Preventing and Ending Homelessness in Dane County

Where are we now?

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Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

History of Community Plan

- First Plan developed in 2006
  - 3 goals
    - Provide support services for homeless households and households at-risk of homelessness
    - Help homeless households by providing a short-term safety net with continuous support services with the goal of moving into stable housing
    - Provide an adequate inventory of affordable housing units for low-income households
- 2015 HSC steering committee formed to develop next Plan
- March 2016: Charrette
- June 2016: 2 community meetings
- June 2017: Approved by HSC Board of Directors

Current Plan: 4 Goals

- Prevent Homelessness in Dane County
- Support Persons and Families Experiencing Homelessness
- End Homelessness in Dane County
- Advocate and Collaborate with Local, State, and National Partners

Accomplishments

- Strengthen our Written Standards: Prevention, Diversion, Outreach
- Trainings on Diversion, SPDAT, HUD Regulations
- Diversion services
- Rethke Terrace and Tree Lane
- Additional RRH slots
- Day Resource Center
- Quality by-name lists
- Revitalize Community Plan Oversight Committee
- Advocacy platform developed each year

What still needs to get done?

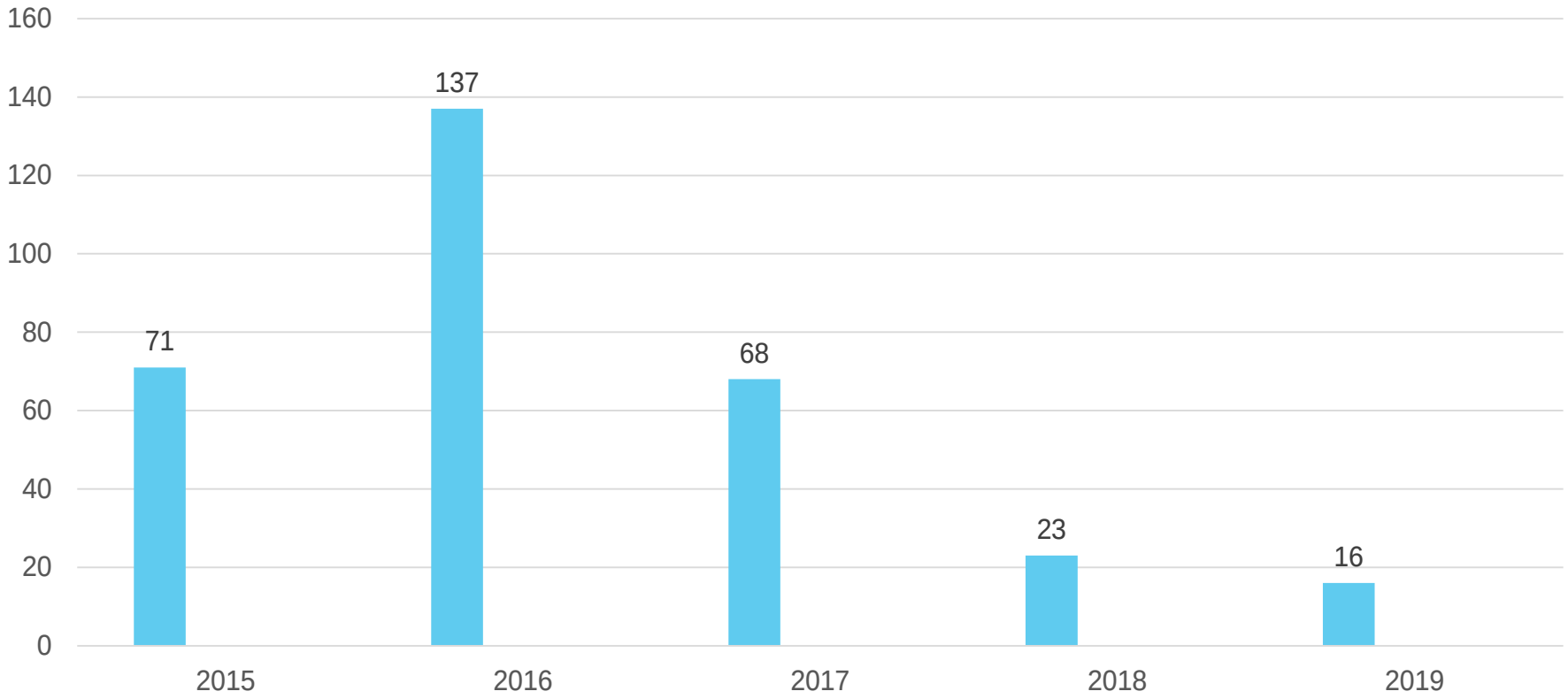
- Formal connections with other sectors: employment, healthcare etc.
- Partnerships between mainstream providers and faith-based, grass roots organizations
- Youth-specific housing options
- Community engagement & conversations with local & state policy makers

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 a one time experience.

Veterans Housed 2015-2019



2019 Updates (Veterans)

- Veterans housed in 2019
  - January – April 16 Veterans were housed
- Average outflow for past 6 months is 5.5 Veterans
- 6 month average inflow rate- 5 individuals a month
- Veterans currently homeless – **46** (unsheltered, sheltered, transitional housing)
  - 7 Chronic Veterans
  - 39 Non-Chronic Veterans

Strategies to End Veteran Homelessness

Increase Communication

- Veteran meetings move beyond identification of Vets into case conferencing
- Need to use all available expertise to work towards functional zero

Accelerate Housing Placements

- Fully utilize SSVF resources
- Incorporate Lutheran Social Services into array of Vet specific services

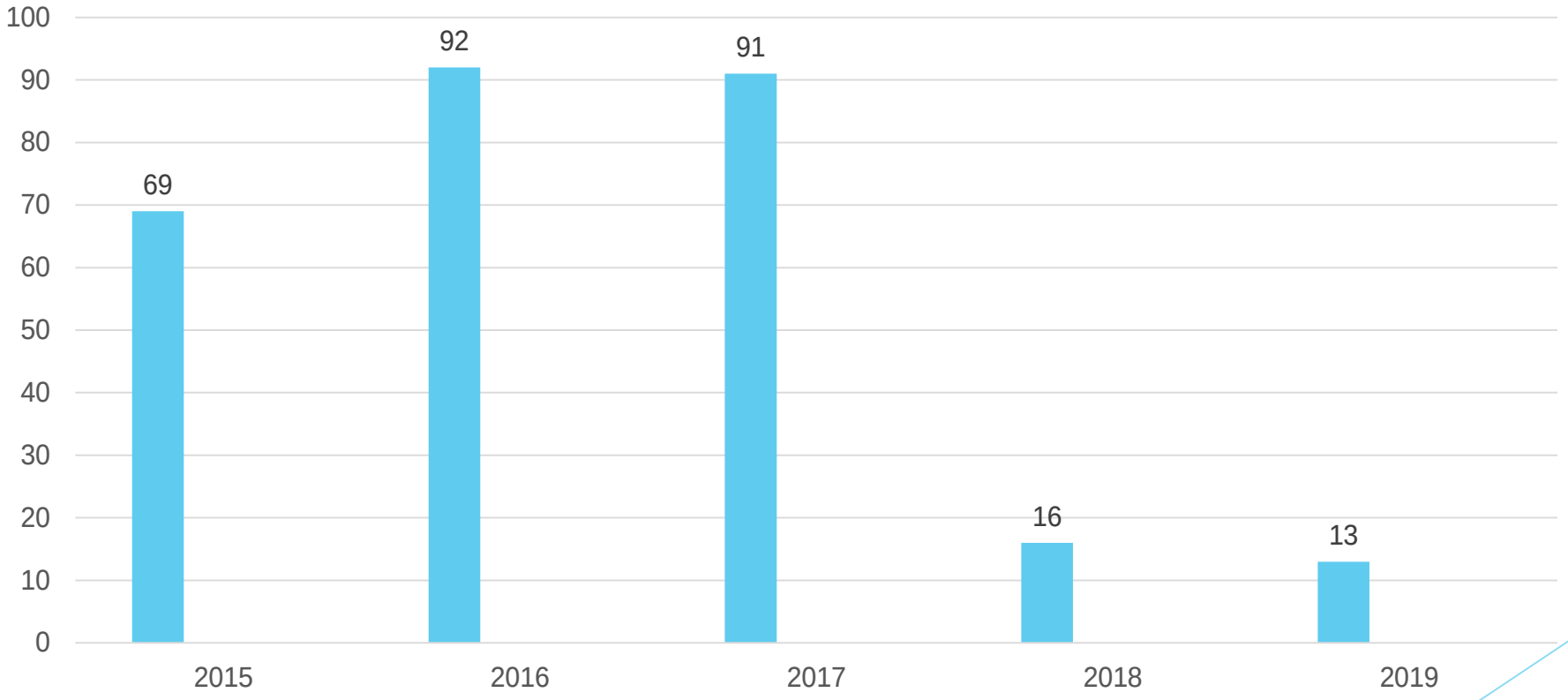
Reduce Inflow

- Develop Rapid Resolution program
- 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 2015-2019



2019 Updates (Chronic)

- People housed from Chronic list in 2019
  - January – April 13 People
- Average outflow for past 6 months is 6.7 individuals per month
- 6 month average inflow rate- 5.8 individuals a month
- Individuals currently on Chronic list– **222** (unsheltered, sheltered, transitional housing)

Strategies to End Chronic Homelessness

Reduce Inflow

- Understand who is “aging into” chronic status

Accelerating Housing Placements

- Prioritizing folks who are “document ready”
- Ensure that someone is working with top 30 on list to get documentation in place

Building Will

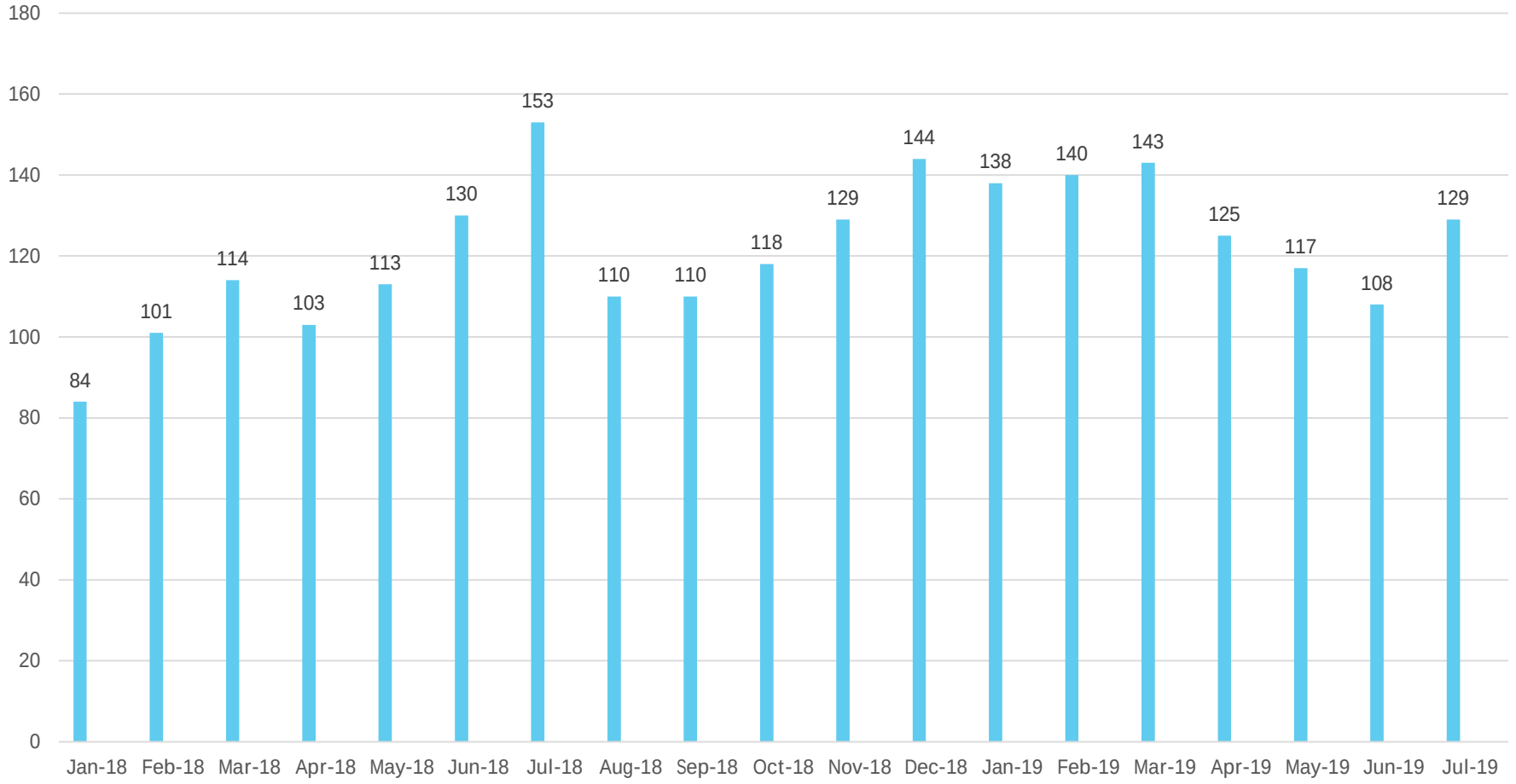
- Spread the word about our AIM statements on the HSC website, meeting agendas, social media, etc.

What are we doing now

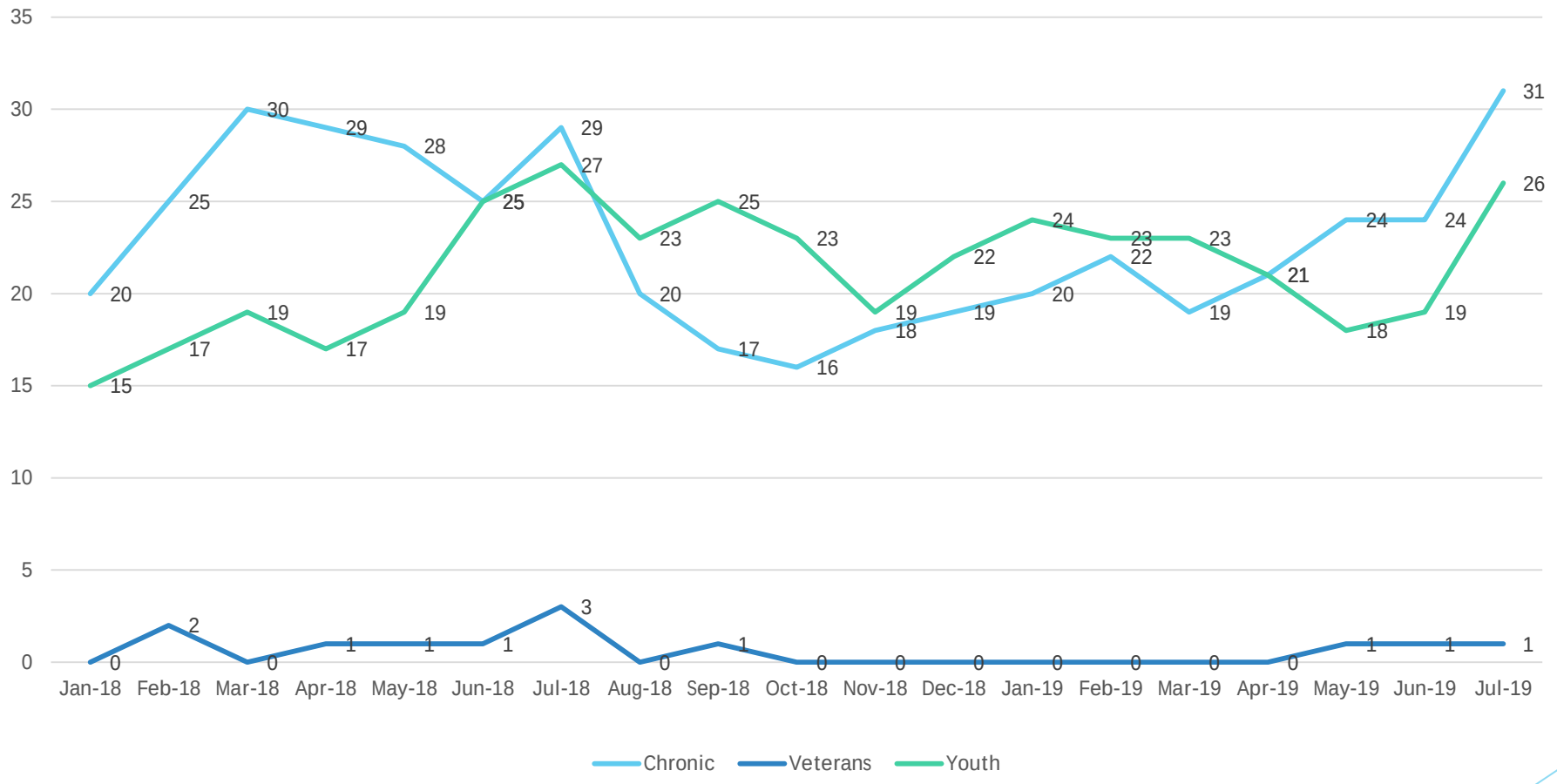
- Attend learning sessions provided by the Built for Zero Initiative
- Participate in coaching calls with Built for Zero staff
- Built for Zero team meets monthly
  - Hold ourselves accountable to strategies set at learning sessions
- Outreach Meetings twice a month and Vet meetings once a month
  - Ensure vets and those experiencing chronic homelessness are connected to services
- Chronic Inflow Pilot

Madison/Dane CoC Homeless Numbers

Priority List - Families



Sub-Populations on Family List



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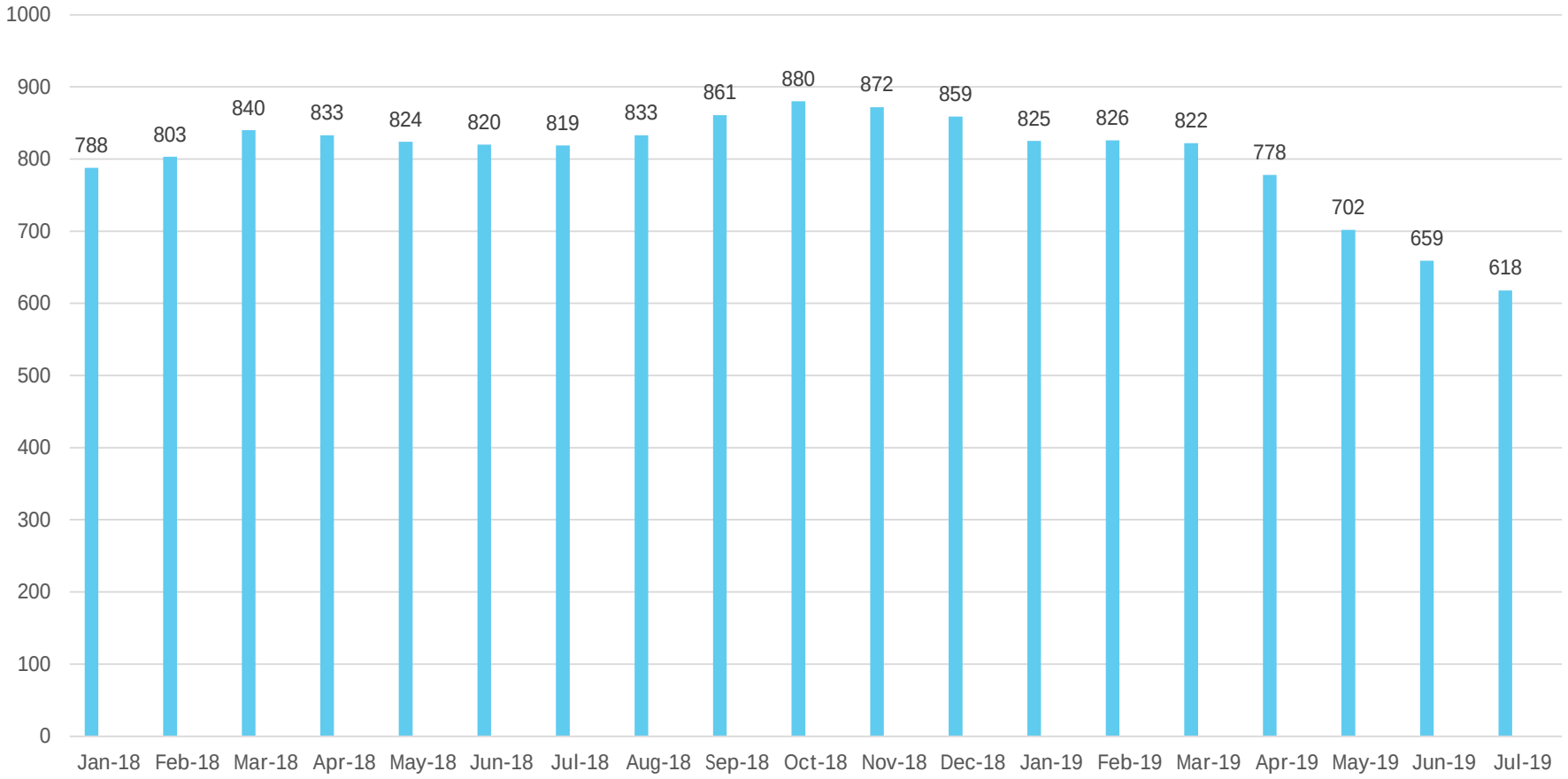

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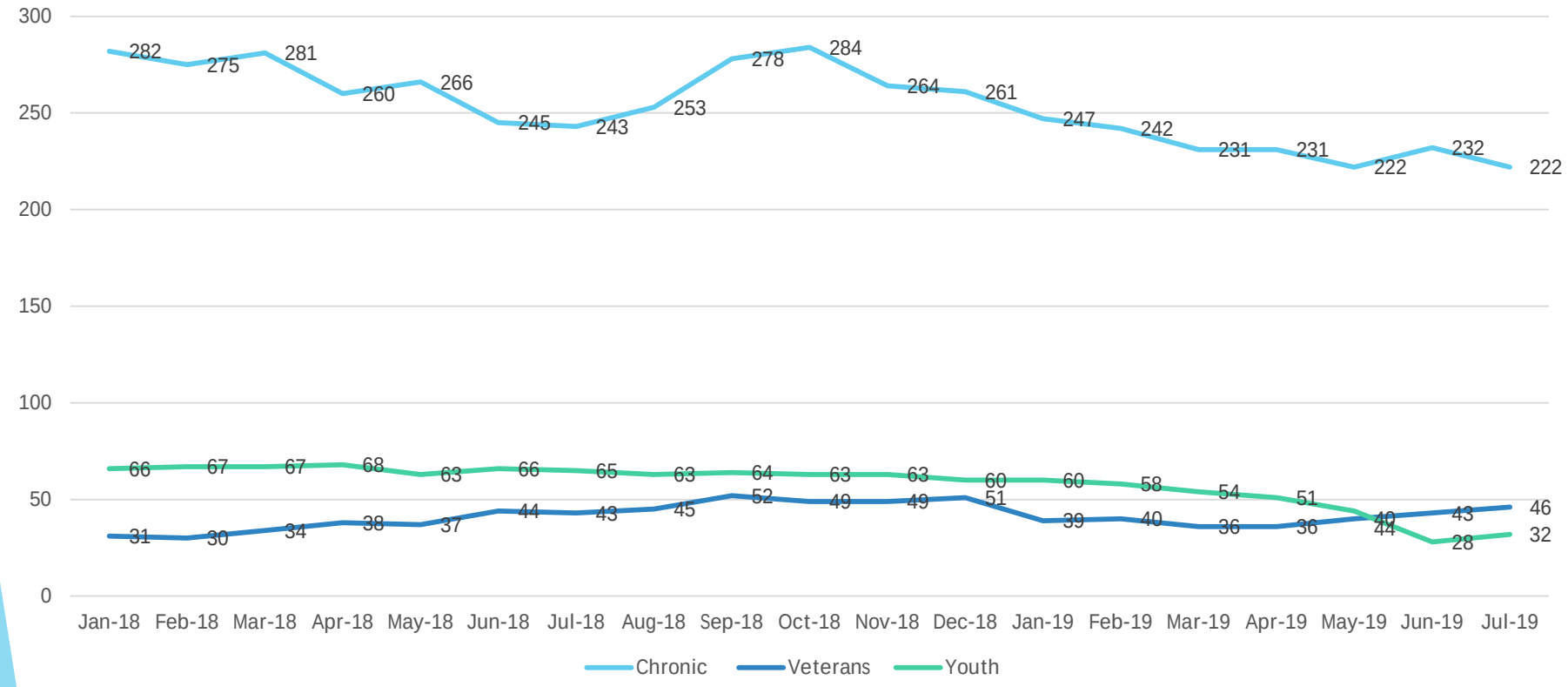

Priority List on 7.01.19

Households with Children

- Total 129
- Chronic 31
- Vets 1
- Youth 26

Single Adults

- Total 618
- Chronic 222
- Vets 46
- Youth 32

Questions?

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