



PLAN FOR ACCELERATING TRANSFORMATIVE HOUSING (PATH) INNOVATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023, 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: Join the meeting via Zoom

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Time	Agenda Item	Presenter/Facilitator
9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and Introductions 	- <i>Matt Mitchell, Focus Strategies</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and Approval of Minutes 	- <i>Matt Mitchell, Focus Strategies</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Comment – Open Period for public comment on items discussed or not listed on the agenda. 	- <i>Members of the public</i>
9:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unsheltered Metrics Review – Review latest metrics to track progress toward goals. 	- <i>Jamie Klinger, H3</i>
9:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homelessness Prevention: Community Context – Overview of homelessness prevention services offered through the homelessness response system and in the broader community 	- <i>Jamie Schechter, H3</i> - <i>Shelby Ferguson, H3</i>
9:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homelessness Prevention by the Numbers – Introduction to data on homelessness prevention and discussion about how the numbers compare to what service providers are seeing on the ground. 	- <i>Jamie Klinger, H3</i> - <i>Alex Atkinson, Hope Solutions</i>
10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Steps 	- <i>All</i>
10:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announcements 	- <i>All</i>

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Commonly Used Acronyms and Terms

Acronym	Definition
APR	Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
BOS	Board of Supervisors (Contra Costa County)
BCSH	California Business Consumer, Services and Housing Agency
CARE	Coordinated Assessment and Resource
CCACS/CCYCS	Contra Costa Adult Continuum of Service/ Contra Costa Youth Continuum of Services (H3 programs)
CDBG, CDBG-CV	Community Development Block Grant (federal and state programs) and the federal Community Development Block Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
CESH	California Emergency Solutions and Housing program (state funding)
COH	Council on Homelessness
Continuum of Care (CoC)	Continuum of Care approach to assistance to the homeless. Federal grant program promoting and funding permanent solutions to homelessness.
Con Plan	Consolidated Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under CDBG.
CES/CE	Coordinated Entry
CNWS	Concord Naval Weapons Station
CORE	Coordinated Outreach Referral, Engagement program
COVID-19	Coronavirus
DCD	Contra Costa Department of Conservation and Development
DOC	Department Operations Center
CDSS	California Department of Social Services
EHSD	(Contra Costa County) Employment and Human Services Division
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
ESG and ESG- CV	Emergency Solutions Grant (federal and state program) and the federal Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
FMR	Fair Market Rent (maximum rent for Section 8 rental assistance/CoC grants)
HCD	Housing and Community Development (State office)
HCFC	Housing Coordinating and Financing Council (state governing board under BCSH)
HEAP	Homeless Emergency Aid Program (state funding)
HEARTH	Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009
HHAP	Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (state funding);
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HOME	Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)
Homekey	California funding to support development of interim and permanent housing
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act



Contra Costa Continuum of Care

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NOFO	Notice of Funding Opportunity
PHA	Public Housing Authority
Project Roomkey	COVID-related State funding program to support de-congregating homeless shelters using hotels/motels.
PSH	Permanent Supportive Housing
PUI	Persons Under Investigation
RFP/RFQ/LOI	Request for Proposal/Request for Qualifications/Letter of Intent related to funding opportunities
RRH	Rapid Rehousing
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
SRO	Single-Room Occupancy housing units
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TA	Technical Assistance
TAY	Transition Age Youth (usually ages 16-24)
VA	Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of)
VASH	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
VI-SPDAT	Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool

Contra Costa County COVID-19 Resources:

Please see below for additional resources on COVID-19.

Health Services COVID Data Dashboard- <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/dashboard>

Health Services Homeless Specific Data Dashboard- <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/homeless-dashboard>

Health Services COVID Updates- <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/health-services-updates>

Health Services Homeless-Specific COVID Resources -<https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/for-the-homeless>



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WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Matt Mitchell, Focus Strategies

PATH Innovations Committee is comprised of a diverse group of community stakeholders and CoC partners who commit to leading, monitoring, implementing, and assigning priorities to reduce unsheltered homelessness by 75% by the end of 2024.

INTRODUCTIONS

PATH Innovations Committee Members

H3 Staff

Community Solutions

Homebase

Focus Strategies

Stakeholders

REVIEW & APPROVE MINUTES

Matt Mitchell, Focus Strategies

ACTION ITEM

- Approve minutes from the January 19, 2022 PATH Innovation Committee meeting.



PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Mitchell, Focus Strategies

Open period for public comment on items discussed or not listed on the agenda.

UNSHELTERED METRICS REVIEW

Jamie Klinger, H3

UNSHELTERED DATA DASHBOARD

PATH INNOVATIONS QUARTERLY REPORT

REPORT PERIOD: July 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022

DATA RUN: January 18, 2023



UNSHELTERED DASHBOARD: July–Sept, 2022

HH experiencing unsheltered homelessness

During quarter : **2,720**
At end of quarter: 1,590 (58%)



HH from unsheltered to permanent housing: 31 (1% of unsheltered)

HH from unsheltered to shelter: 137 (5% of unsheltered)



Average length of time

Sheltered: 132 days
Unsheltered: 184 days



HH from shelter to permanent housing: 110 (15% of 744 sheltered HH)



HH becoming unsheltered from shelter: 93 (3% of unsheltered)

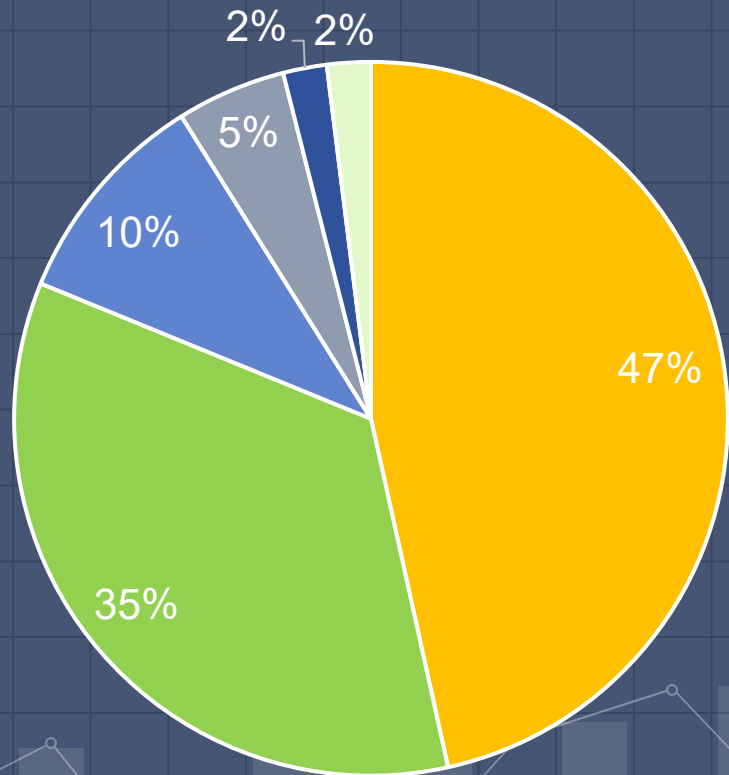
HH becoming unsheltered from housing: 91 (3% of unsheltered)



HH experiencing unsheltered homelessness for first time: 163 (6% of unsheltered)



Unsheltered HoH Race and Ethnicity (July - Sept, 2022)



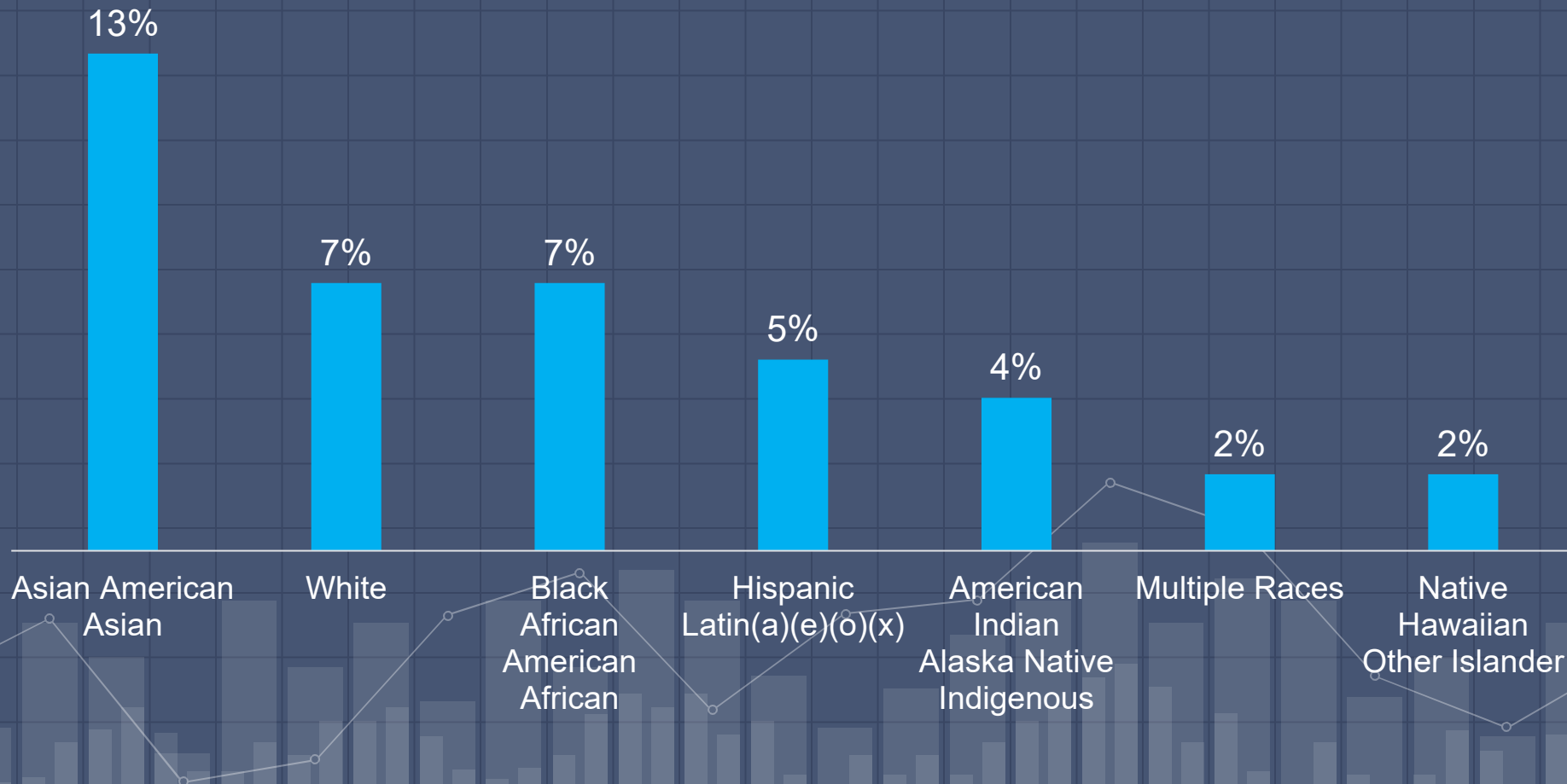
- White
- Black/African American/African
- American Indian/Alaska Native/Indigenous
- Multiple Races
- Native Hawaiian/Other Islander
- Asian American/Asian

19% were Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(e)(x)

86% had at least one disabling condition

Exited to Shelter or Permanent Housing (July-Sept 2022)

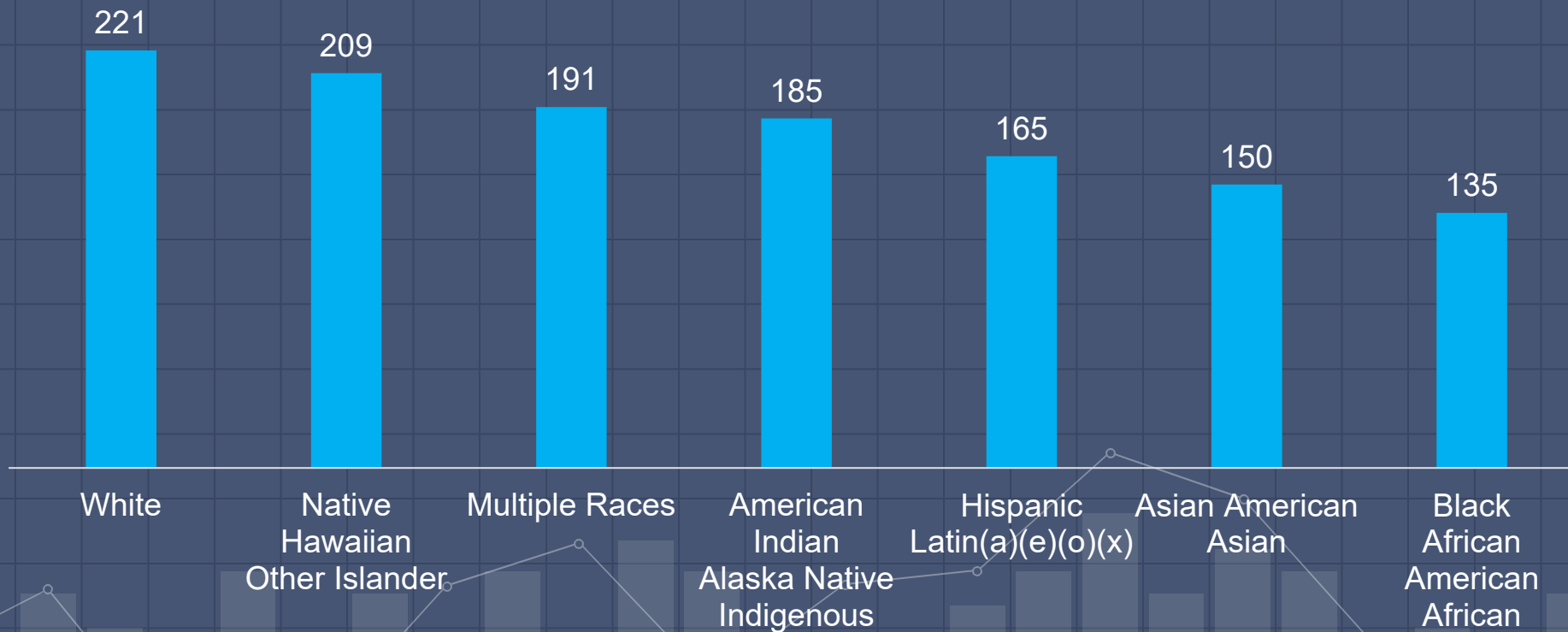
% of Unsheltered Households with Exits to Shelter or Permanent Housing, by Race, April – June 2022



- Regardless of race/ethnicity, 6% of unsheltered pop exited to shelter or perm housing.
- Asian American/Asian had the highest rate of exits to shelter or permanent housing (13%) from unsheltered during this reporting period.

LOT Unsheltered, by Race and Ethnicity (July-Sept, 2022)

Number of Days Unsheltered before Housing or Shelter



- Regardless of race/ethnicity, households were unsheltered for an average of **184 days**.
- White households had the longest length of time unsheltered (221 days) during this reporting period.

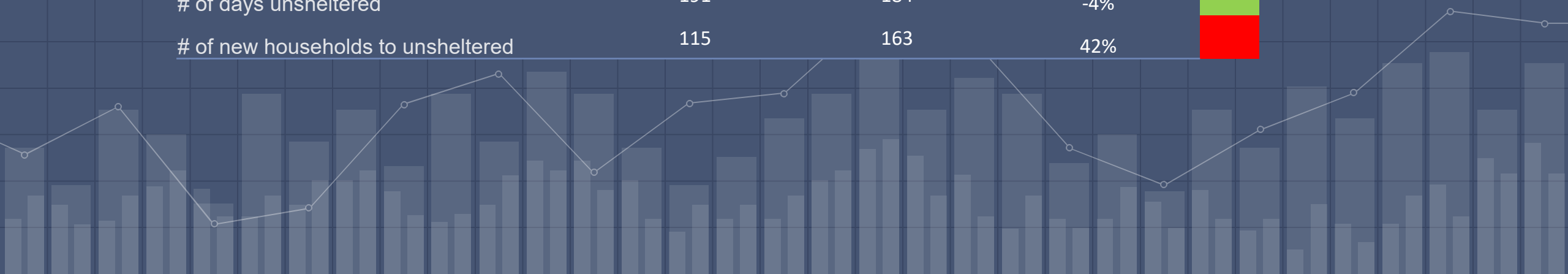
Quarterly Take-Aways (July–September, 2022)

- Low % of exits from unsheltered to shelter or permanent housing (5% and 1%, respectively)
- Low % of unsheltered that are new to unsheltered (6%)
- Wide range in # of days unsheltered across race/ethnicity with White having the longest (135 to 221 days)
- % of exits from unsheltered to permanent housing or shelter ranged from 2% to 13% depending on race/ethnicity



Changes from Previous Quarter

	April-June 2022	July- Sept 2022	% change
# at end of report period	1,980	1,590	-20%
# served during report period	2,896	2,720	-6%
# unsheltered to perm housing	70	31	-56%
# unsheltered to emergency shelter	116	137	18%
# sheltered to permanent housing	117	119	2%
# ES/PH to unsheltered	193	184	-5%
# of days sheltered	184	132	-28%
# of days unsheltered	191	184	-4%
# of new households to unsheltered	115	163	42%



Take-Aways (changes from previous quarter)

- ↓ Decrease in # of unsheltered during report period (6% decrease) and end of report (20%)
- ↑ Increase in # of exits from unsheltered to shelter (18%)
- ↓ Decrease in # of exits to (56% decrease)
- ↓ Decrease in LOT sheltered (28%) and unsheltered (4%)
- ↑ Increase in number of 'new-to-unsheltered' (42% increase)



HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION: COMMUNITY CONTEXT

Jamie Schechter, H3

Shelby Ferguson, H3

PURPOSE OF TODAY'S DISCUSSION

- Develop shared understanding of homelessness prevention services available in Contra Costa County
- Discuss how homelessness prevention services are measured—and what the numbers can and cannot tell us
- Prepare for engagement with the Prevention Cohort; topics include:
 - Gathering and reviewing quantitative and qualitative data
 - Adopting definition and core elements of “Coordinated Prevention”
 - Mapping inventory of current providers and potential community partners

WHAT IS HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION?

Homelessness prevention refers to policies, practices, and interventions that reduce the likelihood that someone will experience homelessness. It also means providing those who have been homeless with the necessary resources and supports to stabilize their housing, enhance integration and social inclusion, and ultimately reduce the risk of the recurrence of homelessness.

Prevention in the Community

- Homelessness prevention financial assistance
- Eviction prevention legal services
- Targets **people who are housing insecure**, including those who are at greatest risk for literal homelessness, and then offers immediate, coordinated access to housing problem-solving and prevention-related resources

Prevention in the Homelessness Response System

- Prevention/Diversion as defined in program models
- Distinct from Rapid Exit
- Helps individuals and families avoid **imminent, literal** homelessness by providing timely, flexible assistance to resolve a household's immediate housing crisis and help them stabilize in their current or new housing.

PREVENTION/DIVERSION AND RAPID EXIT

Prevention/Diversion

Serves people still in housing and at risk of losing housing within next two weeks.

Rapid Exit

Serves people entering homelessness in the CoC with an identified housing resource.

Referrals made by 211 after triage assessment



Referrals made to HUME Center and Hope Solutions



Case management (family/friend reunification, housing problem solving, mediation)



One-time financial assistance (past due rent, move-in assistance, gift cards, transportation costs) up to \$5,000 per family or \$3,000 per individual

Referrals made by shelter, CARE, CORE after triage assessment



Outcomes



Reconnect with family/friends for housing support, temporary or permanent



Maintain or regain own housing

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION BY THE NUMBERS

Jamie Klinger, H3

Alex Atkinson, Hope Solutions

POPULATIONS SERVED

Key measures

- Prevention programs in HMIS
- Total HHs served during reporting period
- Household demographics (Household type, Race/Ethnicity, Age, Disability Status)

Discussion

- How does this correspond to what providers experience?
- What important characteristics or needs are not reflected in the data?
- Do some groups have different needs from others? Are there patterns?

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

Key measures

- Types of services
- Financial Assistance
- Length of time in prevention programs

Discussion

- What work do staff do in order to provide this assistance?
- What additional services or supports are not captured by the data?
- How do we determine the “right” assistance, services, or supports to provide?

OUTCOMES AND RETURNS TO HOMELESSNESS

Key measures

- Exits
- Returns

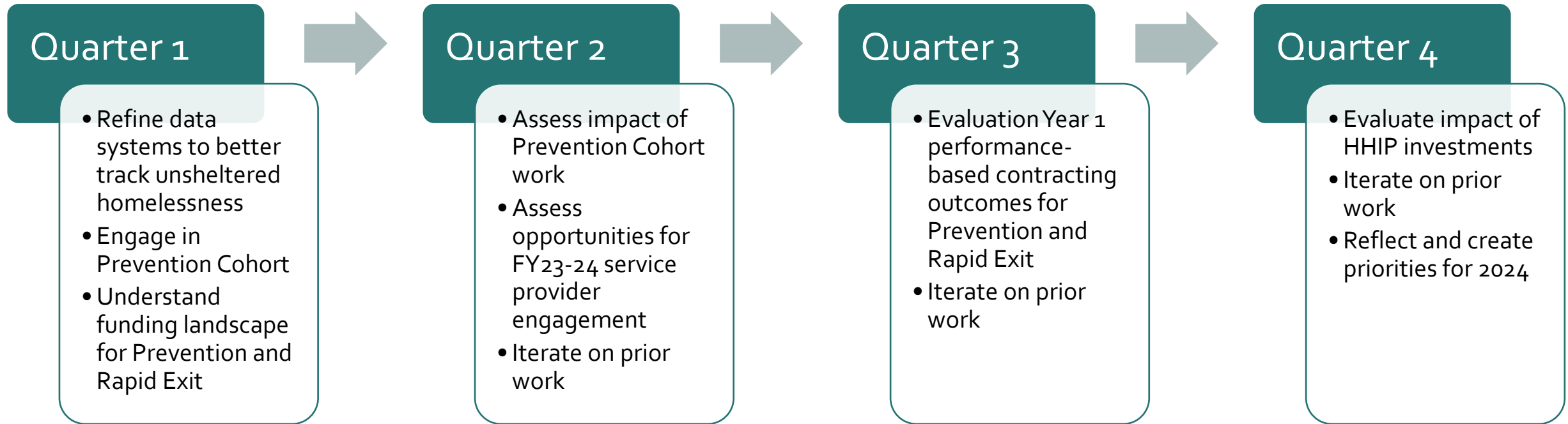
Discussion

- How do staff know what outcomes to record in the data? Do they know what happens after households receive assistance?
- Can households request assistance repeatedly? If so, how do we learn from the past, so that the outcomes are different the next time?

NEXT STEPS

Matt Mitchell, Focus Strategies

2023 ROADMAP



ANNOUNCEMENTS