

**Alameda County  
Justice-Involved Mental Health Task Force  
STANDARD DEFINITION OF TERMS**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Source</b>
<b>Serious Mental Illness (SMI)</b>	Serious mental illness among people ages 18 and older is defined as having, at any time during the past year, a diagnosable mental, behavior, or emotional disorder that causes serious functional impairment that substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life activities. Serious mental illnesses include schizophrenia, delusional disorder, bipolar I disorder, and other mental disorders that cause serious impairment.	<a href="#">SAMHSA</a> & Alameda Co. HCSA
<b>Substance Use Disorder (SUD)</b>	Substance use disorders occur when the recurrent use of alcohol and/or drugs causes clinically significant impairment, including health problems, disability, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school, or home.	<a href="#">SAMHSA</a>
<b>Co-occurring Disorder</b>	People who have both a mental disorder and a substance use disorder.	<a href="#">SAMHSA</a>
<b>Recidivism</b>	<p><b>Adult Recidivism Definition</b> Recidivism is defined as conviction of a new felony or misdemeanor committed within three years of release from custody or committed within three years of placement on supervision for a previous criminal conviction.<sup>1</sup></p> <p><b>Supplemental Measures</b> This definition does not preclude other measures of recidivism. Such measures may include new arrest, return to custody, criminal filing, violation of supervision, level of offense (felony or misdemeanor), and failure to appear.</p> <p><b>Recidivism Rates</b> While the definition adopts a three-year standard measurement period, rates may also be measured over other time intervals such as one, two, or five years.</p> <p><sup>1</sup>“Committed” refers to the date of offense, not the date of conviction.</p>	California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) <a href="#">BSCC</a>
<b>Length of Stay</b>	The time period that a person stays. In the context of JIMHTF, length of stay may refer to any of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jail</li> <li>2. Hospitalization (Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital)</li> <li>3. Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES)</li> <li>4. Residential Substance Use Treatment</li> <li>5. Emergency Room Department</li> </ol>	JIMHTF

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<p><b>“High utilizer” consumer</b></p>	<p>In the context of JIMHTF, “high utilizer” refers to a person who has a high level of involvement in the mental health system over a “trailing” 12 month period since the last incidence as defined by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Have Justice Involvement (see definition below) and</li> <li>* Have had 2 or more John George PES episodes and/or</li> <li>* Have had 2 or more Cherry Hill episodes and/or;</li> <li>* Have had 1 or more Inpatient episodes; or</li> <li>* Are in conservatorship</li> </ul>	<p>BHCS - JIMH</p>
<p><b>“Crossover” consumer</b></p>	<p>In the context of JIMHTF, “crossover” consumer refers to a person who has a level of involvement in both the mental health <b>and</b> criminal justice system.</p>	<p>JIMHTF</p>
<p><b>Justice - Involved</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Served by behavioral health court</li> <li>* Served by court advocacy program</li> <li>* Been seen by the drug court</li> <li>* Have been served by a MH AB109 Program</li> <li>* History of an Arrest or citation (at intercept 0)</li> </ul>	<p>BHCS - JIMH</p>