Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) Measures[i]

Measure 3.4.15: Increase the percentage of enrolled homeless persons in the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) program who receive community mental health services

FY 2015 Target: 66%

FY 2016 Target: 66%

The PATH legislation mandates that the program target persons with serious mental illness (SMI) who may also experience a co-occurring substance use disorder and who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness. This measure reflects the PATH program's legislative intent to provide a link to mental health and community-based services.

Measure 3.4.16: Number of homeless persons contacted

FY 2015 Target: 191,926

FY2016 Target: 191,926

This measure indicates the number of homeless persons contacted by PATH providers. Persistent and consistent outreach and the introduction of services at the client's pace are important steps to engaging persons experiencing homelessness with SMI, and beginning the process of linking them to housing, mental health services, substance use treatment, case management, and other supportive services.

Measure 3.4.17: Percentage of contacted homeless persons with serious mental illness who become enrolled in services

FY 2015 Target: 58%

FY 2016 Target: 58%

This measure is an indication of the rate of enrollment for PATH-eligible individuals. PATH enrollment is defined as:

- The individual is determined to be "PATH eligible" (i.e., experiencing serious mental illness and homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness);
- The PATH worker has established engagement with the individual (the individual has agreed to work towards a goal with the PATH worker); and
- The PATH worker has opened an individual case record that contains demographic information, documentation of PATH eligibility, mutual agreement for the provision of services, and services to be provided.

Measure 3.4.20: Increase the number of Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) providers trained on SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) to ensure eligible homeless clients are receiving benefits

FY 2015 Target: 4,360

FY 2016 Target: 2,296

This measure indicates the number of PATH providers trained on Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSI/SSDI) Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR). This output is important in that, once trained, PATH providers are better able to assist PATH clients in applying for and receiving the income benefits for which they are eligible.

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[i] Information in this document is based on information contained in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) FY 2015 Congressional Budget Justification.