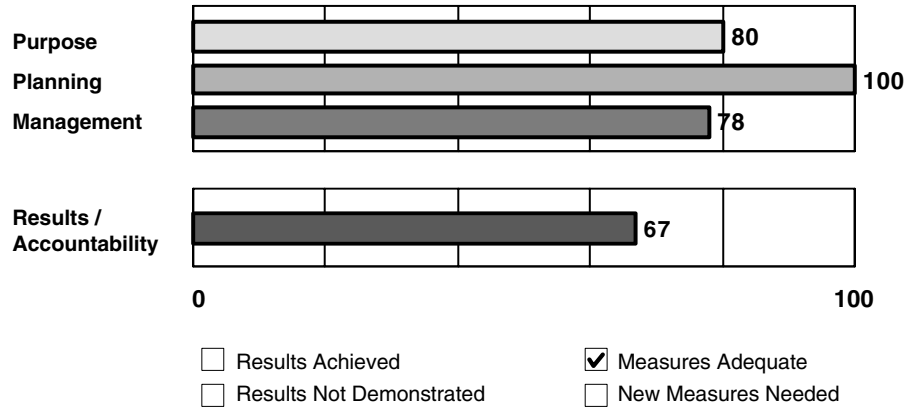


Program: *Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness*

Agency: *Department of Health and Human Services*

Bureau: *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration*



Key Performance Measures

Year Target Actual

Long-term Measure: Percentage of enrolled homeless persons who receive community mental health services (New measure)	2000		61%
	2005	75%	
Annual Measure: Percentage of contacted homeless persons with serious mental illness who are enrolled in services	1997		37%
	1998	30%	36%
	1999	33%	42%
	2000	41%	
Long-term Measure: Average federal cost for enrolling a homeless person with serious mental illness into services (New measure)	1999		\$579
	2000		\$668
	2004	\$668	
	2005	\$668	

Rating: *Moderately Effective*

Program Type: *Block / Formula Grants*

Program Summary:

Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) makes formula grants to states to provide outreach, mental health and other supportive services to homeless individuals with serious mental illness.

The assessment indicates:

1. PATH is not entirely unique, but is designed to have a significant impact.
2. The program purpose is clear and commonly held by interested parties.
3. As required by the authorizing legislation, PATH supports an evaluation every three years to ensure expenditures are consistent with the authorization and to recommend changes in program design and operations.
4. Evaluations have found PATH succeeds at targeting homeless individuals with serious mental illness. For example, the 2000 evaluation found 35% of clients who received funded services were diagnosed with schizophrenia or some other psychotic disorder and an additional 30% were diagnosed with an effective disorder such as major depression or bipolar disorder.
5. The program has adopted useful and ambitious long-term and annual performance measures and is managed well overall.
6. The program's existing data indicate progress toward meeting newly adopted long-term performance measures.
7. The program can take additional steps to improve administrative efficiency, but operates with a relatively limited number of employees and has some procedures in place to be more efficient, such as electronic application and grantee reporting.

In response to these findings, the Administration:

1. Proposes a \$3 million increase above the 2003 Budget, which is a 26% increase above 2002.
2. Will track and improve program performance using newly developed long-term outcome and efficiency measures.

Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)

<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Estimate</u>	<u>2004 Estimate</u>
40	47	50