ACT Eligibility Vignettes With Rationale
David

- 38-year-old man diagnosed with Schizophrenia
- ANSA: MHN – 3/2/3/2/2/0/0/2/0/0
  - RB – 2/0/0/0/1/2/0/0
  - LDF – 1/0/0/2/1/0/0/3/3/0/2/3/3/1
- Very guarded with information – believes he is under surveillance by the DEA, FBI, and police
- Has been homeless living on the streets
- Won’t take meds, doesn’t have an illness – “if you were under intense surveillance with a transmitter implanted in you – wouldn’t you be suspicious and depressed?”
David is eligible as he meets the following criteria:

- Schizophrenia spectrum
  Combinations of symptoms and episodes: Psychosis

- **Two or greater** on at least one of the ANSA items:
  - Mental Health Needs or
  - Risk Behaviors

- Or a score of **three** on at least one of the items in the *Life Domain Function* section

- At risk of psychiatric hospitalization (refusing medication treatment), institutional, supervised residential placement if more intensive services are not available
Rosalinda

• 25-year-old woman diagnosed with Schizoaffective d/o
• ANSA: MHN – 2/0/2/0/1/0/2/0/2/0
  • RB – 0/0/0/0/2/0/0
  • LDF – 2/1/0/2/1/0/0/2/0/0/0/2/1/1
• Has lived in the same group home for 1 year – really wants her own place.
• Moved into group home after a fire in her apartment: a pile of newspapers next to the stove caught fire
• Forgets to take meds, doesn’t want to get shots
Rosalinda is not eligible as she does not meet the following criteria:

• Her institutional use was more than 12 months ago.
Jamal

• 45-year-old man diagnosed with Bipolar I
• ANSA: MHN – 1/1/1/1/1/1/1/1/1/1/1
  • RB – 0/0/0/0/0/0/0/0
  • LDF – 2/2/0/0/0/2/3/0/0/2/1/1
• Has had 2 hospital admission in the last 12 months
• Has intermittent episodes of hearing voices (auditory hallucinations), but is able to ignore them
• No current use of alcohol or other drugs, except tobacco use
• Has been living with his mother in her house for the past 2 years
• Keeps most appointments at CMHC; has missed 2 in the past yr (missed the bus). Called his case manager to reschedule missed appointments
Jamal is not eligible as he does not meet the following criteria:

Jamal meets the diagnostic criteria and ANSA score criteria (3 on LDF), however:

- He does not meet institutional use or functional challenges criteria
- He appears to be succeeding at a lesser level of care
Ron

• 41-year-old man diagnosed with Schizophrenia
• ANSA: MHN – 3/2/3/2/2/0/0/2/0/0
  • RB – 2/0/0/0/1/2/0/0
  • LDF – 1/0/0/2/1/0/0/3/3/0/2/3/3/1
• Was released from the state hospital on November 10, 2016 – after 2 years hospitalized. He has been living in a supervised apartment since discharge.
• A team member comes twice a day to make sure he takes his meds and eats properly. He calls the team on-call number 3-5 times a week when the voices get overwhelming.
Ron is eligible as he meets the following criteria:

- Diagnosis
- ANSA score
- Functional challenges

- Institutional use has been significant, though outside of the 12 month window.