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Good afternoon,

It is with great concern I voice how hard it is for the growing population of mental health clients who are seeking housing to obtain it .

99% of the clients discharged from any program have difficulty transitioning into a safe and healthy environment do to availability and cost.

I currently work with clients that suffer from mental health and substance abuse issues and this is one of the most noted challenges clients face daily.

Although these individuals may or may not receive an income such as employment, SSA, SSDA SSI, it is still extremely difficult to find affordable housing suitable for dwelling.

The housing market in Miami Dade County and Broward does not cater to the growing need of low income mental health individual needs for housing.

It was a wonderful thing when Car Four came about but, there are not many vacant available throughout the counties. In order for mental health client to remain stable with medication adherence it vital to have a safe clean environment to be organize, keep up with appointment store medication, receive case management have a since of belonging.

In a perfect world we all would like to have what we want however this is a need and not a want.

Thank you

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