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Of the Whole Community*



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Section D.4..... Description of Target Population to be Served

Consistent with the MHSA Housing Program regulations, at this housing site the Santa Clara County Mental Health Department (MHD) will be serving seriously mentally ill, low-income Transition Age youth with severe emotional disorders, who meet the criteria for MHSA services and are homeless or at risk of homelessness, according to the definitions specified in the application.

Consistent with the County's *Community Services and Support Plan*, the target population to be housed and served in this housing complex will be the following:

- 1. Multi-System Users Aging Out (JPD, MHD, DFCS, CADS, Health)**, defined as:
Those youth and young adults between 16 and 25 who are adjudicated through the Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency Courts, who have been involved with the Special Education system and/or the Mental Health system, who can enter into a legal contract, and who are screened and assessed to be experiencing physical, social, behavioral and emotional distress related to mental health and co-occurring conditions that are impacting the effective transition from childhood to adulthood and threaten failure in one or more life school/employment success, safety from harm/harming others.
- 2. Homeless Young Adults** that otherwise meet the same criteria as above in that they are screened and assessed to be experiencing physical, social, behavioral and emotional distress related to mental health and co-occurring conditions that are impacting the effective transition from childhood to adulthood.

In addition, all qualified tenants must meet one of the following two criteria:

- 1. Consumers** must be users of services at clinics/contract agencies, that is, seriously mentally ill clients who do not currently need 24-hour, institutional care but are unable to live independently without supportive services. These are consumers who are homeless or at risk of homelessness (according to MHSA Housing Program Application) and who:
 - a) use outpatient services and are usually dependent on such;
 - b) are able, with support, to manage their Activities of Daily Living and medications in an independent living situation; and
 - c) have severely limited income and are assumed to have a continuing income deficiency for the next 12 months.(This includes new consumers who have previously been unserved.)

- 2. Consumers who are homeless or at risk of homelessness** and can move to permanent supportive housing as a next step in their recovery.

In addition, qualified tenants have filled out a Health Vulnerability Index, are registered in the Housing 1,000 Campaign and are in the top 25% of the most vulnerable homeless.

Note: The staff at a County clinic or contract agency can determine which consumers fulfill these criteria and then refer the candidate to MHD according to the Tenant Selection Process.