

Preventing and Ending Homelessness in Dane County

Where are we now?

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Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

Goal 1: Prevent Homelessness in Dane County

- ▶ Written Standards: Homeless Prevention & Diversion Sections
- ▶ Diversion strategies and staff implemented for families
- ▶ Prevention: Coordinated Entry Hub
- ▶ OrgCode training in February covered Diversion

Goal 2: Support Persons and Families Experiencing Homelessness

- ▶ Written Standards: Outreach section revised
- ▶ The Beacon opened in October 2017
- ▶ Coordinated Entry System: VI-SPDATs & Priority List
- ▶ Trainings offered on Housing First, Motivational Interviewing & Full SPDAT
- ▶ Operation Welcome Home: New street outreach team

Goal 3: End Homelessness in Dane County

- ▶ Added/funded 47 allotments of RRH for single adults and 45 allotments for families
- ▶ 60 units of PSH for singles at Rethke, planning in place for more at Park St.
- ▶ 40 units of PSH for families at Tree Lane, set to open in June 2018
- ▶ Established quality by-name lists; Porchlight's use of list
- ▶ Youth Homelessness

Goal 4: Advocate and Collaborate with Local, State, and National Partners

- ▶ Developed Education & Advocacy Committee
- ▶ Revitalized Community Plan Oversight committee
- ▶ Public education forum on needs of youth (in planning process)
- ▶ Participated in the Wisconsin Coalition Against Homelessness's statewide advocacy day
- ▶ Members of the Housing First Coalition

What still needs to get done?

- ▶ Formal connections with other sectors: employment, healthcare etc.
- ▶ Partnerships between mainstream providers and faith-based, grass roots organizations
- ▶ Youth-specific housing options
- ▶ Community engagement & conversations with local & state policy makers

What's Next?

▶ Focus on Goal 4

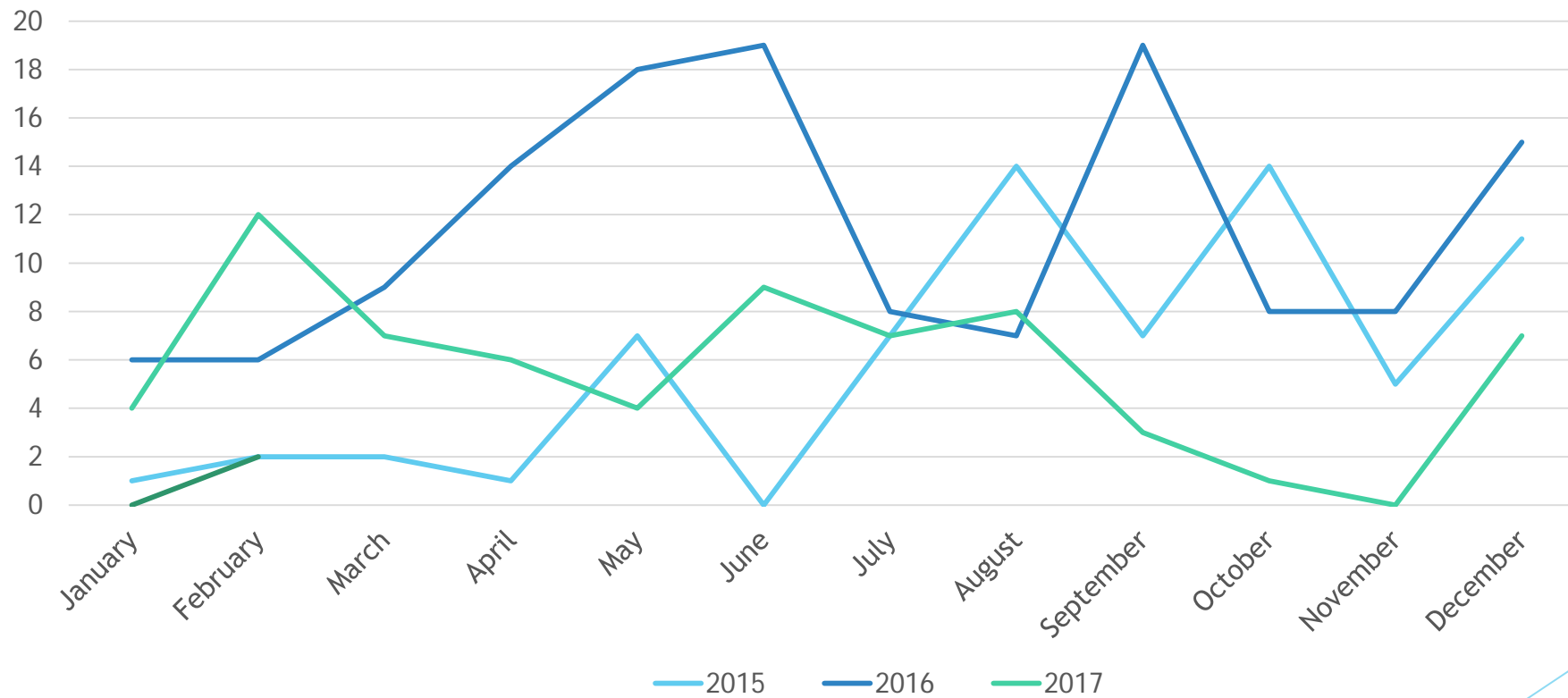
- ▶ Improve Data Collection and Evaluation
- ▶ Increase Local Community and Political Will
- ▶ Establish Partnerships for Advocacy Work

Built for Zero Initiative

Where We Began

- ▶ In 2015, Mayor Soglin signed on to the mayor's challenge to end veteran homelessness.
- ▶ At the same time, the Homeless Services Consortium signed up to be part of Zero: 2016. (now called Built for Zero)
- ▶ Original Goals: Homeless Services Consortium Leadership and Board will lead effort to end homelessness for 130 veterans by 2015, 135 chronically homeless by 2016 and 400 families by 2017.
- ▶ Engage individuals with current or past experience of homelessness, elected officials, housing and service providers, advocates, landlords, developers and funders.
- ▶ Use coordinated entry, provide comprehensive wrap-around services, and make data driven decisions.
- ▶ Homelessness will be brief, rare and non-recurring.

Veterans Housed 2015-2017



2018 Updates (Veterans)

- ▶ Veterans housed in 2018
 - ▶ January: 0
 - ▶ February: 2
 - ▶ March: #'s still pending
- ▶ Average outflow for past 6 months is 3 Veterans
- ▶ 6 month average inflow rate- 2.5 individuals a month
- ▶ Veterans currently homeless - **35** (unsheltered, sheltered, transitional housing)
 - ▶ 6 Chronic Veterans
 - ▶ 29 Non-Chronic Veterans

Strategies to End Veteran Homelessness

Increase Communication

- Combine Vet meeting and Housing Placement meetings
- Need to use all available expertise to work towards functional zero

Accelerate Housing Placements

- Fully utilize SSVF resources
- Small group landlord engagement
- Shared tool for landlord resources

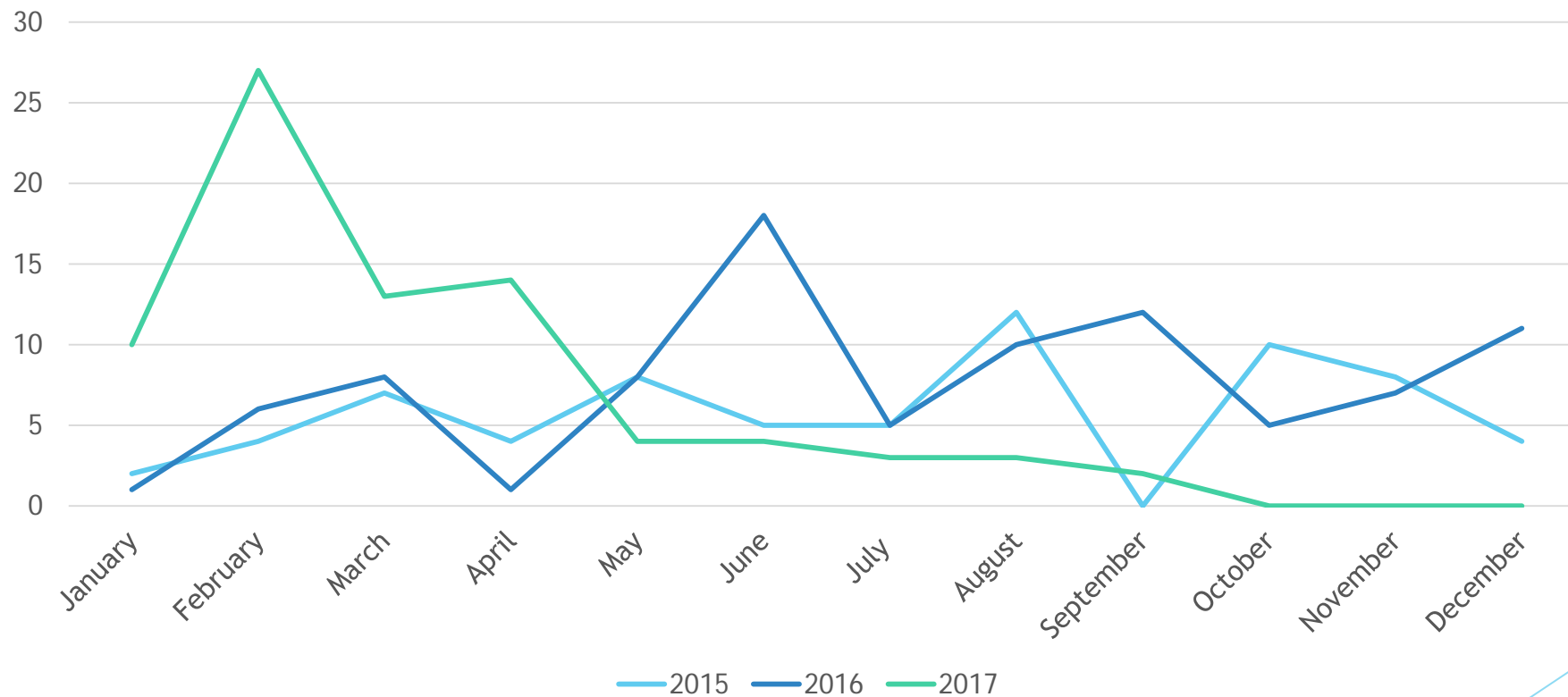
Reduce Inflow

- Find out if hospital to housing beds count as homeless
- Find out if we need to count out of county folks in our GPD beds
- Understand who is close to “aging into” chronic status

Chronic Homelessness: Remind me of the Definition

- ▶ (1) A “homeless individual with a disability,” as defined in the Act, who:
 - ▶ Lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and
 - ▶ Has been homeless (as described above) continuously for at least 12 months or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years where the combined occasions must total at least 12 months. Occasions separated by a break of at least seven nights
 - ▶ Stays in institution of fewer than 90 days do not constitute a break
- ▶ (2) An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility for fewer than 90 days and met all of the criteria in paragraph (1) of this definition, before entering that facility; or
- ▶ (3) A family with an adult head of household (or if there is no adult in the family, a minor head of household) who meets all of the criteria in paragraphs (1) or (2) of this definition, including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless.

People housed from the Chronic list 2015-2017



2018 Updates (Chronic)

- ▶ People housed from Chronic list in 2018
 - ▶ January: 0
 - ▶ February: 0
 - ▶ March: #'s still pending
- ▶ Average outflow for past 6 months is 8.83 individuals per month
- ▶ 6 month average inflow rate- 5.67 individuals a month
- ▶ Individuals currently on Chronic list- **262** (unsheltered, sheltered, transitional housing)

Strategies to End Chronic Homelessness

Reduce Inflow

- Understand who is “aging into” chronic status

Accelerating Housing Placements

- Call day for list accuracy
- Indicator on priority list for those who are “document ready”
- Ensure that someone is working with top 30 on list to get documentation in place
- Identify bottlenecks during outreach process

Building Will

- Spread the word about our AIM statements on the HSC website, meeting agendas, social media, etc.

Our AIM

- ▶ Veterans AIM statement:

- ▶ We the leaders of Madison/Dane County will REDUCE our by-name list of actively homeless veterans from 30 to 24 by June, 2018

- ▶ Chronic AIM statement:

- ▶ We the leaders of Madison/Dane County will REDUCE our by-name list of active chronically homeless individuals from 289 to 215 by June, 2018

What are we doing now

- ▶ Attend quarterly learning sessions provided by the Built for Zero Initiative
- ▶ Participate in coaching calls monthly with Built for Zero staff
- ▶ Built for Zero team meets monthly
 - ▶ Hold ourselves accountable to AIM and strategies set at learning sessions
- ▶ Outreach Meetings twice a month
 - ▶ Ensure vets and those experiencing chronic homelessness are connected to services
- ▶ Housing Placement Meetings twice a month
 - ▶ Match people on the list with housing opportunities

Madison/Dane CoC Homeless Numbers



Priority Lists

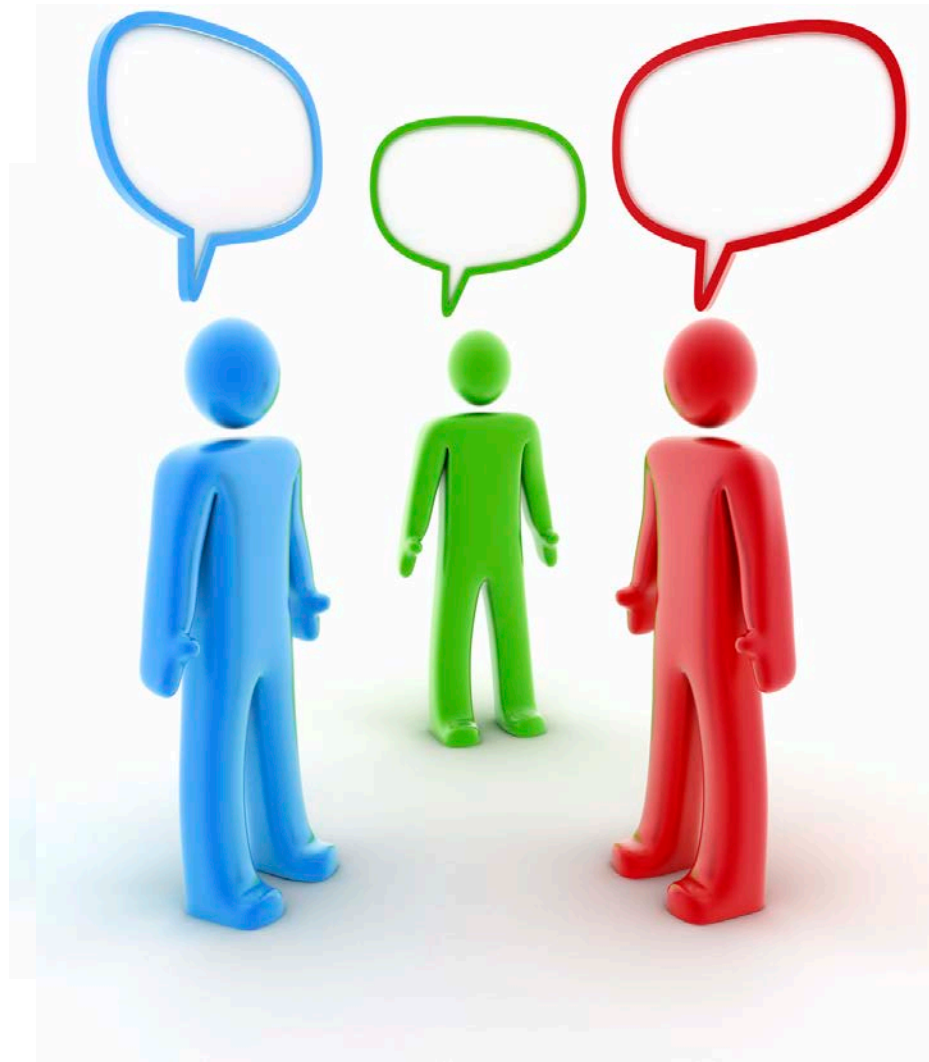
Families

- ▶ March 14, 2017
 - ▶ 529 Families
 - ▶ 40 meet Chronic Homeless definition
- ▶ April 4, 2018
 - ▶ 103 Families
 - ▶ 29 meet Chronic Homeless definition

Single Adults

- ▶ March 14, 2017
 - ▶ 880 Individuals
 - ▶ 300 meet Chronic Homeless definition
- ▶ March 28, 2018
 - ▶ 841 Individuals
 - ▶ 259 meet Chronic Homeless definition

Questions?



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