

SJR 47 Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the 21st Century

Work Group 4: Housing

Purpose: To evaluate the existing system for providing access to housing and surrounding services to individuals with serious mental illness who have housing needs and to make recommendations for reform of the existing system to ensure that such individuals receive such access and services and are able to maintain housing stability.

Specific topics of study should include:

- The effectiveness and cost-efficiency of housing programs or models;
- The identification of vulnerable populations;
- The supportive services needed to maintain housing stability;
- The integration of housing and surrounding services into the existing public mental health service system;
- The misuse and overuse of existing systems;
- Best practices in other states or countries; and
- The cost of reforms to the existing system necessary to implement changes recommended by the work group, the identification of any cost savings associated with such changes, and options for financing such changes.

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