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To Whom It May Concern at the Bureau of Disability Determination,

Re: [Client, last 4 of SS#]

[Client] is a 31 year old African American male with a history of homelessness and mental health hospitalizations. [Client] has received targeted case management services through [Targeted Case Management Agency] since April 2023. [TCM Agency] provides case management services to individuals with serious behavioral health diagnoses who are experiencing homelessness or who face unstable housing. As a Targeted Case Manager, I work with [Client] to assist him in accessing social supports and connecting with physical and behavioral health providers. We previously worked to reinstate his SNAP benefits, obtain his identification documents and state ID, and navigate his court involvement. I am currently working with his support team to identify housing opportunities as he completes his stay at [Residential Treatment Facility]. [Client] has been diagnosed from schizophrenia, depression, and asthma. In addition to his case management services, [Client] receives treatment at [Outpatient Mental Health Program], which he attends three times a week.

[Client] currently resides at [Residential Treatment Facility] in the Frankford neighborhood of Philadelphia. Beginning in 2020, [Client] experienced periods of homelessness on and off for two years until his incarceration from September 2022 until January 2023. This period of homelessness was precipitated by the death of his mother, who raised him and with whom he was very close. [Client] has past hospitalizations at Fairmount Behavioral, Friends Behavioral, Temple Episcopal, and Pennsylvania Hospital, all for suicidal ideation and symptoms of schizophrenia.

[Client] suffers from hallucinatory episodes, specifically stating that he hears voices, often threatening in nature. As a result, [Client] experiences paranoia, which limits his ability to interact with and work with other people on a consistent basis without giving in to feelings of distrust. When he has worked previously, his paranoia has led to him withdrawing and staying in bed all day, resulting in an inability to maintain employment. Dealing with voices also impinges on his ability to focus, as he becomes distracted from the immediate task at hand. In working with [Client], he will usually struggle to remain engaged in tasks lasting longer than ten minutes. When faced with difficulty, [Client] shuts down, agreeing with anything that is suggested rather than applying his own judgment or offering opinions. When [Client] experiences a period of elevated schizophrenic symptoms or depression, he withdraws from his engagement with case management, isolates, and struggles to maintain personal hygiene or complete activities of daily living.

It is my opinion that [Client] faces functional limitations significant enough to preclude him from maintaining employment.

Thank you,

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