

Steering Committee Meeting

August 4, 2020

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Reminders

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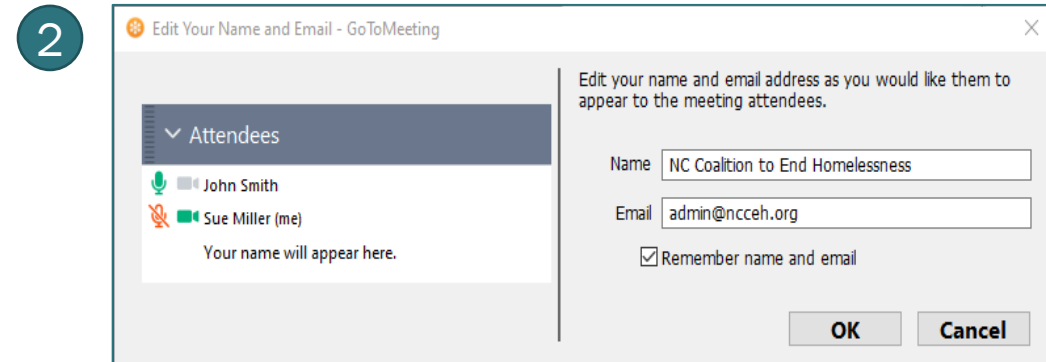
We will unmute the line during Q&A pauses.

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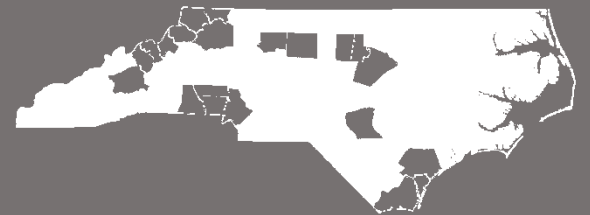


Roll Call

- We will conduct Roll Call for Regional Leads and at-large members to confirm quorum for voting.
- All participants should enter their full names, so we can document their participation in the minutes.



Agenda



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- Consent Agenda
- COVID-19 Response
- 2020 PIT/HIC Report
- Racial Equity Subcommittee Update
- School Reentry Planning
- Update on Proposed Change to HUD's Equal Access Rule
- Upcoming Meetings & Reminders



Review & approve consent agenda

Consent agenda:

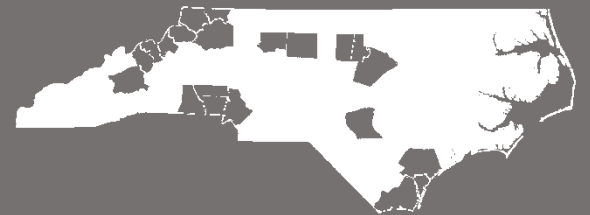
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- The consent agenda was sent to the Steering Committee prior to the meeting as part of a board packet.
- The consent agenda will be voted on as a whole at the beginning of each meeting.
- Steering Committee members may request to remove an item from the consent agenda for additional discussion.

Changes or discussion?



COVID-19 Pandemic Response



ESG-CV-1 award letters have started to go to applicant agencies!

NC DHHS began releasing award letters for both Crisis Response and Back@Home applicants on Wednesday

- CoC does not have a comprehensive list (yet)
- Some Crisis Response letters have not gone out as conditions are discussed with some agencies.
- Some Back@Home letters have not gone out until final coverage is determined
 - NC BoS CoC has some counties in Regions 8, 9, and 10 not covered under current applications.



NC ESG Office will be working on contracting.

- Contracts will run from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022
 - NOTE: After discussions with HUD, the operating period must be two years from start date
 - Grantees will still be able to pay for expenses from March 10, 2020 forward.
- Awarded programs can begin their programs within these operating dates but cannot be reimbursed until contracts have been signed.
 - Contracts may take a few weeks due to internal NC DHHS process.



NC DHHS will offer two future ESG RFAs.

- The NC ESG Office confirmed that the annual ESG allocation RFA will arrive first
 - Funding for calendar year 2021
 - Streamlined process, likely with easy renewals for 2020 ESG agencies
 - Similar application and documents required for new applicants
- The second ESG-CV allocation will likely come at the beginning of 2021
 - Funding through June 30, 2020
 - Current ESG-CV grantees will indicate their need for additional \$ in short process with current contract amended
 - New ESG-CV applicants will go through a similar application process



NC ESG Office had positive feedback on NC BoS CoC ESG-CV funding process.

Staff would like to hear your feedback on the ESG-CV funding process.

- What worked?
- What didn't work?
- Would you want to do a similar process for the annual funding competition and why?
- What changes would you make and why?



Monitoring results and corrective action plans

- Staff ask the Steering Committee to consider giving the ESG Office permission to share monitoring results and corrective action plans.
 - Currently, cannot be shared because contracts are with individual agencies
 - Access would:
 - Assist the CoC make better funding decisions
 - Provide information for CoC staff to develop technical assistance plans

Questions? Motion?



Several underlying assumptions are made with eligibility and prioritization.

1. Rapid rehousing is an intervention that can work for everyone in need of rehousing assistance including those who ultimately need PSH
2. Diversion and rapid resolution conversations will happen with 211 and rehousing agencies at intake
3. Well-targeted prevention can assist with expected increase in at-risk households
4. Ask minimum amount of questions to enroll
5. Prioritization by risk, barriers, and community impact
6. Funding may provide opportunity to house majority of people experiencing homelessness in some communities
7. Will adjust prioritization based on real-time need and enrollment data, in partnership with NC BoS CoC regions



Back@Home Eligibility

Back@Home-CV Eligibility Requirements	Prevention (Back@Home)	Rapid Rehousing (Back@Home)
Income	<30% AMI AND	None (<30% AMI at recertification)
Eligible Living situation(s)	Forced to leave current housing in 14 days AND one of below living situations	Emergency shelter/transitional housing OR
	In hotel/motel (not paid for by non-profit/government) OR	Streets/place not meant for human habitation OR
	Living in campsite/trailer OR	Fleeing DV OR
	Living in the home of another because of economic hardship OR	Institution for less than 90 days, literally homeless before institutionalization
	Unaccompanied youth (under 25) who cannot stay with family members with no stable place to live OR	
	In housing that is leased OR	
	Exiting institution AND	
	Have no other safe, appropriate residence (whether temporary or permanent) AND Not have sufficient resources or support networks immediately available to prevent them from becoming literally homeless	And household does not have sufficient resources or support networks immediately available to exit literal homelessness independently



We are facing a lot of unknowns as we design prioritization and triage of referrals.

Initially, referrals will be triaged based on lethality and the number of barriers a household faces to getting into housing.

For all referrals, rehousing agencies will work to identify emergency housing while they are working on the housing plan.

Back@Home and communities will monitor data to understand how best to balance rapid rehousing and prevention.



Households at higher lethality risk or with a large number of barriers will be prioritized.

Example

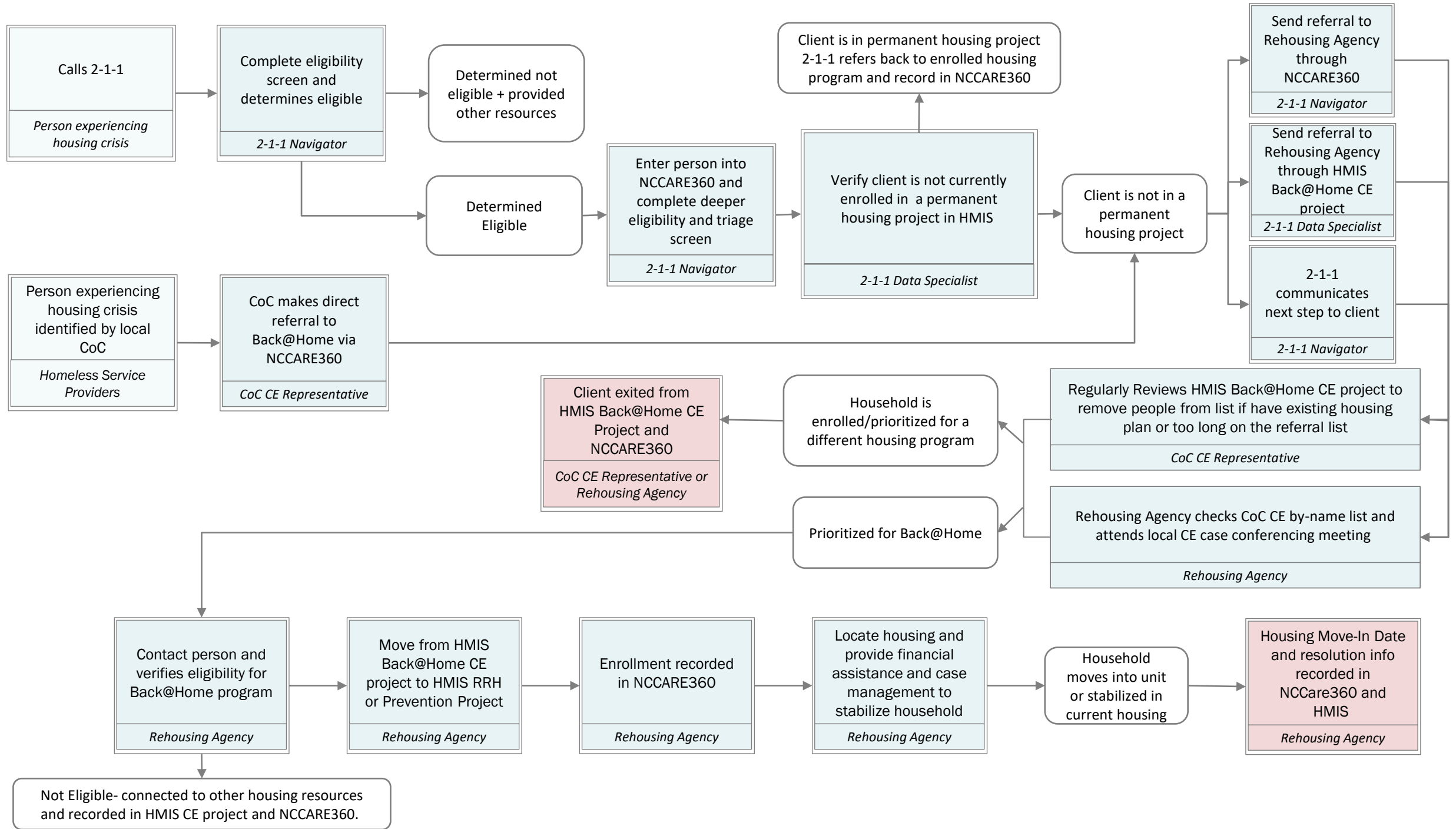
Priority Category	Order Served
Priority 1: Medically vulnerable to COVID (as defined by CDC) OR Fleeing DV	1a. Literally homeless OR Fleeing DV
	1b. Imminently at-risk of homelessness
Priority 2: 8 or more barriers from exiting homelessness AND community-defined priority	2a. Literally homeless
	2b. Imminently at-risk of homelessness
Priority 3: 6 or more barriers from exiting homelessness	3a. Literally homeless
	3b. Imminently at-risk of homelessness
Priority 4: 4 or more barriers from exiting homelessness	4a. Literally homeless
	4b. Imminently at-risk of homelessness
Priority 5: 2 or more barriers from exiting homelessness	5a. Literally homeless
	5b. Imminently at-risk of homelessness
Priority 6: 1 or No additional barriers from exiting homelessness	6a. Literally homeless
	6b. Imminently at-risk of homelessness



Households will be asked about barriers to getting and keeping housing.

Barriers for Prioritization			
Currently at-risk of losing housing subsidy or subsidized unit (Targeted Homeless Prevention only)	No income	Household size of 5 or more	Felony conviction among household members
Unaccompanied youth (under 25)	One or more children under 6 and/or pregnant	2 or more episodes of homelessness in prior three years	Vacated a unit 3+ times in prior 7 years and/or ongoing rental arrears
Adult in household has severe and persistent disabling condition	Household from disproportionately impacted populations	Current homeless episode is 1 year or longer	Unsheltered (RRH only)
No lease in name in last 3 years	Victim of DV in prior 6 months	Veteran, not eligible for VA services	Child in household has a severe and persistent disabling condition





Back@Home will use 2 data systems to support coordinated entry.

Data System	Design	Goals
HMIS	<p>Rehousing Agencies will have three projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CE Project- shows who is referred but not yet enrolled• Rapid Rehousing Program- shows who is enrolled in program• Prevention Program- shows who is enrolled in program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capture all required HUD data elements• Ensure CoCs comply with CE Data Standards• Pull necessary HUD Reports• Allow CoCs to see who is referred to Back@Home and potentially pull people from the list if needed
NCCARE360	<p>Back@Home will be one “agency” in the system with Rehousing Agencies listed as separate programs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ease of electronic referrals with ROI, paperwork reminders, etc.• Ability to provide better program reporting to communities and the state• Assists Rehousing Agencies with referrals to other programs



NC BoS CoC regions will customize with the following options.

1. Prioritize housing referrals for people on the referral list for too long and/or not served by Back@Home
2. Design a surge strategy
3. Identify local COVID needs to include in Back@Home prioritization
4. Type of access for the HMIS Back@Home CE project- reports or ability to do data entry
5. Back@Home CoC referral process- use 211 or NCCARE360 platform
6. Special considerations with 211 call center will be made for CoCs who have a defined access point with other resources like shelter placement, eviction prevention, and/or diversion funding



Communication and transparency are a priority within the coordinated entry process.

Regular reports and dashboards about the overall impact of Back@Home through NCCARE360, especially want to track percentage of prevention spending

Scheduled HMIS reports or access to the HMIS Back@Home CE project for designated CoC staff or coordinated entry staff to see who is referred to Back@Home

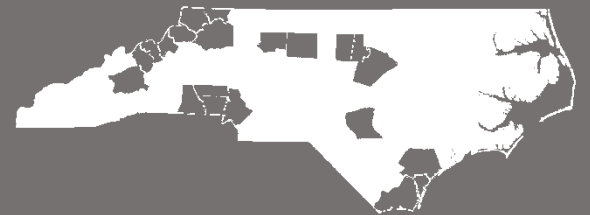
Rehousing Agencies will attend and participate in local CE meetings

Ability to take someone off the referral list for Back@Home if another housing plan exists or it is taking too long to serve them

Ability to refer people directly to Back@Home through NCCARE360 if 211 is a barrier



Point-in-Time and Housing Inventory Count



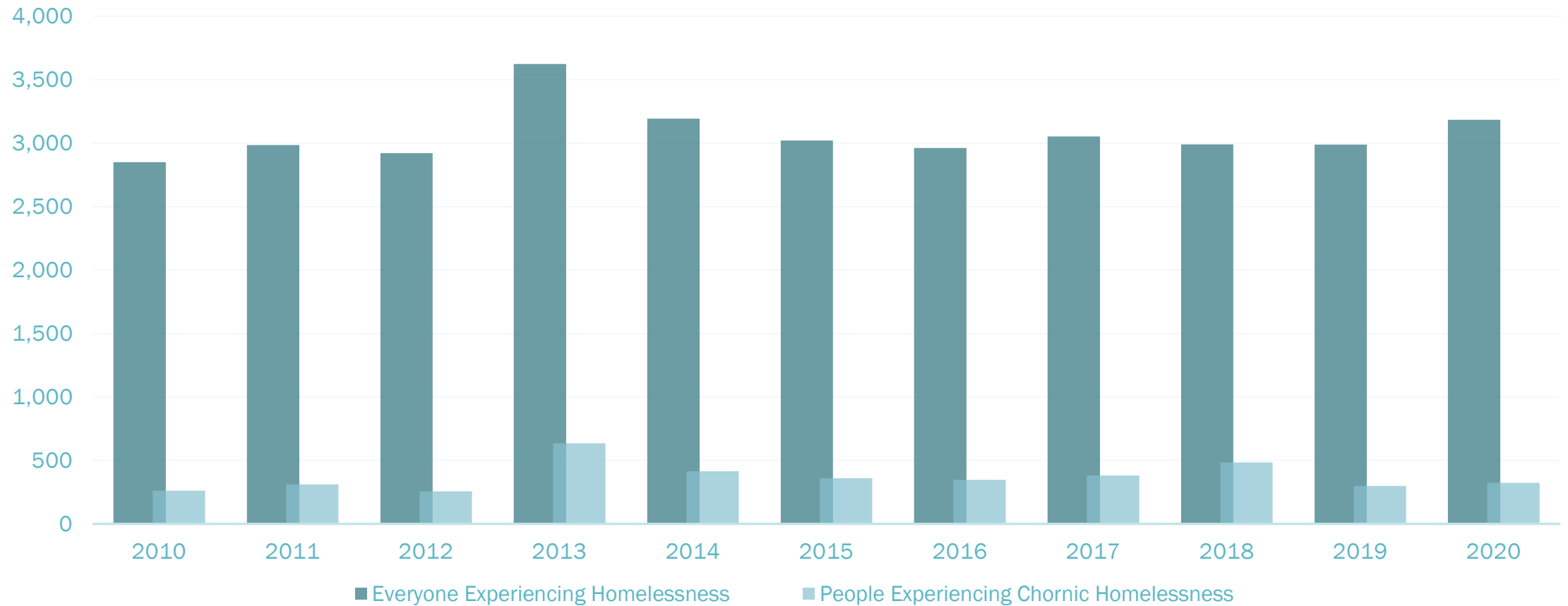
What data do we have today?

- Total People Counted Experiencing Homelessness January 29th, 2020
 - Data submitted to HUD for entire NC BoS CoC
 - Limited Data available by region, including
 - By Household type
 - By Sub-population (Vets, Youth, CH)
 - By Living Situation (Unsheltered, ES, TH)
- County Data not yet final
- Point-in-Time (by region) to be posted (ncceh.org/datacenter/pitdata) by NC BoS CoC HMIS Users Meeting July 16th
- Specific requests for data go to the Data Center (hmis@ncceh.org)

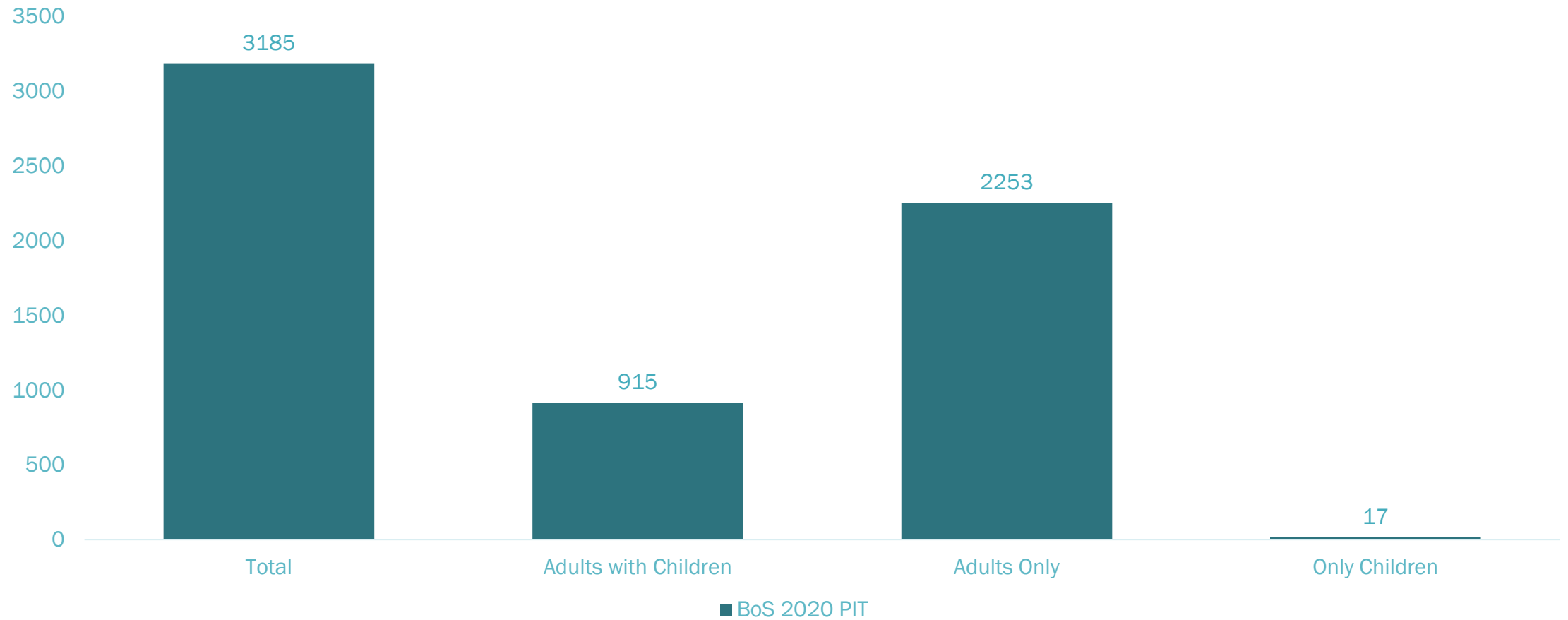


What does one day tell us?

People Counted in PIT, 2010-2020

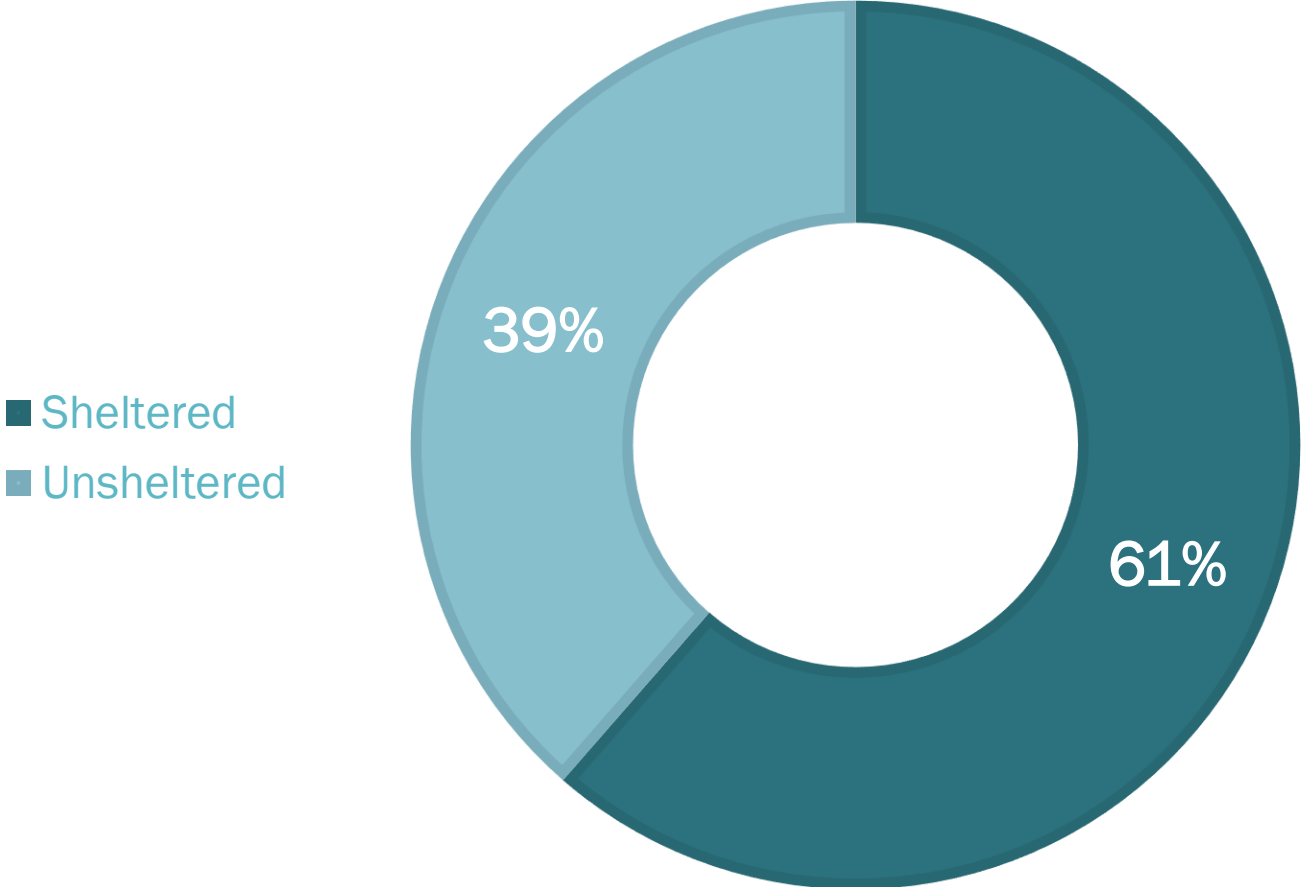


2020 Point-in-Time Count



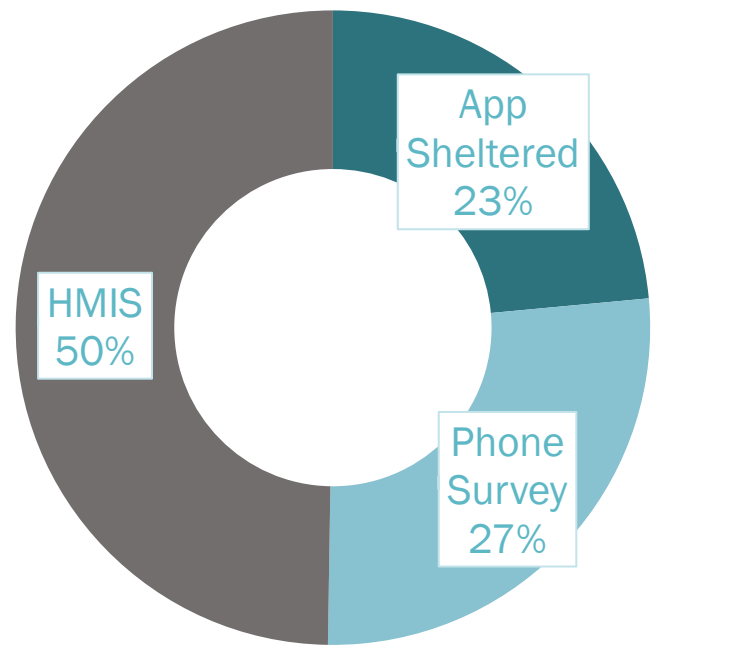
Location of People Experiencing Homelessness

PIT LIVING SITUATION 2020



How were people counted?

People Experiencing Sheltered Homelessness



■ App Sheltered ■ Phone Survey ■ HMIS

People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness

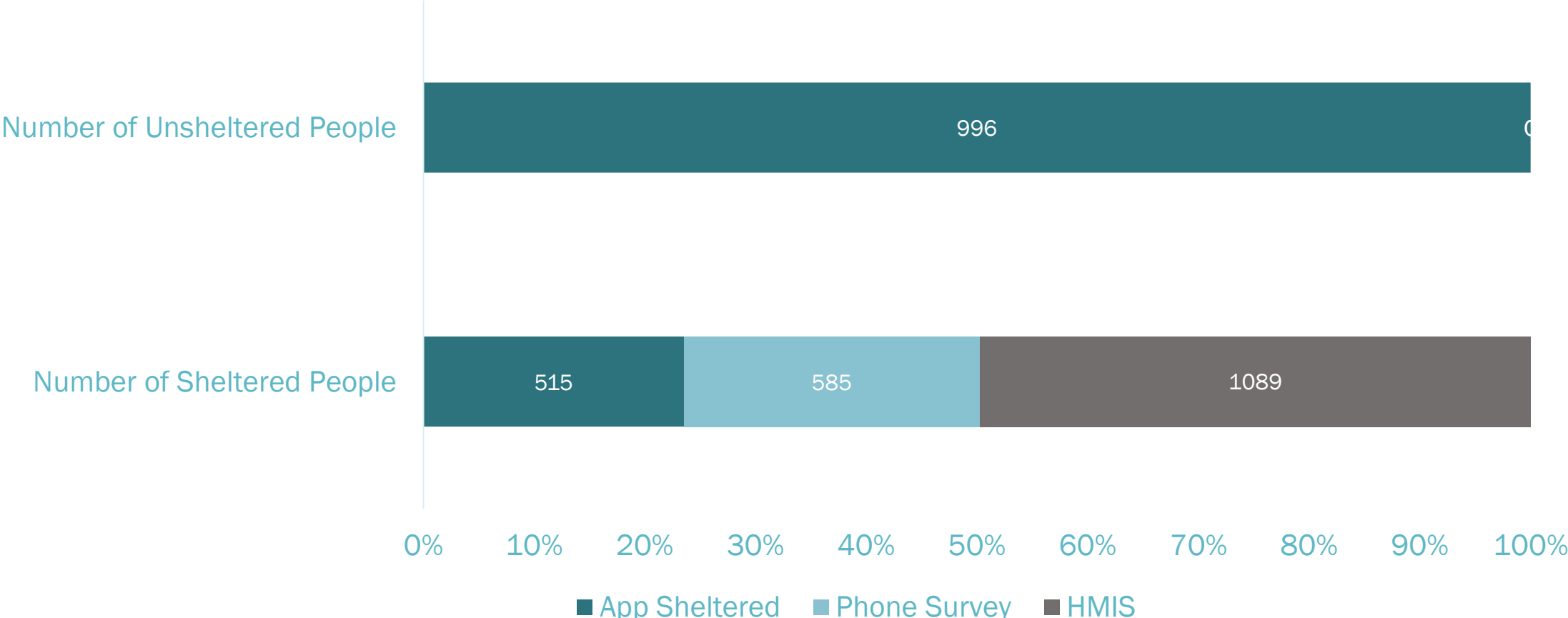


■ App Unsheltered



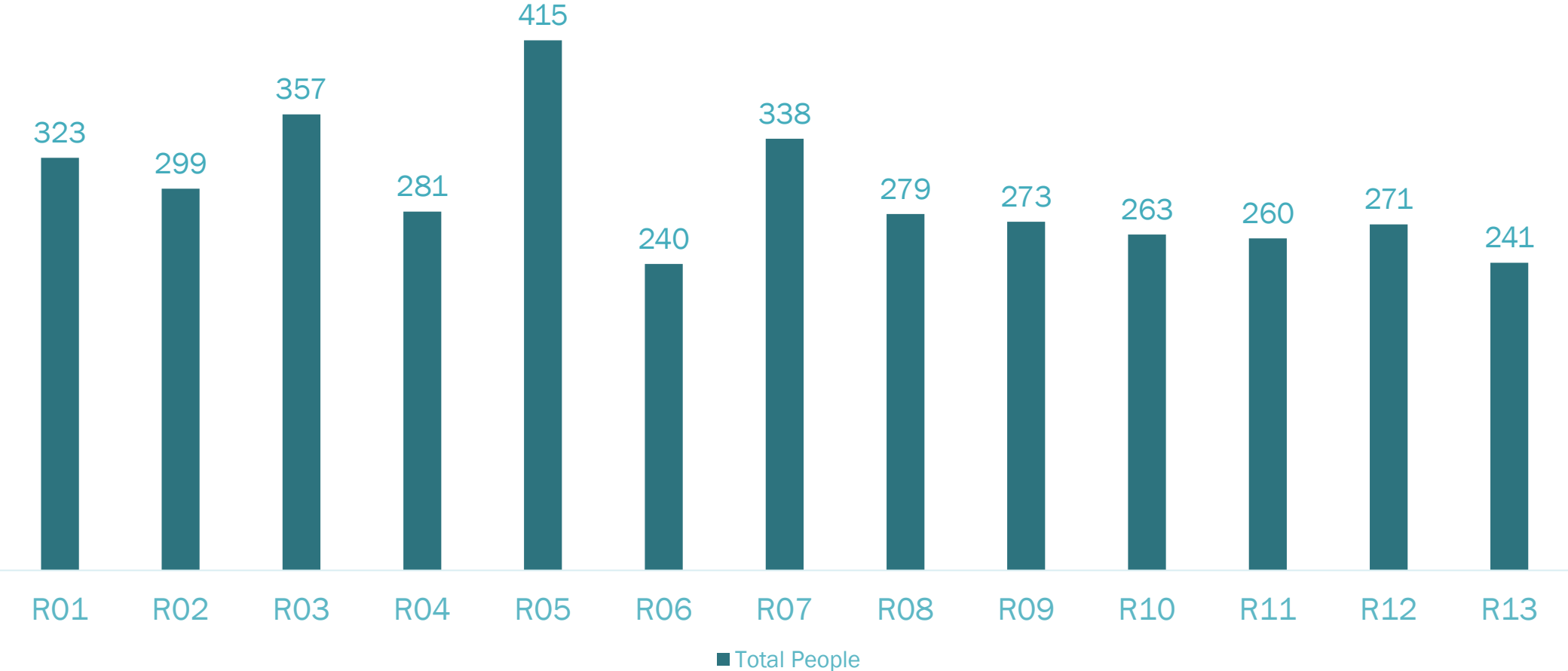
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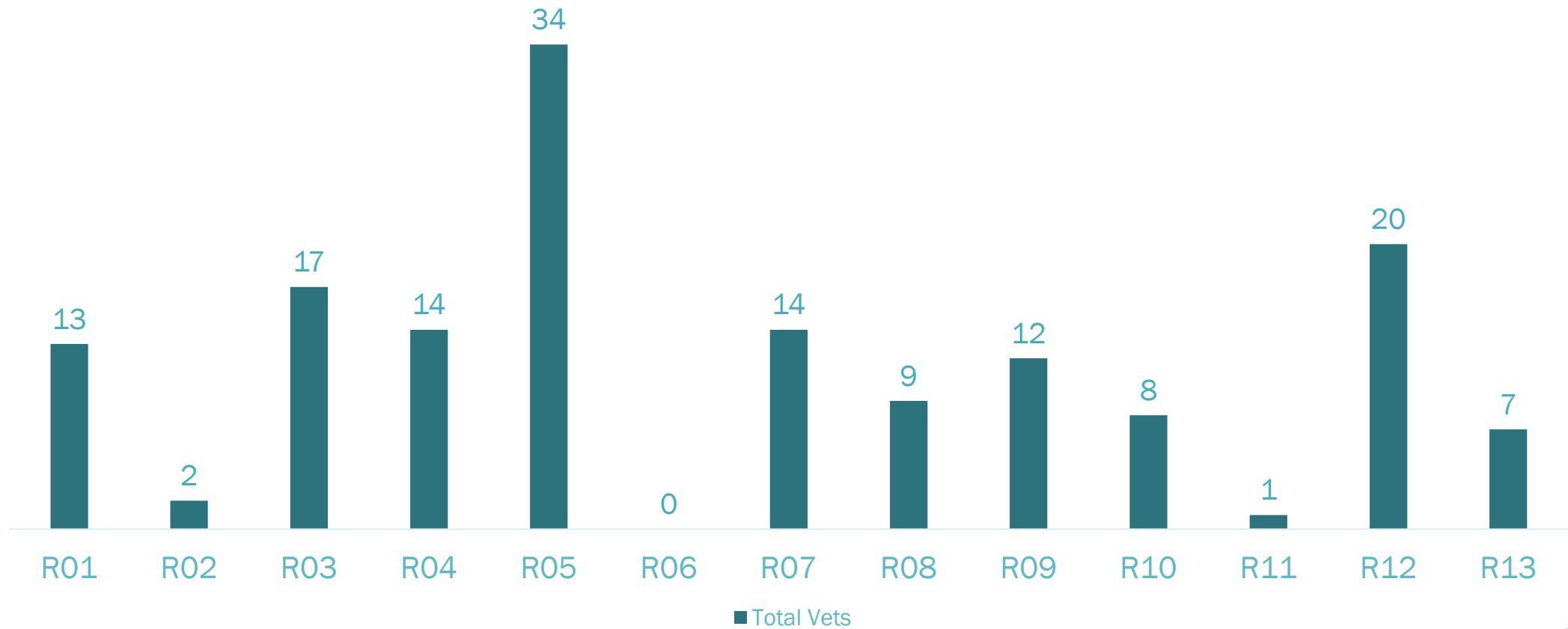
PIT Across the NC Balance of State CoC

Total People Counted by Region 2020



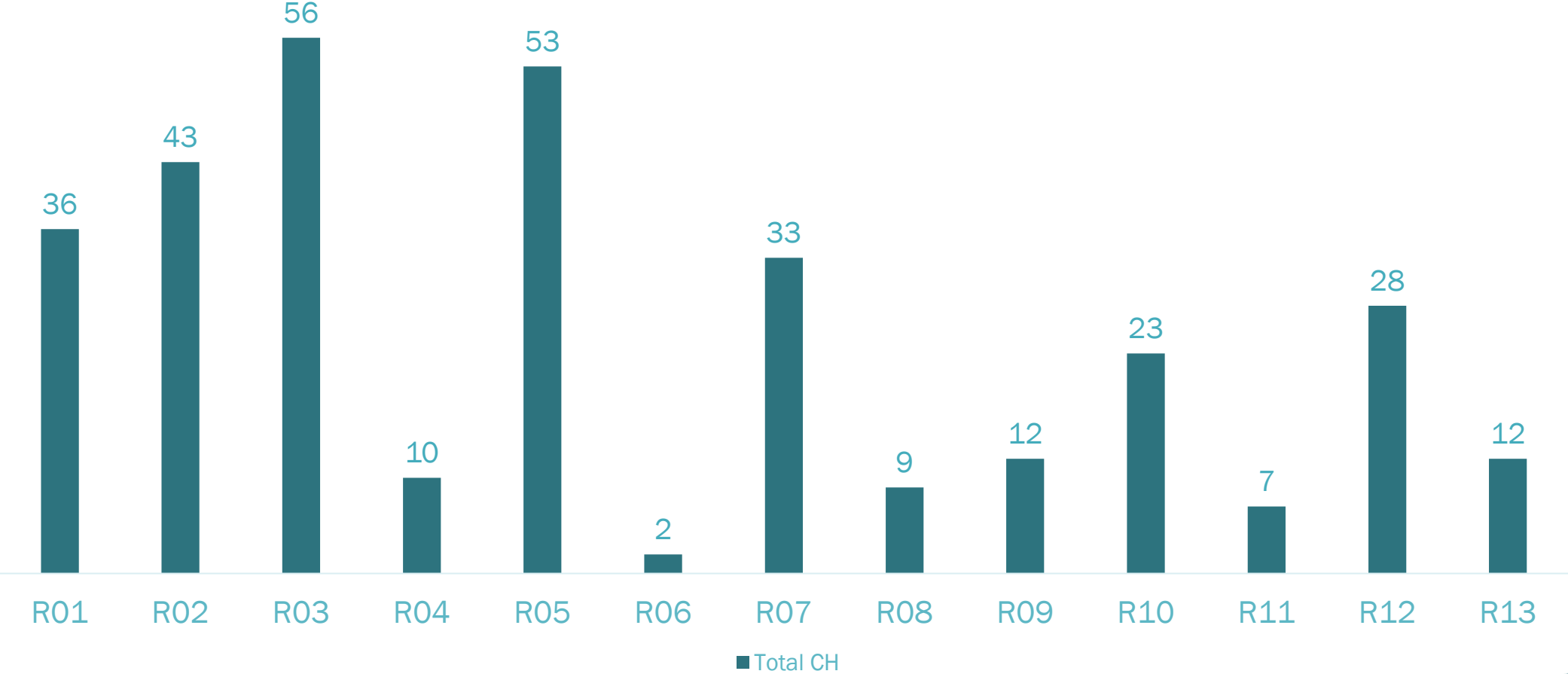
PIT Across NC Balance of State CoC: Sub-populations

Total Veterans Counted by Region 2020

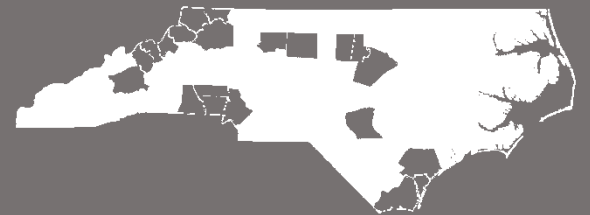


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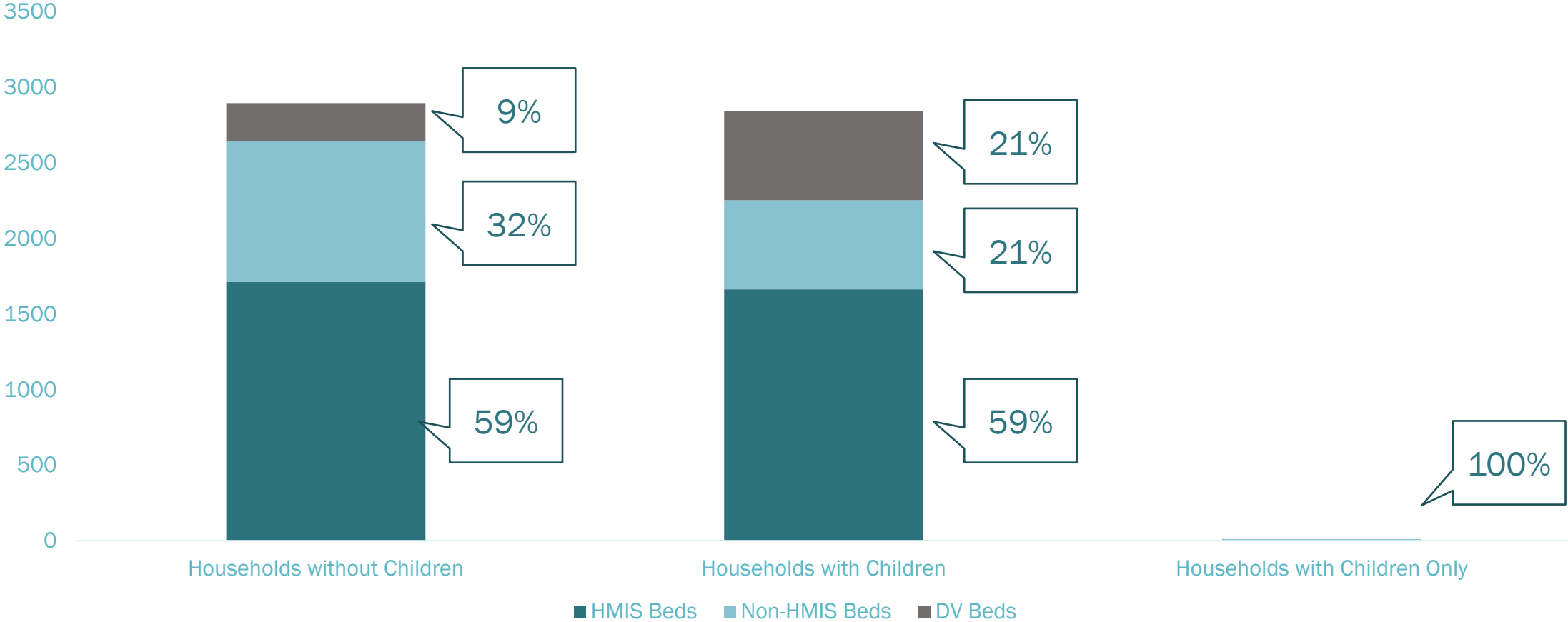
Total Experiencing Chronic Homelessness by Region 2020



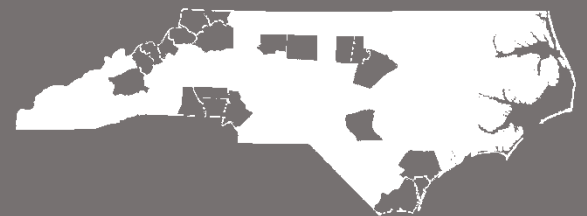
Housing Inventory Count



HMIS Bed Coverage



Racial Equity Subcommittee Update



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The Racial Equity Subcommittee and NCCEH are finalizing a contract with C4 Innovations to provide racial equity training for the Steering Committee and the Racial Equity Subcommittee. Tentatively working toward training dates in November. More details to come.

The annual Racial Equity Assessment work is progressing. The Racial Equity Assessment Workgroup met July 17. After a review by the Racial Equity Subcommittee in August, the Assessment will be presented to the Steering Committee at its September meeting.



Racial Equity Dialogue Series

The Racial Equity Subcommittee hosted the first Racial Equity Dialogue on 7/27. The dialogue was attended by over 60 people and featured a panel conversation discussing “Police Brutality, Anti-Blackness and Community Response in BoS.” The event was well received, and planning has begun for the second session.

The second Racial Equity Dialogue will focus on “Systemic Racism and Impact on Homelessness.” The Dialogue will be held on Tuesday, August 25 at 12:00 PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend!



Proposed Racial Equity Dialogue Series Topics

Police Violence, Anti-Blackness, and Community Response in NC BoS CoC

Systemic Racism & Impact on Homelessness, Tuesday August 25, 12:00pm

Racism in the Justice system and Re-entry - September

Racism & Voting- TBD





NORTH CAROLINA HOMELESS EDUCATION PROGRAM

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Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness in NC

2019-2020 SY

28,240 homeless children and youth in grades K-12

2018-2019 SY

36,733 homeless children and youth in grades K-12

** Hurricanes impacted numbers*



Education Definition of Homelessness

Individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

Fixed residence: is one that is stationary, permanent, and not subject to change.

Regular residence: is one that is used on a regular basis (i.e. nightly)

Adequate residence: is one that is sufficient for meeting both the physical and psychological needs typically met in home environments.

If a living situation does not meet all 3 (fixed, regular, and adequate) then the situation is considered homeless.

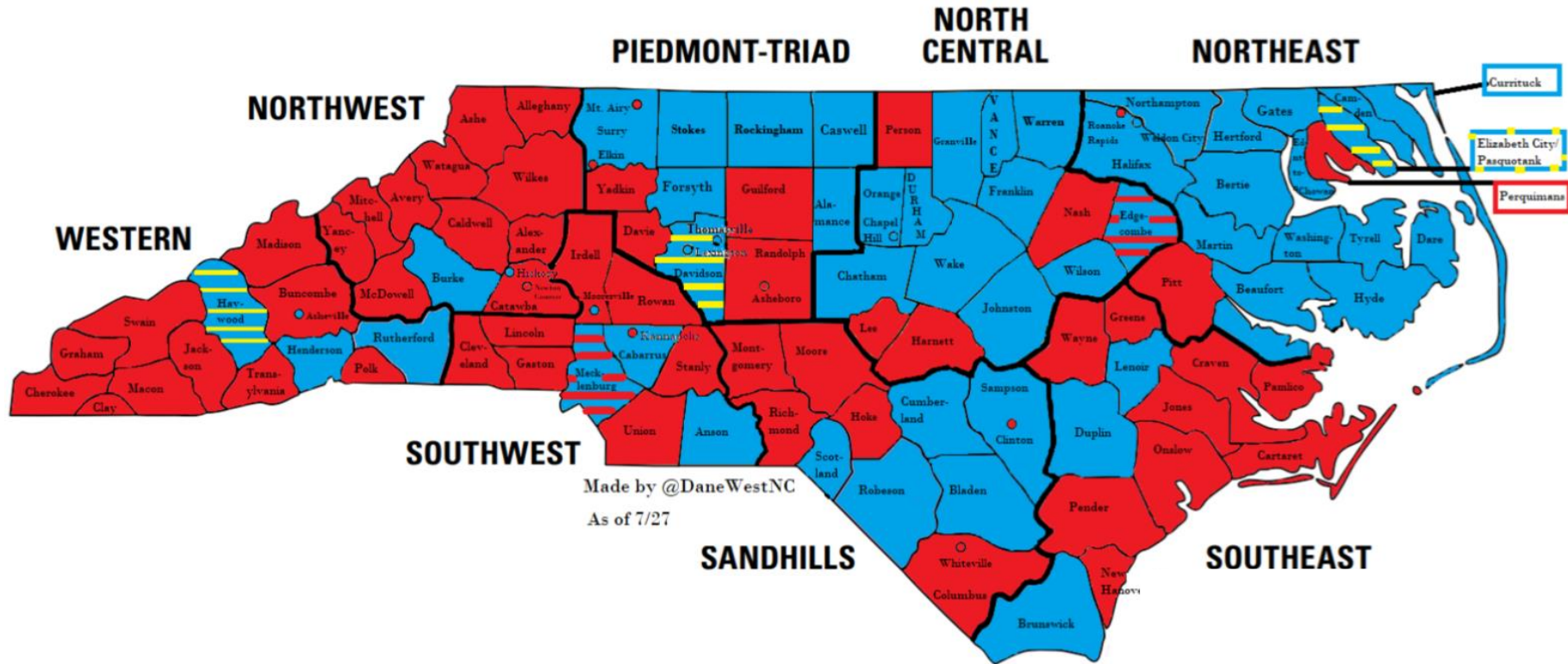
Decisions should be made on a case-by-case determination.



Education Definition Continued...

- Sharing a home due to loss of housing
- Sharing a home due to economic hardship
- Living in motels / hotels
- Living in trailer parks
- Living in a shelter
- Abandoned in hospitals
- Living in cars
- Living in parks or campgrounds
- Living in abandoned buildings
- Living under bridges
- Living at bus/train stations
- Unaccompanied homeless youth
- Migratory children in similar situations as mentioned above

The State of NC School Districts



Made by @DaneWestNC
As of 7/27

- Districts Opening with Plan B (61)
- Districts Opening with Plan C (49)
- In-Person Orientation Followed by Remote Learning (2)
- Modified Plan B (3)

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Homeless Liaison Strategies

<https://hepnc.uncg.edu/covid-19-resources-for-homeless-liaisons/>

NC Dept. of Public Instruction Guide for LEAs & Reopening
[Lighting Our Way Forward-Guidebook](#)

SchoolHouse Connection FAQ on COVID & Homelessness

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TlteU6XatUxuX-kUIhk2BLDystQ3IlwrvBrj-qkgmS0/edit>



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HUD Proposed Amendment to Equal Access Rule



Quick Review of Terms

- Transgender: someone whose gender is different from their sex assigned at birth (sometimes shortened to trans)
- Cisgender: someone whose gender is exactly the same as their sex assigned at birth (sometimes shortened to cis)



New HUD rule affects transgender people's ability to access emergency shelters.

- Published in Federal Register on 07/24/20, currently in 60-day comment period that ends 9/22/20.
- Rolls back 2016 protections under HUD Equal Access Rule: “equal access to HUD programs without regard to a person’s actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status”
- Would allow single sex emergency shelters that receive HUD funding to deny transgender people access based on their sex-assigned-at-birth.



NCCEH Response

- NCCEH opposes this proposed rule.
- Rule is in direct opposition to efforts to reduce barriers to shelter and promote a Housing First philosophy.
- HUD admits that there have been no documented incidents of trans people hurting other residents, or cisgender men pretending to be trans women to gain access to women's shelters.
- Would harm all women
- We are joining state partners including NCCADV and Equality NC, and national partners including NAEH and NLIHC, among others, in opposing this rule change.

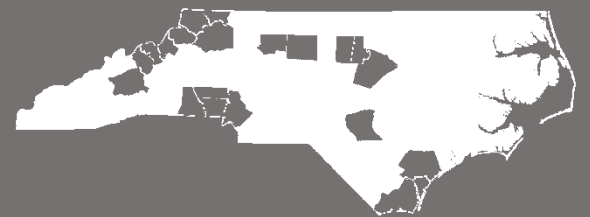


Impact on NC BoS CoC

- None yet- rule is still in comment period.
- Proposed rule does not affect a CoC's ability to set funding priorities and written standards
- NC BoS CoC Anti-Discrimination Policy remains a part of CoC written standards and funding priorities and is not subject to change from this rule.
- Though rule in effect could allow discrimination against trans people, it does not compel shelters to- “can” vs “must.”
- If you oppose this rule (and are not a government employee), please submit a comment through the “Housing Saves Lives” portal before Sept 22, 2020! <https://housingsaveslives.org/>



Upcoming Meetings & Reminders



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- **COVID-19 Local Leadership Response Sharing Call**, *Alternating Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 P.M. This month's meetings: August 5 and 19*
Presentation: <https://www.gotomeet.me/NCEndHomelessness>
Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 975-793-733
- **Coordinated Entry Council Meeting**, *Monday, August 17, 10:00-11:30 A.M.*
Presentation: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/791696621>
Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 791-696-621
- **Racial Equity Subcommittee Meeting**, *Wednesday, August 19, 9:00 A.M.*
Presentation: <https://www.gotomeeting.me/NCEndHomelessness>
Audio: (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 975-793-733



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- **BoS HMIS User Meeting**, *Thursday, August 20, 1:00-2:30 P.M.*
Register here: <https://www.ncceh.org/events/1379/>
- **Racial Equity Dialogue Series: “Systemic Racism and Impact on Homelessness,”** *Tuesday, August 25, 12:00–1:00 P.M.*
Register here: <https://www.ncceh.org/events/1432/>
- **Funding and Performance Subcommittee Meeting**, *Thursday, August 27, 11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.*
Presentation: <https://uberconference.com/brianncceh>
Audio: (401) 283-4752 Access Code: 13939



Adjournment

Next Steering Committee Meeting:

- Tuesday, September 1, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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