

Housing Expert Panel Problem Statement and Target Population

- Problem
 - The lack of available supportive housing (supportive housing = affordable housing + support services) for individuals with serious mental illness in the Commonwealth has resulted in adverse individual outcomes and in the inappropriate use and overuse of existing resources including emergency rooms, jails, and state and local (private) hospitals.
 - Supportive housing isn't integrated into the Commonwealth's mental health system and has been traditionally viewed as an alternative service rather than a foundational service.
- Target Population
 - Individuals with serious mental illness who (i) are either homeless or are in danger of becoming homeless or (ii) have housing barriers and are in
 - State Hospitals
 - Local Hospitals
 - Jails
 - Foster Care
 - the Juvenile Justice System
 - Assisted Living Facilities