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I wanted to restate my recommendations:

1. If we want to encourage diversion for IST clients, is there any reason that the State cannot set priority for any use of State housing funds that places homeless mentally ill individuals at the top of the list? This would be similar to the preference given to Veterans for housing programs. The issue is the screening instruments that the County Housing Offices use to determine priority.
2. I believe that the stakeholders should be encouraged or the Legislature could take additional action to make sure that the Managed Care programs in each County include all of the in lieu of services:
 - Housing Transition Navigation (and peer support navigators)
 - Housing Deposits (including one-time payment for security deposits, set up fees/deposits for utilities, first month coverage of utilities, first and last month's rent.)
 - Housing Tenancy and Sustaining Services
 - Short term Post Hospitalization & Jail Housing (up to six months)
 - Recuperative care (Medical respite)
 - Sobering Centers