Integrated Settings

- Located in mainstream communities;
- Access to activities and opportunities at times, frequencies and with persons of own choosing;
- Afford choices in daily life activities and
- Interaction with non-disabled persons to the fullest extent possible.
Segregated Settings

- Populated exclusively or primarily by persons with disabilities;
- Regimented daily activities, lack of privacy, policies that limit personal autonomy and management of personal activities of daily living or
- Providing daytime activities primarily with others with disabilities
Interviews with LMH ALF Residents

• Residents could not describe other available living options
• Residents have very little privacy, lack of choice of roommates
• Residents have no opportunities to improve independent living skills
• Residents have varying degrees of engagement in community
• Residents mentioned language barriers to communication
Options & Informed Choice

• LMH ALFs as part of a continuum of residential options
• Informed choice about options includes info on integrated settings, visits to settings and meetings with residents who are successful in a variety of integrated settings.
Discharges from State Mental Health Treatment Facilities

• By default, current discharge practice includes trans-institutionalization of people with mental illnesses into segregated settings.

• 2005-2010, 1577 discharges to ALF with 56.64% from SFSH
Recommendations

- Develop an accurate count of people with mental illnesses with SSI/Medicaid/OSS who reside in LMH ALFs.
- Move money from DCF institutional budgets to follow the people being discharged into integrated residential options.
- Allow OSS money now used in facility settings to follow the person into integrated settings.
- Permit AHCA to use the Money Follows the Person grant it was awarded.
- Stop sweeping the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
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