

All Stakeholders Meeting | 12.04.23

## Today's Agenda

- Opening Remarks from Matt Mollica
- ECHO Status Report
- Presentation of '24 Leadership Council Slate
- Open Comment

#### **OBJECTIVE:**

HUD requires CoCs to hold meetings of the full membership at least semi-annually.



# Homelessness Response System Needs, Gaps + Racial Disparities

—— Presentation to All Stakeholders —— 12/4/2023

## PRESENTATION OUTLINE

**1.** Population characteristics

**2.** Connecting people to services

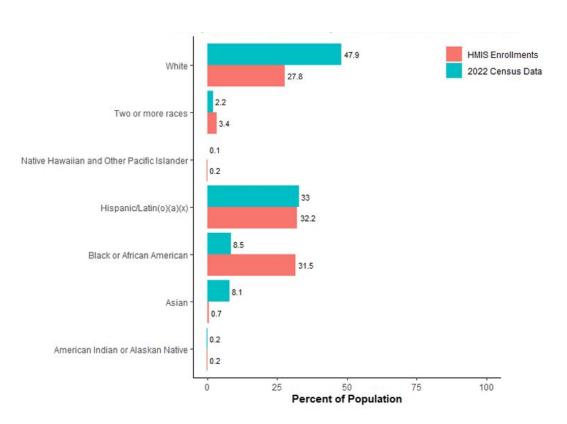
3. Increased need

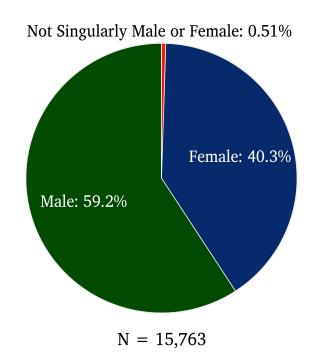
### **Population Characteristics**

#### **KEY TAKEAWAY:**

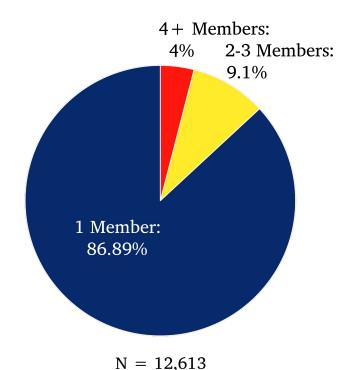
A Black Austinite is still six times more likely to experience homelessness than a white Austinite

#### POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS: RACE & GENDER





#### Population Characteristics: Households



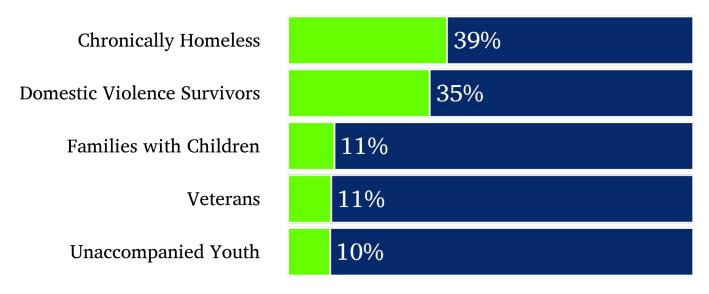
#### **INTERSECTIONS:**

- Families with children are more likely to be Hispanic/Latinx or Black
- Single men comprise the largest demographic group in the population

#### Population Characteristics: Age

N = 16,144Median Age: 36 20 25 30 35 50 55 60 65 

#### Population Characteristics: Key Groups



Chronically Homeless:  $N=16,164 \mid DV$  Survivors: N=14,691 Families with Children:  $N=12,613 \mid Veterans$ : N=15,090 Unaccompanied Youth: N=11,100

## **Connecting People to Services**

#### **KEY TAKEAWAY:**

Collaborative outreach efforts are connecting more people to housing assessments and crisis services faster

#### INCREASED SYSTEM CONNECTIONS (2021 TO 2022)



50% decrease in wait time for first time Coordinated Assessments



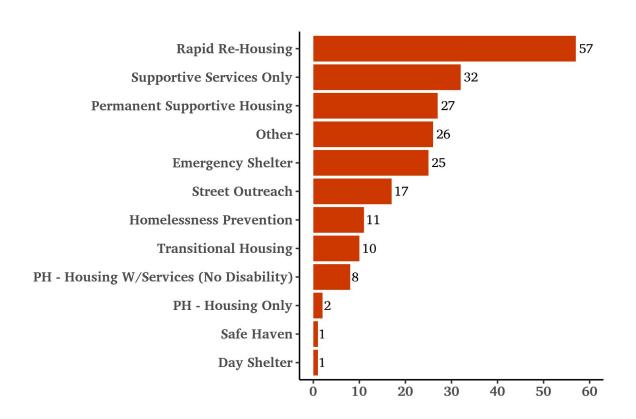
55% increase in the number of street outreach projects in the system



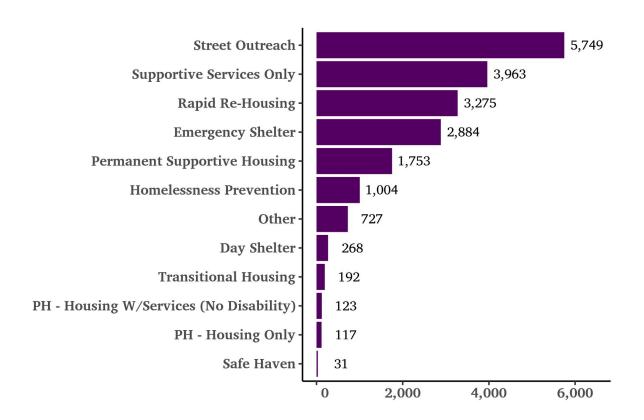
55% increase in the number of people getting first time

Coordinated Assessments

#### Number of Projects By Type



#### Number of Enrollments by Project Type

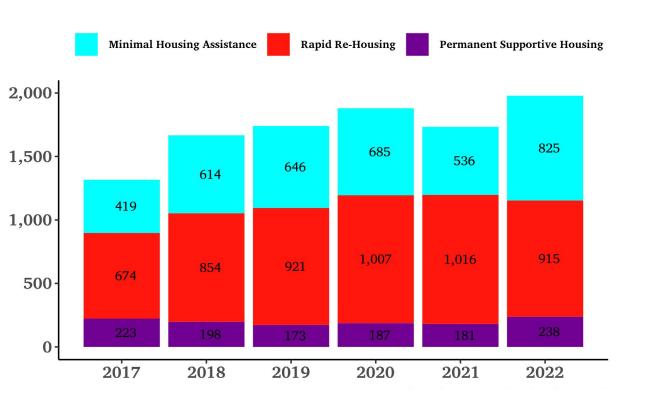


#### **Increased Need**

#### **KEY TAKEAWAY:**

Our system can't provide everyone the support they needs in housing because we don't have nearly enough places for people to stay long-term

#### Moving Clients Into Units



- Our system
   housed more
   people in 2022
   than ever before
- We need to be able to house more people to keep up with inflow to homelessness, requiring more units

#### GAPS IN MEETING POPULATION NEEDS

- Despite our system's ability to connect more quickly than before with people who need places to live, finding units to house people in is a different story...
  - Our system's ability to rehouse people who want and need a more involved intervention is dependent on the number of units in our HRS.
  - Because the vast majority of units providers have access to are rented through the private market, a tight housing market makes finding a place to live much harder, even with rental assistance and a case manager.

#### GAPS IN MEETING POPULATION NEEDS

- A person living in Austin needs to make \$77,640 in net annual income to reasonably afford an average Austin apartment
- As Austin's housing market becomes increasingly unaffordable, the effects fall disproportionately on Black and Hispanic communities
  - Black and Hispanic Austinites more likely to be in low-income households
  - New residents moving to the Austin area are disproportionately white, driving gentrification in historically Black and/or Hispanic neighborhoods

#### FILLING IN THE GAPS...

- Our community needs to continue growing our supply of PSH
  - We have thousands more people who qualify for PSH than we have units available to house them in
  - NOTE: Austin has a very high chronic homelessness rate relative to other cities, and PSH is usually the best fit intervention type for chronically homeless households
- Our system also needs to keep up with the need for RRH, as ARPA funding comes to a close

# Q+A

#### DATA SOURCES

- HMIS data for any clients enrolled in any homeless services at any point in 2022
- Contextual community data (e.g. rental market statistics, census data)

#### FURTHER READING

- 2023 Needs & Gaps Report
- 2023 Racial Disparities Report

## 2024 Leadership Council Slate

Position Seat	Leadership Council Member
Travis County (appointed)	Monique Coleman
City of Austin Homeless Strategy Officer (appointed)	David Gray
City of Austin Equity Office (appointed)	Amanda Jasso
Public Housing Authority - HACA (appointed)	Dylan Shubitz
HUD-funded Provider	VACANT
Provider NOT a recipient of HUD funds	VACANT
Healthcare and/or Disability	Dr. Larry Wallace Jr.
Mental Health/Substance Abuse	Emily Seales
Education or Workforce Development	Paola Silvestre
Youth or Young Adult PLE	Summer Wright
PLE	VACANT
PLE	VACANT
System Partner	Ebonie Trice
System Partner	Liz Baker
System Partner	VACANT