenia

Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness

- Recovering from knee surgery performed in Dec. 2006
- Hip surgery 2 times; in process of recovering
- Herniated disks and nerve damage to spine
- Herniated disk in spine

Do you have a Mental Health diagnosis?	Yes	No	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	15	-	-	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	7	-	-	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	13	-	-	13
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	6	-	-	6
Total	41	-	-	41

If Yes, please check the diagnosis*	Bi-Polar	Schizophrenia	Major Depression	Anxiety	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	4	8	2	-	2	16
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	4	-	5	-	-	9
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	8	3	2	1	-	14
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	1	-	5	5	-	11
Total	17	11	14	6	2	50

*Respondents were able to choose more than one response to this question.

Have you used any Mental Health services in the past year?	Yes	No	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	15	-	-	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	7	-	-	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	13	-	-	13
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	6	-	-	6
Total	41	-	-	41

If Yes, please check the services you received*	Case Management	Partial Hospitalization	Outpatient	Inpatient	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	5	3	7	3	2	20
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	7	7	3	2	-	19
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	12	8	6	5	-	31
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	5	5	1	2	-	13
Total	29	23	17	12	2	83

*Respondents were able to choose more than one response to this question.

Please check any of the situations that pertain to you*	Homeless	Shelter	Prison	CSSH	CRR	PCBH	Apartment	Own Home	Live with relative	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	5	-	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	-	-	-	-	8	1	4	-	-	-	13
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	6	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	12
Total	6	-	-	15	16	1	4	-	5	-	47

*Respondents were able to choose more than one response to this question.

Did you choose your current housing situation?	Yes	No	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	3	12	-	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	4	2	1	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	9	4	-	13
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	6	-	-	6
Total	22	18	1	41

Please list what you like about your current housing situation:

Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population

- Like people, things to do helps keep mind off things.
- Some of the staff,
- Nothing
- I like the hospital they treat me good.
- I like everything, doctor, staff, people, food.
- Food, people
- People, food, work
- People, staff, doctors, waiting, nurses.
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Grounds and setting one nice, people
- Like the people here.
- The people
- In Gateway House- more privacy, food taste better
- Nothing

Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness

- With my family
- House is clean
- Nice neighborhood quiet.
- Nice house, with family
- Own bedroom, family setting
- Live with family
- Food, not jail, doesn't like the treatment but it is helping

Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness

- Supportive, positive environment, can have my dog, it's safe
- Nice apartment furnished nicely, staff is supportive and helpful
- Some staff are good
- It's close to counseling & stores (kind of)
- It provides skills to make it into my own apartment
- 24/7 staff
- Living on my own
- Well I like the people I'm with and the staff
- There is staff around
- Having own place

Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness

- It is a roof over my head with friends. I also made several friends since being here.
- It is a place to live and the staff is good.
- The staff is excellent and it is a clean/safe environment.
- Likes the help and care I receive especially case management and help from staff. Also, like to complete chores as to become more independent.
- This is a comfortable living situation with good staff.
- The staff here is pretty good. The quality of the program is good.

Please list what you dislike about your current housing situation:

Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population

- Feel like a prisoner, no freedom, some of staff.
- I hate being cooped up. I want more independence.
- Being away from family.
- Not having enough freedom
- No freedom
- Nothing
- Food, no freedom
- No freedom, food, rules
- Food
- Don't like the food
- Can't smoke whenever I want too.
- None
- Does not like living in the hospital at all.

Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness

- Hard to get where I want in bad weather
- Not enough independence
- Too many people, being told that you can't leave
- Sharing bedroom with younger brother
- Too many female staff

Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness

- Not enough independence, daughter cannot live with me.
- Curfew, that staff has access to my apartment - having to report to staff
- Food, staff, my children won't visit me there, I don't want to have company visit because people smell and don't shower, I don't fit in there.
- Daily structure
- Too much money
- Too many rules

Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness

- Some behavior of the clients.
- Completing chores.
- There are not a lot of activities planned for clients/residents.
- Other residents not completing their chores.
- Certain residents do not complete their chores.
- Does not like to perform chores.

Do you think there is any reason you could not apply for public housing?	Yes	No	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	3	12	-	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	-	7	-	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	2	11	-	13
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	-	6	-	6
Total	5	36	-	41

If Yes, please explain:

Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population

- I am living in a nursing home which meets all my needs.
- I have an apartment already.
- My criminal charges might hold me back.

Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness

- Still owe money
- Because of my oxygen tank

Are you currently receiving benefits?	Yes	No	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	10	3	2	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	2	5	-	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	9	4	-	13
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	5	1	-	6
Total	26	13	2	41

Please check the benefits you are currently receiving*	Social Security Disability	Supplement Security Income	Railroad Retirement	Veterans Benefits	Pension	Annuities	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	8	4	-	-	-	-	3	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	-	3	-	-	-	-	4	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	6	1	-	-	-	-	6	13
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	6
Total	15	8	-	-	-	-	18	41

*Respondents were able to choose more than one response to this question.

If you are not currently receiving benefits, do you have another source of income?	Yes	No	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	6	7	2	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	1	3	3	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	6	7	-	13
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	-	1	5	6
Total	13	18	10	41

If Yes, please explain:

Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population

- Money from family every now and then.
- Food stamps
- Work at novice workshop
- Work at novice shop
- Work at hospital and wants to work after discharge.
- Public assistance

Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness

- Work

Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness

- Cash assistance and food stamps (stated three times)
- Food stamps
- Welfare
- Medical assistance
- Welfare
- Possibly job interview

Do you have:*		Drivers License	State Issued ID	Social Security Card	Voter Registration Card	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	Yes	6	4	9	2	21
	No	9	11	6	13	39
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	Yes	-	2	6	1	9
	No	7	5	1	5	18
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	Yes	6	10	12	7	35
	No	6	2	1	6	15
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	Yes	2	2	6	1	11
	No	4	4	-	5	13

*Respondents were able to choose more than one response to this question.

Do you have any current/previous involvement with the criminal justice system?	Yes	No	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	1	14	-	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	3	4	-	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	12	1	-	13
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	3	3	-	6
Total	19	22	-	41

If Yes, please explain:

Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population

- Had charges due to drinking and drugs

Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness

- Fine for disorderly conduct
- Assaulted individual
- On probation

Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness

- Probation/parole, involvement in mental health court (stated three times)
- Probation (stated four times)
- Probation previously
- Probation court (stated twice)
- Simple assault mental health treatment court

Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness

- DUI charge (May 2007), 3 traffic violations (running red light, failure to stop at atop sign, and no inspection).
- Arrested for shop lifting. Spent 30 days in Lackawanna county prison.
- Spent 8 and half years in prison for battery of a police officer. Owe fines to North Carolina

Are you currently employed?	Yes	No	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	3	12	-	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	2	5	-	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	1	12	-	13
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	-	6	-	6
Total	6	35	-	41

If you are not currently employed, were you offered information on employment opportunities?	Yes	No	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	6	6	3	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	5	-	2	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	12	-	1	13
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	6	-	-	6
Total	29	6	6	41

Questions Relating to Housing Options

Would you like to live alone?	Yes	No	Not Sure	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	7	8	-	-	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	2	3	2	-	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	10	2	1	-	13
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	6	-	-	-	6
Total	25	13	3	-	41

Would you like to live with others?	Yes	No	Not Sure	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	11	4	-	-	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	4	2	1	-	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	8	4	1	-	13
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	1	4	1	-	6
Total	24	14	3	-	41

What is the maximum amount of people you would like to live within the same house or apartment?	No One	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	No Preference	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population*	2	3	6	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	16
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness*	1	1	2	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	8
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness*	4	5	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	14
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	4	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	11	9	10	10	4	-	-	-	-	-	44

*Three respondents chose more than one answer to this question

What is the maximum amount of people you would like to live within the same bedroom?	No One	1	2	3	4	No Preference	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	9	4	1	1	-	-	-	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness*	10	4	-	-	-	-	-	14
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	26	14	1	1	-	-	-	42

*One respondent chose more than one answer to this question

If sharing a living space, what age group do you want to live with?	19-25	26-36	37-50	51-60	60 and above	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	2	1	6	5	2	-	16
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	4	-	-	-	-	3	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	1	3	5	3	1	-	13
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness*	3	3	1	2	1	-	10
Total	10	7	12	10	4	3	46

*Four respondents chose more than one answer to this question

Do you want to:*		Live in a House	Apartment	Room by yourself	Live in a house with family	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	Very Much	11	12	9	8	40
	A Little	-	2	1	-	3
	Not At All	4	1	5	7	17
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	Very Much	6	5	5	2	18
	A Little	-	2	2	3	7
	Not At All	1	-	-	2	3
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	Very Much	6	8	3	5	22
	A Little	2	4	6	4	16
	Not At All	3	1	2	2	8
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	Very Much	5	6	2	2	15
	A Little	1	-	3	-	4
	Not At All	-	-	1	4	5

*Some respondents did not answer every question.

Do you want to:*		Apartment with family	A room with family	Live in a house with roommate(s)	Apartment with roommate(s)	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	Very Much	5	5	1	3	14
	A Little	3	1	6	4	14
	Not At All	7	9	8	8	32
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	Very Much	1	-	2	3	6
	A Little	4	-	4	3	11
	Not At All	2	7	1	1	11
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	Very Much	3	-	2	1	6
	A Little	4	4	7	7	22
	Not At All	4	7	2	3	16
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	Very Much	2	-	2	2	6
	A Little	-	1	2	1	4
	Not At All	4	5	2	3	14

*Some respondents did not answer every question.

Do you want to:*		Room by yourself with roommates	Live in a transitional rehabilitation group setting with other individuals and 24/7 staff support on-site?	Live in a permanent rehabilitation group setting with other individuals and 24/7 staff support on-site?	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	Very Much	1	3	-	4
	A Little	3	-	3	6
	Not At All	11	12	12	35
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	Very Much	1	-	-	1
	A Little	4	1	-	5
	Not At All	2	6	7	15
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	Very Much	-	-	-	-
	A Little	6	2	2	10
	Not At All	5	9	9	23
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	Very Much	-	-	-	-
	A Little	2	3	-	5
	Not At All	4	3	6	13

*Some respondents did not answer every question.

Would you prefer to live with a:	Smoker	Non-Smoker	No Preference	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	7	5	3	-	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	2	2	3	-	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness*	4	1	10	-	15
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	1	1	4	-	6
Total	14	9	20	-	43

*Two respondents chose more than one answer to this question.

What skills would you like help with if you were to be more independent?*	Cooking	Cleaning	Laundry	Medications	Money Management	Transportation by bus	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	3	2	2	3	5	8	2	25
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	2	4	1	4	5	3	1	20
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	5	2	-	1	4	1	5	18
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	3	-	-	2	5	5	-	15
Total	13	8	3	10	19	17	8	78

*Respondents were able to choose multiple responses to this question. Some respondents chose not to respond.

If you were to live where you want, would you like:	Daily Support Staff	Weekly Support Staff	Monthly Support Staff	No Support Staff	I Don't Know	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	1	5	5	3	1	-	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	1	2	-	2	2	-	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	1	3	5	2	1	1	13
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	1	1	2	1	1	-	6
Total	4	11	12	8	5	1	41

Do you have any pets?	Yes	No	No Response	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	2	13	-	15
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	3	4	-	7
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	4	9	-	13
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	-	6	-	6
Total	9	32	-	41

Where did you live in the past several years that was most preferable to you?

Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population

- With mother
- In my house in Scranton
- Jermyn
- The nursing home I came from.
- Jermyn
- Old Forge
- Scranton, Old Forge
- West side apartment 1 3 room apt
- Phoenix, AZ
- Grandparents house
- Live with mom and aunt in grandma's house
- Finch towers
- Kozy Comfort
- My mother's home
- Scranton

Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness

- At home
- Montdale (house) rented and Dickson City (house) rented
- Where at now, Scranton with mom
- In present home in Scranton
- Group home-because it was the most stable environment
- Kerper Avenue with Dad

Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness

- Apartment in Scranton by myself and daughter.
- My house in Jessup
- San Antonio, Texas in a house with husband and dogs
- 318 apt. Scranton
- My house
- Harbor house
- Own apartment
- My house
- In with my sister in a house
- With my family
- Mother's apartment

Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness

- An apartment in Scranton (for five years) moved out last year.
- Living in apartment in west Scranton with family (6 months prior to coming here).
- Lived with mother (6 months lived with her).
- In own home (lived there for 15 yrs).
- An apartment in Scranton lived there for 1 year.
- My current living situation in residential transitional living

What is most important to you in regards to where you want to live*:		See family and friends	Open spaces such as park	Church or Synagogue	Malls/shopping areas	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	Able to Walk...	6	12	10	4	32
	Able to take a bus to...	9	3	2	11	25
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	Able to Walk...	6	4	2	2	14
	Able to take a bus to...	1	3	4	5	13
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	Able to Walk...	4	7	5	2	18
	Able to take a bus to...	8	4	6	11	29
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	Able to Walk...	1	3	4	3	11
	Able to take a bus to...	5	3	2	3	13

*Some respondents did not answer every question.

What is most important to you in regards to where you want to live:		A library	A grocery store	A pharmacy	Drop-in Centers	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	Able to Walk...	9	9	10	7	35
	Able to take a bus to...	6	6	5	6	23
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	Able to Walk...	5	7	6	1	19
	Able to take a bus to...	2	-	1	5	8
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	Able to Walk...	1	5	7	5	18
	Able to take a bus to...	10	7	4	5	26
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	Able to Walk...	5	1	5	3	14
	Able to take a bus to...	1	5	1	3	10

*Some respondents did not answer every question.

What is most important to you in regards to where you want to live:		Drug and alcohol counseling	Medical services	Mental Health Clinic	Self-Help (AA)	Total
Clarks Summit State Hospital Patient Population	Able to Walk...	2	4	3	3	12
	Able to take a bus to...	1	11	10	6	28
Transitional Age Youth who have a Mental Illness	Able to Walk...	-	5	5	1	11
	Able to take a bus to...	7	2	2	6	17
Mental Health Treatment Court and Populations who have a Mental Illness	Able to Walk...	2	5	4	3	14
	Able to take a bus to...	7	7	9	4	27
Homeless Individuals who have a Mental Illness	Able to Walk...	3	2	4	4	13
	Able to take a bus to...	3	4	2	2	11

*Some respondents did not answer every question.



ATTACHMENT F

LACKAWANNA / SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING COMMITTEE

MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING PLAN
A POINT IN TIME SURVEY



**Lackawanna County Continuum of Care
Needs Assessment Survey**

To try and help serve you better, the homeless service providers are conducting a survey of those currently receiving services through the various homeless programs. All information will be used in helping to plan services and apply for funding. The information you provide will in no way negatively effect the services you are currently receiving or those you will need in the future. Please do not provide your name or anything that identifies who you are on this survey. All homeless adults are asked to complete a survey form.

Where are you currently staying? (Please select only one answer)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> CSS St. Anthony's Haven | <input type="checkbox"/> CSS St. James Manor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CSS Mental Health Homeless | <input type="checkbox"/> CSS Homeless Veterans Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CSS Homeless SRO | <input type="checkbox"/> CSS Permanent Supportive Housing Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CSS Nativity Place | <input type="checkbox"/> McAuley Permanent Supportive Housing Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> McAuley Shelter | <input type="checkbox"/> UNC Transitional Housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> McAuley Transitional Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> UNC Permanent Supportive Housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> McAuley Bridge Program | <input type="checkbox"/> McAuley TH/Prison Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St. Joseph's Center Walsh Manor | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Joseph's Center Mother Infant Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Resource Center Shelter | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Resource Center TH Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CIC Permanent Supportive Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> In a Rehab/Treatment Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In a Hospital | <input type="checkbox"/> In a camp, in a car or on the street |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel | <input type="checkbox"/> With family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In an abandoned building or public place | <input type="checkbox"/> Bethel AME Shelter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> With friends | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify _____) |

What is the reason for your current episode of homelessness? (Check all that apply)

- Domestic violence/abuse
- Family break-up including leaving a relationship
- Fire
- Condemnation
- Unable to pay rent (Please explain _____)
- Evicted due to non-payment of rent (went to the Magistrate)
- Family asked me to leave where I was staying
- Friends asked me to leave where I was staying
- Discharged from a hospital (Where: _____)
- Released from jail/prison (Where: _____)
- Released from drug/alcohol rehabilitation (Where: _____)
- Recently moved to the area
- Staying with someone in Public Housing and couldn't stay any longer
- Sexual orientation
- Lost my job that I had for over a year
- Could not keep steady employment (job to job or worked for temp agency – not steady hours)
- Mental illness
- Medical problems or medical costs
- Alcohol or other drug use
- Money management problems
- Temporary living situation ended (Please explain _____)
- Non payment of child support
- Other (Please explain _____)

Are you: Female Male Transgendered

Are you a veteran? Yes No

How old are you? _____

How long have you lived/been staying in Lackawanna County? _____

If you have lived in this area less than one year where did you live before? _____

Including today, how long have you been homeless/without permanent housing? – this includes amount of time in a Transitional Housing Program _____

If you are in Transitional Housing how long were you homeless before you got into the program? _____

How many different times have you been homeless since January 2005? _____

This question means count any time you were homeless (without a place of your own) and then you either got an apartment or stayed somewhere (e.g. with friends for a while) and then you became homeless again – that would count as two times.

How would you describe your current family situation?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single adult | <input type="checkbox"/> Single father with one child |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult couple | <input type="checkbox"/> Single father with more than one child |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single mother with one child | <input type="checkbox"/> Two adults with one child |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single mother, more than one child | <input type="checkbox"/> Two adults with more than one child |

How many children do you have with you currently? _____

(If you are a homeless couple with children please list the # of children on just one survey form per family)

Do you have any children currently in Foster Care? Yes No

If yes, how many? _____

Are they in placement due to your being homeless? Yes No

Have you ever lived in Public Housing? Yes No

If yes, what happened? _____

Would you be interested in applying for Public Housing now? Yes No

Do you think there is any reason you cannot apply for Public Housing? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Are you currently receiving SSI or another form of disability payments? Yes (type _____)
 No

Have you ever been diagnosed with a disability? Yes No

If yes, what is your disability? – Please mark all that apply

- Physical/Medical Disability (Please specify _____)
- Mental Health Diagnosis (Please specify _____)
- Developmental Disability (Please specify _____)
- HIV/AIDS
- Addiction to Alcohol or Other Substances
- Other (Please specify _____)

Even if you weren't diagnosed with a disability do you have any personal difficulty that you believe is contributing to your being homeless? Yes No

If yes, what is the type of difficulty you are having? – Please mark all that apply

- Physical/Medical (Please specify _____)
- Mental Health (Please specify _____)
- Developmental (Please specify _____)
- HIV/AIDS
- Addiction to Alcohol or Other Substances -- Never treated
- Other (Please specify _____)

Have you **EVER** in your life experienced any of the following?

- Stayed in Foster Care program with a family
- Been in a Youth Residential Program/Group Home
- Been in a County Jail for more than 30 days
- Been in State Prison or Federal Prison
- Been in a Juvenile Detention Program
- Been in an Inpatient Unit for Mental Health
- Been in a Alcohol/Drug Rehab or Detox
- Stayed in a Personal Care Facility/Nursing Home
- Stayed in a Shelter in another County/State
- Stayed in a Domestic Violence Shelter

What do you need the most right now? (**CHECK ONLY ONE – WHAT DO YOU NEED MOST?**)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Addictions Treatment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Job Placement | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dental Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription Coverage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education/Job Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify _____) |

Why are you unable to obtain permanent housing/your own apartment? (Check all that apply)

- Domestic violence
- Unable to pay rent (Please explain _____)
- Have a criminal record
- Bad credit
- Work full-time but don't make enough money
- Discrimination based on sexual orientation
- Can't keep steady employment
- Bad references from previous landlords
- Mental illness
- Medical problems or medical costs
- Alcohol or other drug use
- Money management/budgeting problems
- Non-payment of child support
- Discrimination based on race or ethnicity
- Discrimination based on age
- Limited English Skills
- Discrimination because of children/family size
- Can't find an apartment
- Don't have the money for Security
- No transportation to look for an apartment
- Outstanding balance at a Housing Authority
- Just released from Prison
- Have difficulty completing paperwork
- Other (Please explain _____)

What do you think is needed to help you to get a place to live/permanent housing?

Other comments
