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**Subject:** RE: Question from 10/4 Pilot Webinar

Thanks Zach for your email. Here are my comments included what I tried to say on the call.

I applaud Florida Housing for the proposed draft plan for Permanent Supportive Housing Focusing on Best Practices and Funding for Tenancy Supports and Resident Services Coordination for High Utilizers of Public Behavioral Health Systems.

As I said on the call, I am especially pleased to see the target populations; the requirement to be a non-profit developer; efforts to braid services funds with housing and effort to subsidize rent for SSI income levels. It is a very exciting initiative and hope it can fund more than three projects!

During the call there was discussion of how to balance the interest to make sure persons with mental illness who are not currently homeless get access to the units while not restricting it completing to non-homeless persons. I am suggesting this possible breakdown:

50% of units will be for special needs which includes "Special Needs

Household" means a household consisting of a Family that is considered to be Homeless, a survivor of Domestic Violence, a Person with a Disability, or Youth Aging out of Foster Care":

- of those 20% must be disabled with serious and persistent mental illness/high utilizer, of these, at least 75% non-homeless
- of the 50% special needs, at least 30% must be ELI, of these, 20% SMI income (22% AMI)
- Special needs units for CoC Coordinated Entry CoC funding eligible formerly homeless and/or chronically homeless capped at no more than 20%

While I agree that the housing should not be limited to homeless persons, the CoC funds have been a good resources for both rental subsidies and resident support service funds. So will the award from Florida Housing be higher to take this into consideration?

Other questions:

What is going to pay for the evaluation? While this was important in the first pilot, it was also an expensive part of the pilots.

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