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Coates, Judge Robert J.

A Street is Not a Home, Prometheus Books, 1990

A guidebook for dealing with homelessness in general and the homelessness of the mentally ill persons in particular.

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Boston Foundation

Homelessness: Critical Issues for Policy and Practice, The Boston Foundation, 1987 (2 Copies)

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Isaac, Rael Jean and Virginia Armat

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Lamb, Richard, Editor

The Homeless Mentally Ill, American Psychiatric Press, 1984

A task force report of the American Psychiatric Association discusses the need for comprehensive system of services and related legal, medical and political issues.

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Neugeboren, Jay

Transforming Madness: New Lives for People Living with Mental Illness, Wm Morrow & Co., 1999 (3 Copies)

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Struggling for Change: Mental Illness Services in US and England, 1991

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Seager, Stephen B., M.D.

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