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NC Balance of State CoC Funding and Performance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes 07.23.20

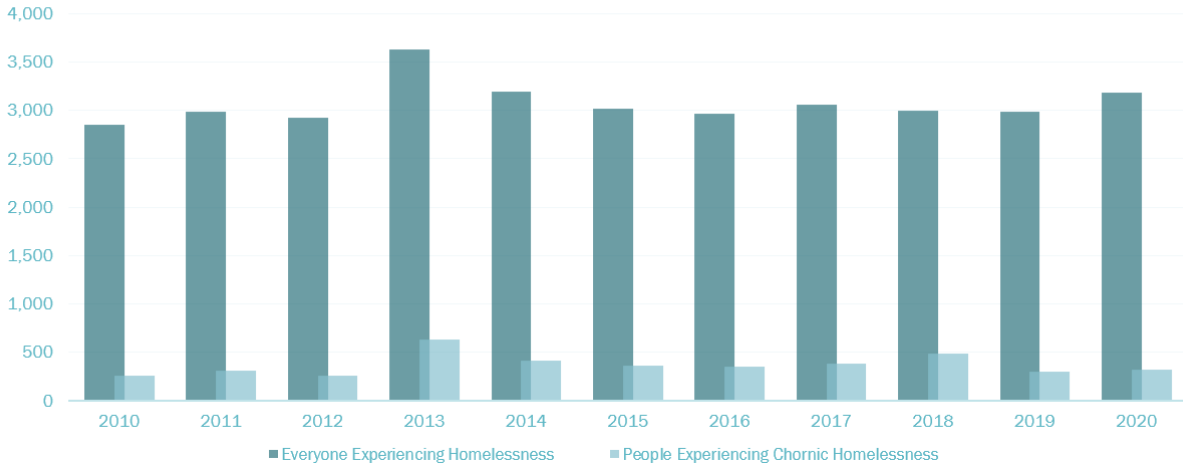
Members Present: Alison Azbell, Joel Rice, Melissa McKeown

NCCEH Staff Present: Brian Alexander, Andrea Carey

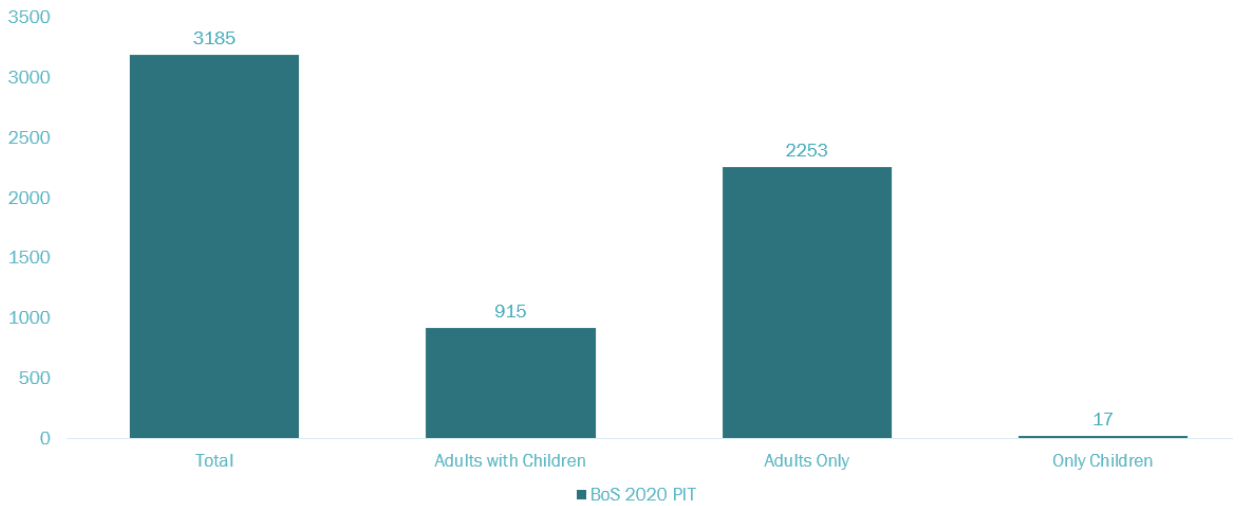
Minutes:

- Brian welcomed members and introduced the agenda for today's meeting.
- Brian gave an update on the progress for a dashboard to use for monthly Steering Committee meetings.
 - The NCCEH Data Center has requested an upgrade to system reporting from WellSky to allow a custom field for NC County of Service. Staff want to develop the dashboard so that we can easily move from CoC-level to regional-level dashboards.
 - Staff have worked with ICA, the consultant helping design the dashboard, and they are ready to go once the custom field has been added to the system.
- Andrea gave an overview of the 2020 PIT/HIC Count for the NC BoS CoC.
 - Total people counted experiencing homelessness on January 29, 2020
 - Data submitted to HUD by the June 30, 2020 deadline
 - Limited data available by region and county, which includes:
 - Household type
 - Subpopulations (Vets, Youth, and CH)
 - Living situation (Unsheltered, ES, and TH)
 - PIT Count posted at: www.ncceh.org/datacenter/pitdata
 - Specific requests go to the Data Center (hmis@ncceh.org)
- Overall count showed 3,185 people experiencing homelessness on a given night with 324 individuals experiencing chronic homelessness.

People Counted in PIT, 2010-2020

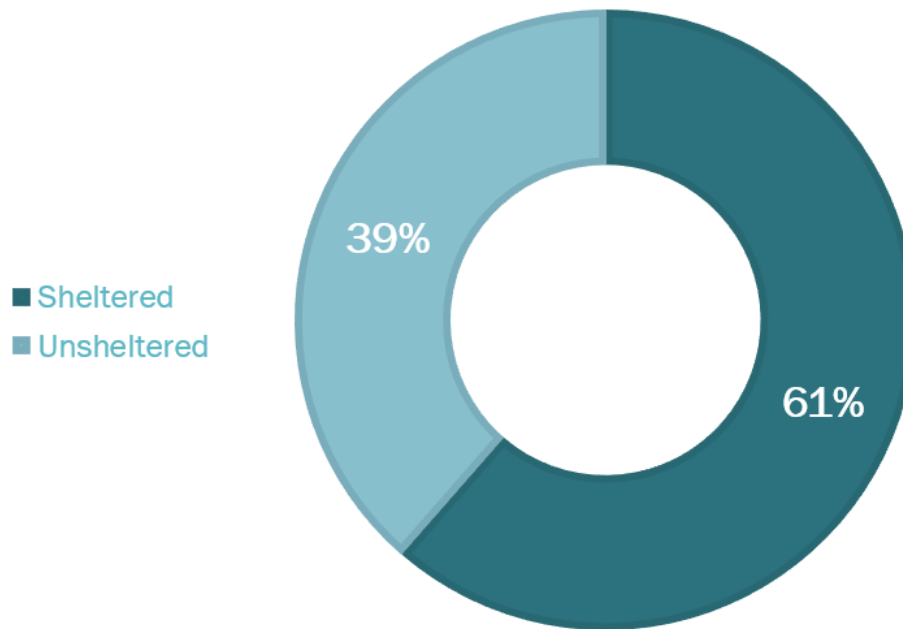


- 915 people were in adult households with children, 2,253 people were in adult-only households, and 17 people were in households with only children.
 - A majority of people experiencing homelessness and chronic homelessness are in adult only households.



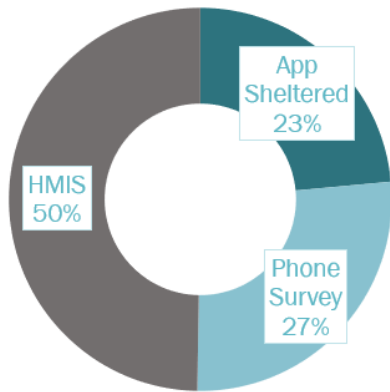
- Another way to evaluate the data is considering where people slept on the night of the count. The 2020 PIT Count showed 39% of people living unsheltered and 61% of people living in emergency shelter or transitional housing.

PIT LIVING SITUATION 2020



- The CoC counted people in the PIT Count three ways: pulling HMIS reports, using the SimTech App, and surveying individual programs.
 - For people experiencing sheltered homelessness, the CoC counted 50% using HMIS, 23% using the SimTech App, and 27% by surveying individual programs.
 - For people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, the CoC counted all people using the SimTech App.
 - Andrea noted that using HMIS and the App, the CoC was able to get household rather than aggregate data. This allows the CoC to have a deeper understanding of who experienced homelessness in the geographic area.

People Experiencing Sheltered Homelessness



■ App Sheltered ■ Phone Survey ■ HMIS

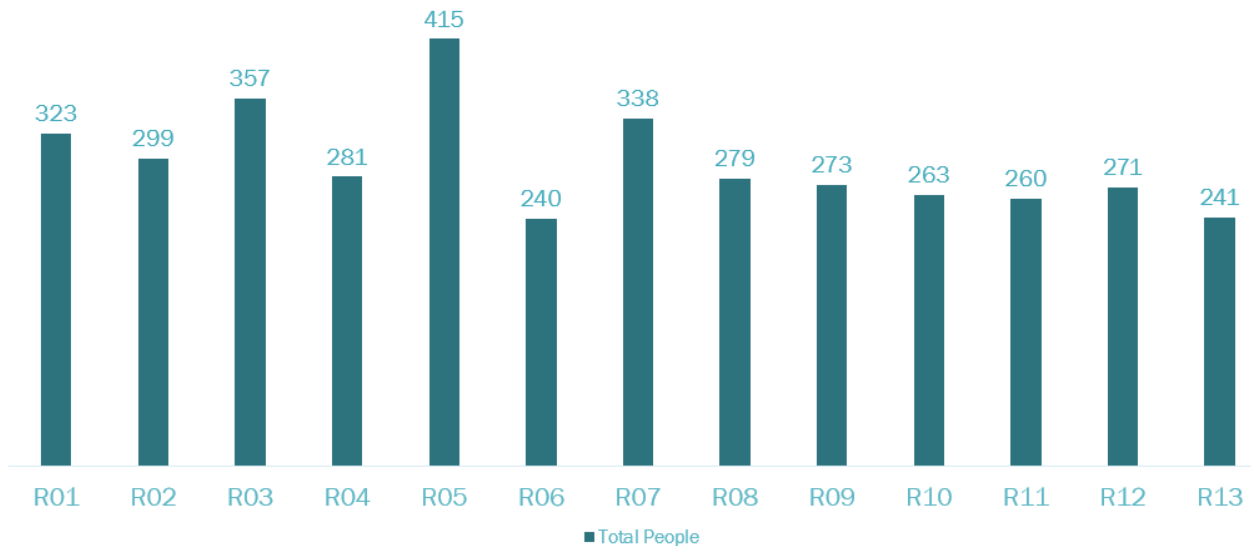
People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness



■ App Unsheltered

- The 2020 PIT Count data has also been broken down by Regional Committee.
 - The four regions with the highest total of people experiencing homelessness are Region 5 (415 people), Region 3 (357 people), Region 7 (338 people), and Region 1 (323 people). All other regions were between 240 and 299 people each.

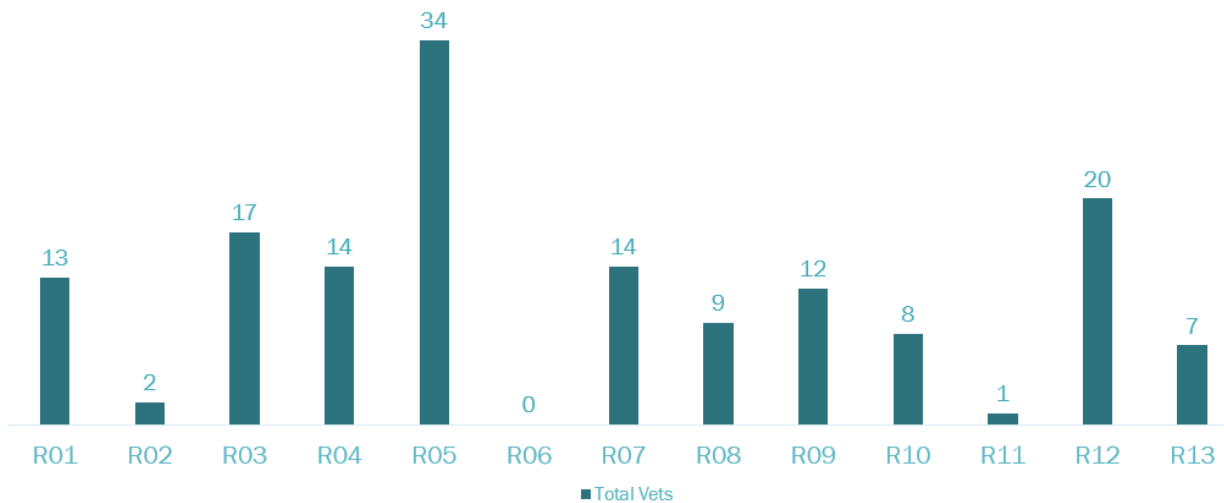
Total People Counted by Region 2020



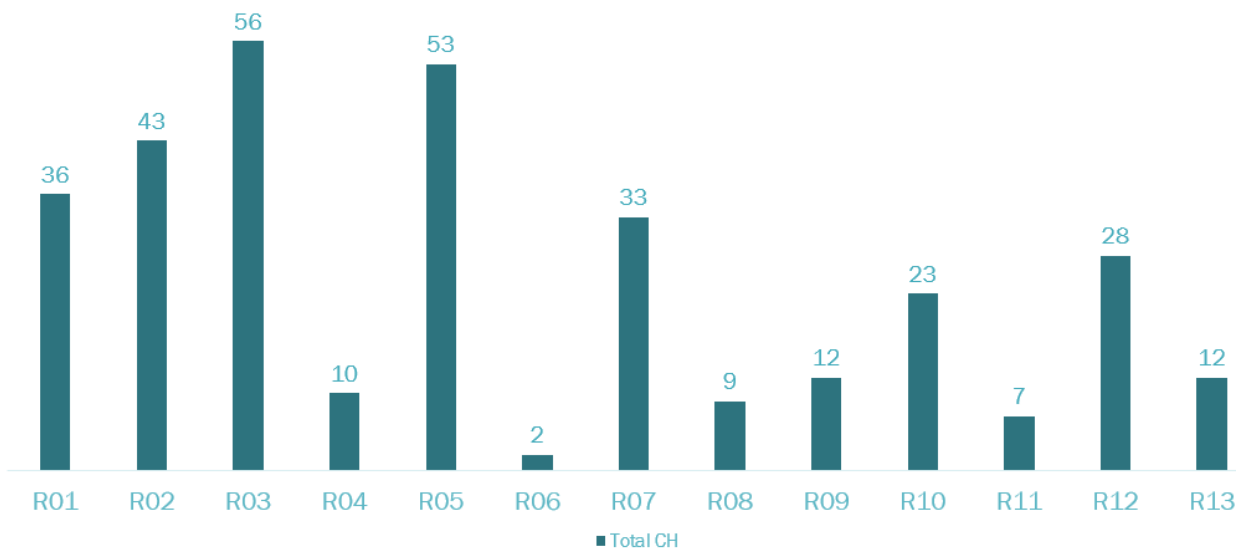
- Looking more closely at subpopulations in Regional Committees, we see a wide range of counts for Veterans and people experiencing chronic homelessness. The CoC showed 157 total Veterans experiencing homelessness and 324 people experiencing chronic homelessness.

- Both subpopulations are small enough that the CoC could consider specific strategies to end Veteran and chronic homelessness.
- Regions should specifically look at their percentage of people experiencing chronic homelessness versus their total homeless population. Regions with large percentages of people with chronic homelessness should consider applying for additional permanent supportive housing funding.
 - Alison talked about the increasing number of people experiencing chronic homelessness in Region 3. She mentioned that the number of providers available here is drawing more people to the area to get services.

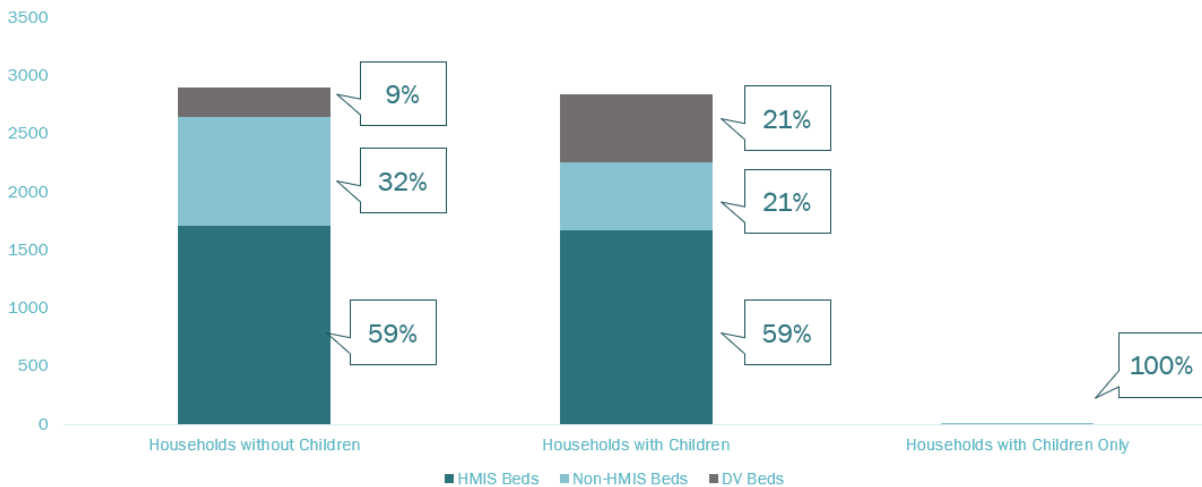
Total Veterans Counted by Region 2020



Total Experiencing Chronic Homelessness by Region 2020



- Andrea presented 2020 Housing Inventory Count data.
 - Bed coverage in HMIS plays a role in the data that we can collect on a daily basis. Looking at HMIS bed coverage, we see large gaps in each household type: households without children, households with children, and child only households.



- Members discussed ways to increase HMIS bed coverage which would:
 - Allow the CoC to pull more accurate, complete, and timely data on the state of homelessness in the CoC
 - Ease the PIT/HIC count each year with less reliance on time consuming staff phone interviews to collect information
 - Follow trends in the CoC system on a regular basis
 - Melissa asked if during PIT/HIC interviews if staff got any sense of why non-HMIS participating agencies do not participate.
 - Staff mentioned that the focus on gathering PIT/HIC information precluded staff from getting deep into recruitment.
 - Staff also mentioned that being disconnected from the CE system and not seeing the value of housing clients could contribute to agencies not seeing value in collecting information in HMIS.
 - Members and staff brainstormed some ideas for recruiting agencies to start using the system.
 - Providing the HIC to regional leadership so they understand who and who does not participate in HMIS
 - Considering using CE Leads to have an initial conversation with agencies that are already part of CE and do not participate and helping connect them to the Data Center
 - Staff asked members to consider potential options for HMIS recruitment and to bring back ideas for next month's meeting. The FPS could recommend an HMIS recruitment strategy to the Steering Committee that they could endorse and roll out.
- The meeting was adjourned. Next month's meeting will be on Thursday, August 27th at 11 AM.