

# Cambridge HMIS Working Group

October 18, 2022



# Agenda

- Announcements
- Reminders
- Software Updates
- Upcoming Reports and Prep
- What is the LSA?
- Data Presentations
  - Race and Equity
  - System Dashboard
  - Stella

# Announcements



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- Welcome Hannah Daniel, CCAN Manager
- NOFO submitted
- Seasonal Shelter re-openings
  - Y2Y re-opened on 10/15!
  - Harvard Square Homeless Shelter opens 11/1
  - Cambridge Warming Center opens 12/1

# Reminders



# HMIS Office Hours Start this week!

What are office hours?

- Virtual drop-in times to get HMIS and/or reporting help
- Ask questions about something you don't remember how to do or can't figure out
- Find out how to fix data quality issues
- Get help running a canned report or figuring out which report best fits your needs
- Ask us about an existing custom report that might need updating or ask for a brand new custom report

# Upcoming HMIS Office Hours:

Thursday, October 20th - HMIS in Clarity

Thursday, November 17th - Reporting using Data Analysis (Looker)

2 to 3 p.m.

# Custom Reports are within your reach

Our reporting application, Looker, is embedded in Clarity. Most custom reports, within reason, are easily buildable, refresh data in real time and link to Clarity client records if drill down is needed.



# Upcoming Reports



# SPMs and LSA Reporting

*System Performance Measures  
and  
Longitudinal Systems Analysis*

Report period is 10/1/21 through 9/30/22

SPMs include Street Outreach data; LSA does not

LSA - due on Jan 11, 2023

SPM due on Feb 28, 2023

# The SPMs - a quick review

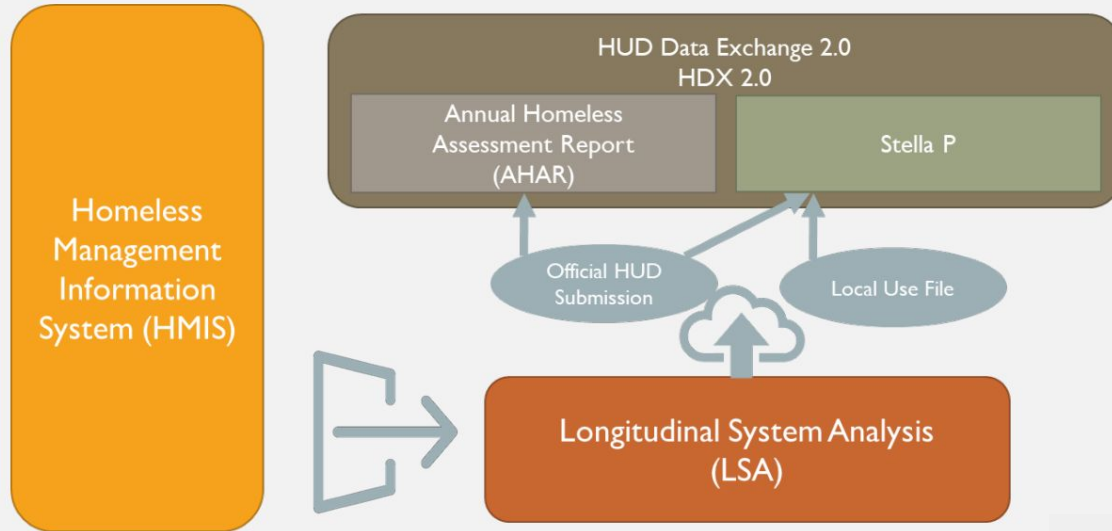
- Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless
- Measure 2: The Extent to which Persons who Exit Homelessness to Permanent Housing Destinations Return to Homelessness (Recidivism)
- Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons
- Measure 4: Employment and Income Growth for Homeless Persons in CoC Program-funded Projects
- Measure 5: Number of persons who become homeless for the 1st time
- Measure 7: Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing

# The LSA - Why?

- Needed to produce national estimates that are required by law to Congress ([most recent AHAR Part 2](#))
- Used locally ([Stella P](#)) to view system performance in our community

*The data set for this report is comprised of the client and program level data entered by you and your colleagues.*

# WHAT IS THE LSA?



# Data Useability

Red flags from a CoC's data set

- High rates of missing DOB - can't determine type of household grouping
- High rates of missing SSN - can't de-duplicate records
- Stayers at shelter or SO that haven't had activity in 180 days
- Overlapping enrollments

And not flagged, but very problematic:

- Missing Housing Move-in Dates - We can't tell that someone became housed, so our data set won't reflect successful exits from homelessness.

# Prepare your data for HUD reports

Run the HMIS Data Quality report for the full year  
10/01/2021 - 9/30/2022  
**[HUDX-225] HMIS Data Quality Report [FY 2022]**

Fix errors that are correctable.

Re-run the report. See error rates reduced. (It's fun!)

*(If you're not sure how to determine what error flags are fixable, please get in touch with us.)*

# Software Updates





# Coordinated Entry Event (HUD required data element)

## Core Elements of CE:

- Access (4 choices)
- Assessment
- Prioritization
- Referral (14 choices)

[Full list of CE Events \(courtesy of Institute of Community Alliances\)](#)

# CE Event changes in Clarity - November 14th

The screenshot displays the Clarity software interface. At the top, a dark red navigation bar contains the following menu items: PROFILE, HISTORY, SERVICES, PROGRAMS, ASSESSMENTS, NOTES, FILES, CONTACT, LOCATION, and REFERRALS. Below this, a grey header bar reads "PROGRAM: PROGRAM COORDINATED EVENT 1". A secondary navigation bar below the header contains the following options: Enrollment, History, Provide Services, Events, and Units. The "Events" option is highlighted with a red rectangular box. To the right of this bar is an "× Exit" button. The main content area is titled "Events" and contains a list of two items, each with a downward-pointing chevron icon on the right side:

- Referral to Prevention Assistance project
- Problem Solving/Diversion/Rapid Resolution intervention or service

<https://help.bitfocus.com/coming-soon-revamped-coordinated-entry-events>

# Coordinated Entry Events - Access Variety

| ACCESS EVENTS  | DEFINITION  |
|--|---|
| Referral to a Prevention Assistance project                        | The client received a referral to a homelessness prevention assistance project; or other local equivalent project.  |
| Problem Solving/Diversion/Rapid Resolution intervention or service | The client participated in a diversion or rapid resolution problem – solving conversation and received assistance; or other local equivalent  |
| Referral to a scheduled Coordinated Entry Crisis Needs Assessment  | The client received a referral to a Coordinated Entry Crisis Needs Assessment; or other local equivalent assessment. For a description of Crisis Needs Assessment, please see Data Element 4.19 CE Assessment.  |
| Referral to a scheduled Coordinated Entry Housing Needs Assessment | The client received a referral to a Coordinated Entry Housing Needs Assessment; or other local equivalent assessment. For a description of Housing Needs Assessment, please see Data Element 4.19 CE Assessment |

# Potential Software Add-on

## *INVENTORY\**

This is a new module of Clarity Human Services software that is in its infancy

Potential Benefits:

Ability to track history of specific units, including statuses for occupied, offline, and pending

Tie funding sources to units and pair with eligibility (e.g. Units at 21 Jump Street are funded by VASH, eligible clients are Veteran HHs)

\*P&D and CCAN staff will report back in January after demo.

Status

Agency

Site

Building



UA

Unit A

CC Building 1 Unit Config  
901 33rd Ave, Seattle, WA 98122

Occupied

Clarity Connect Agency

CC Demo Site

CC Demo Building 1

ES Program

Clarity Connect Funding Source



UB

Unit B

CC Building 1 Unit Config  
901 33rd Ave, Seattle, WA 98122

Offline

Clarity Connect Agency

CC Demo Site

CC Demo Building 1

ES Program

Clarity Connect Funding Source



U1

Unit 1

Building A Unit Config  
2920 Toe Jam Hill Rd NE, Bainbridge Island, WA  
98110

Available

Clarity Connect Agency

CC Demo Site 2

Site 2 Building A

ES Program

Clarity Connect Funding Source



U2

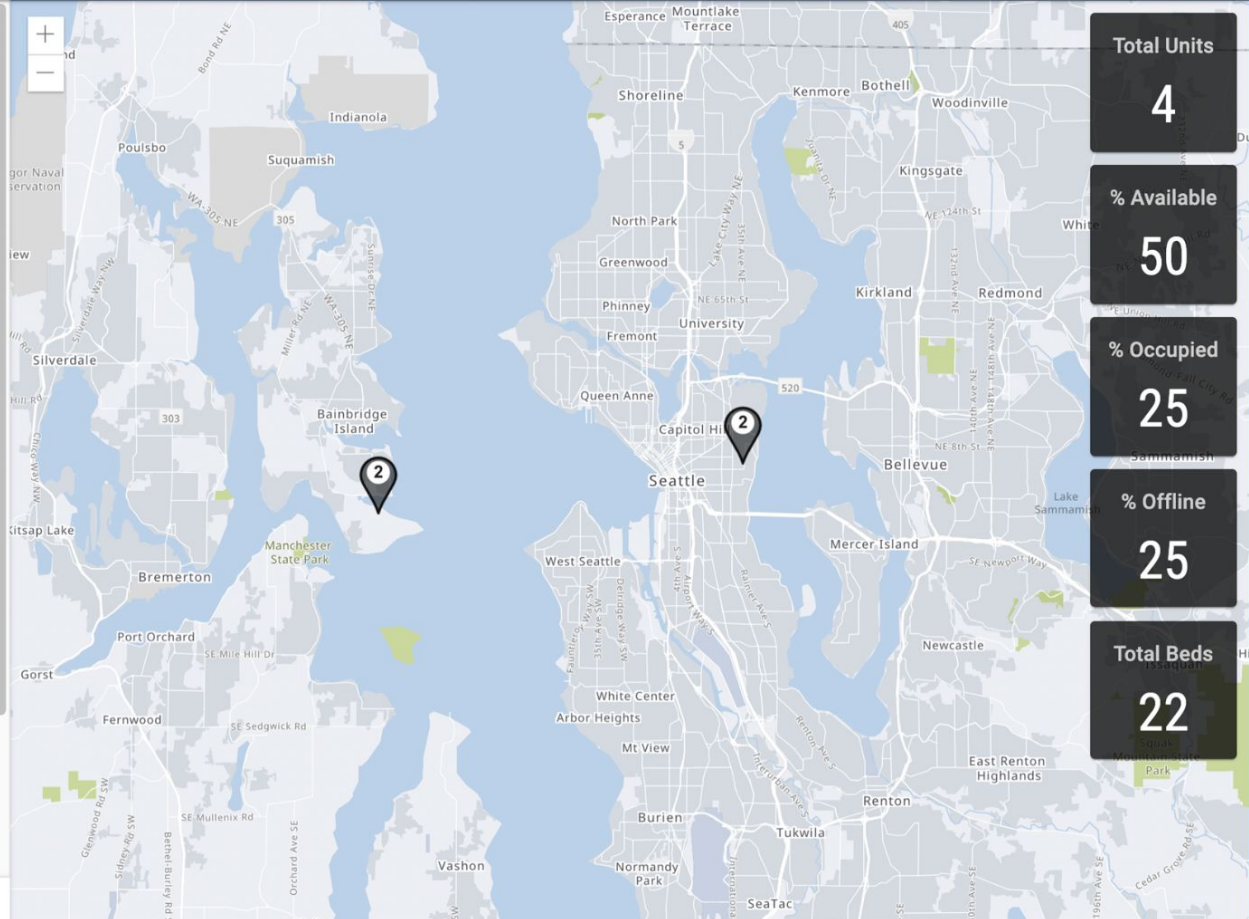
Unit 2

Building A Unit Config  
2920 Toe Jam Hill Rd NE, Bainbridge Island, WA

Available

Items per page: 25

1 - 4 of 4



Total Units  
**4**

% Available  
**50**

% Occupied  
**25**

% Offline  
**25**



Total Beds  
**22**

# Data Review

(EHV and CE referrals, shelter timeliness  
& HUD's racial equity tool)



# EHV Referrals

EHV Stats  

209

Individual HHs Assessed with Phase 1 Assessment

30

Individuals Housed through EHV

34

Individual HH Pending Referrals

17

Individual HHs Denied Referrals

10

Recently Homeless Eligible Assessed Individuals

2

Recently Homeless Pending Referrals

38

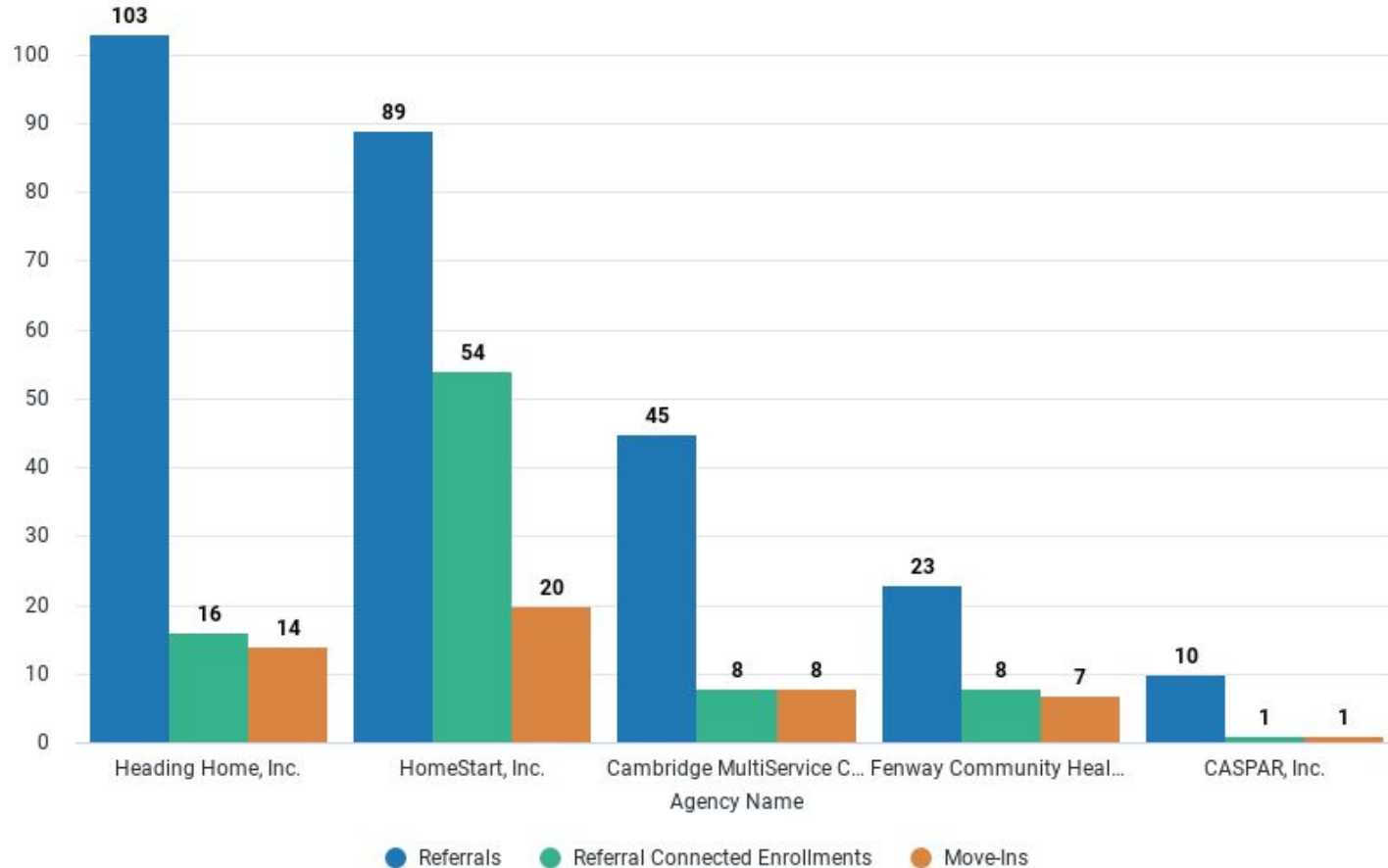
At Risk Individual HHs Assessed

30

At Risk Individual HHs Housed

# Number of referrals, resulting enrollments, and move-ins

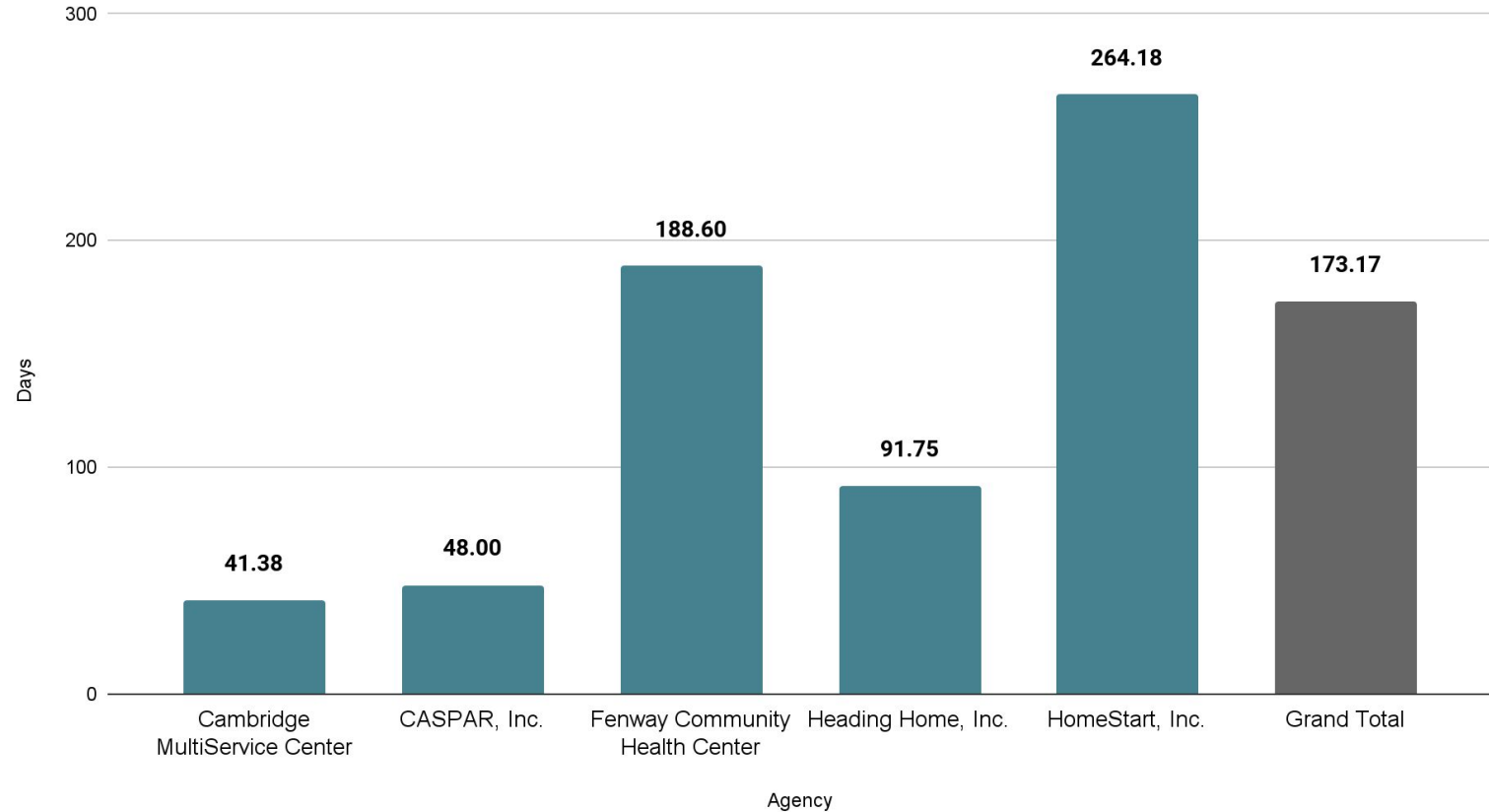
By agency. Referrals made between 10/1/20 and 9/30/22 excluding EHV referrals to CHA



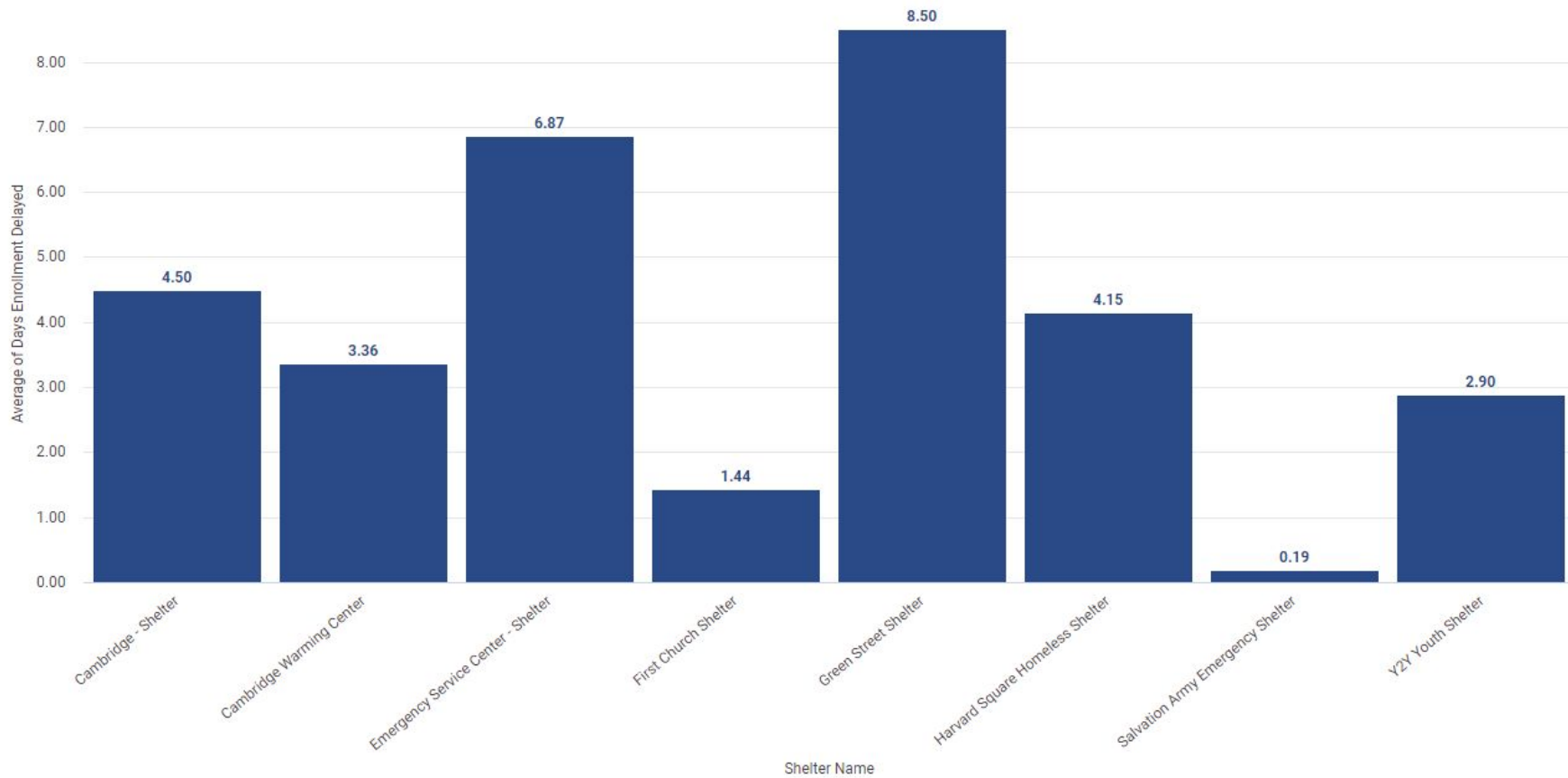


# Average Days From Referral to Move-In

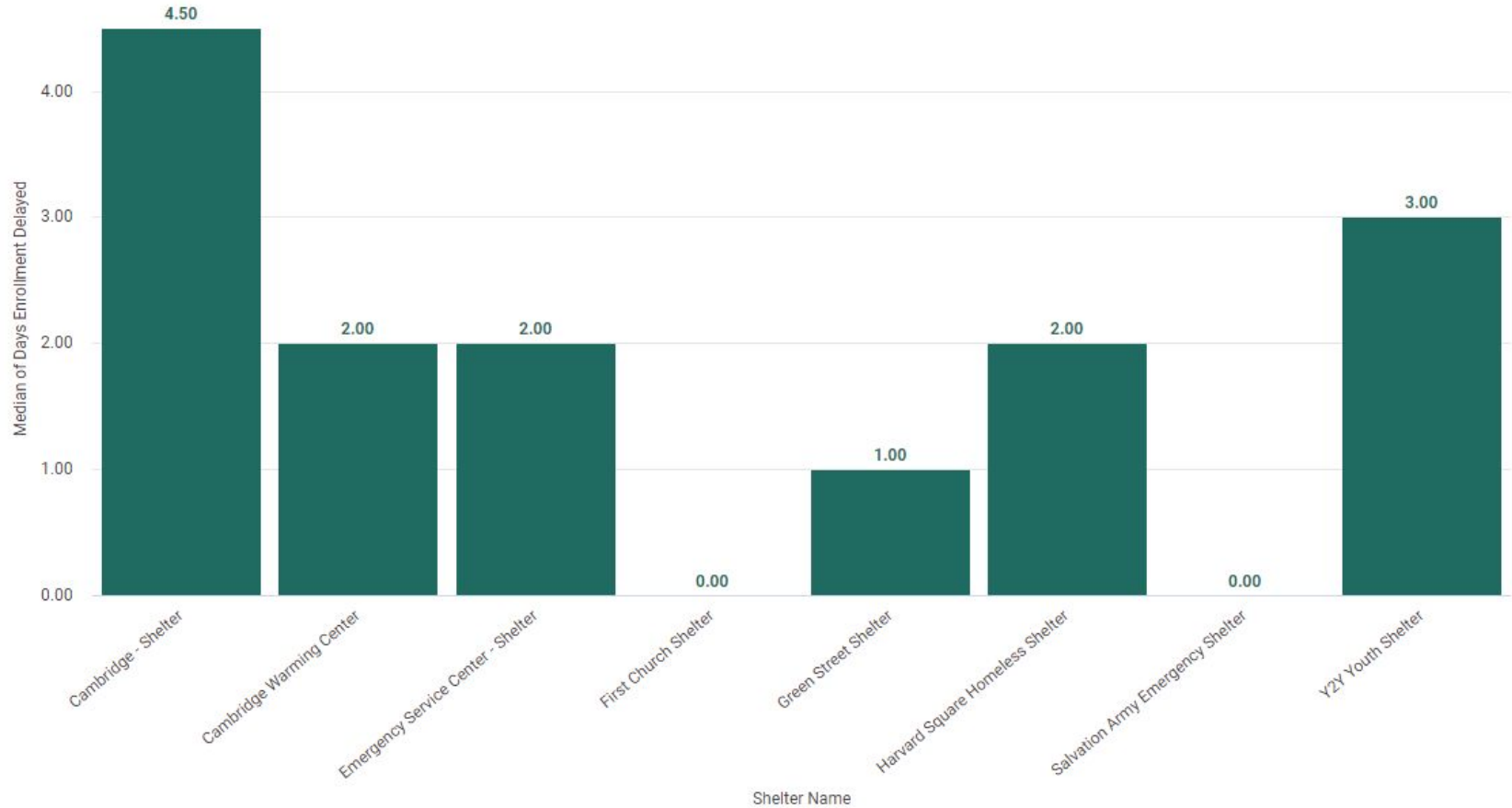
Move-ins occurring between 10/1/20 and 9/30/22. No EHV referrals to CHA included. CASPAR data is for one move-in.



# Shelter Enrollment Timeliness - Avg Days Between Proj Start and Date Created



# Shelter Enrollment Timeliness - Median Days Between Proj Start and Date Created



# CoC Analysis Tool: Race & Ethnicity

Using version 3.0 of HUD's [CoC Analysis Tool](#)

Data universe:

2021 Point in Time Count (one night) juxtaposed with distribution data of the total population of our community (American Community Survey's 2015-2019 data set)

# HUD CoC Racial Equity Tool - Distribution of Race

## All People

Total Population (ACS)

In Poverty (ACS)

Experiencing Homelessness (PIT)

Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness (PIT)

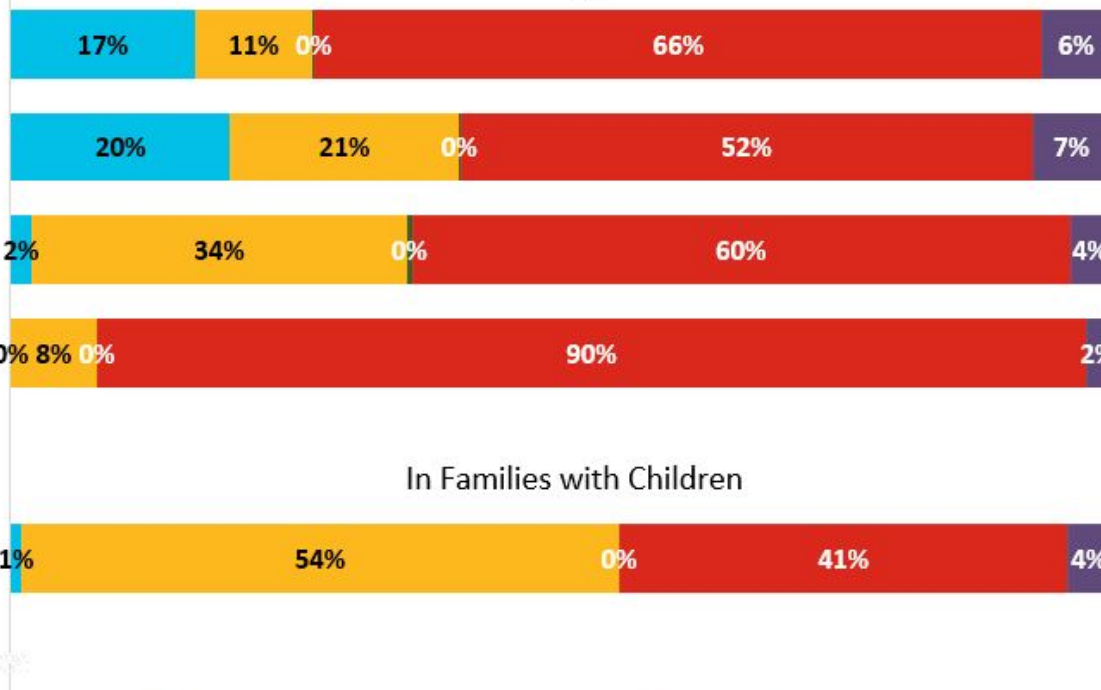
## All

## In Families with Children

Experiencing Homelessness (PIT)

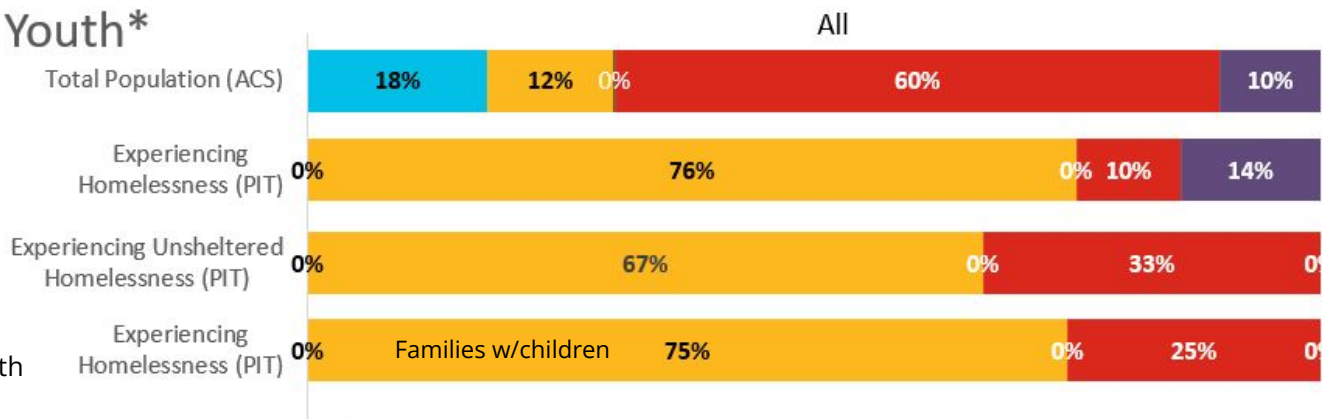
Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness (PIT)

■ Asian/Pacific Islander ■ Black ■ Native American/Alaskan ■ White ■ Other/Multi-Racial



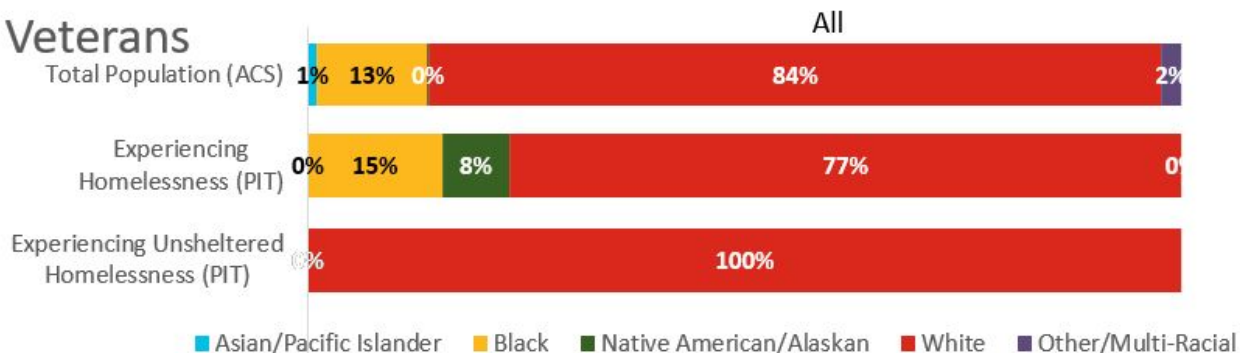
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## Youth\*



\*Youth PIT population = 34 (25 indiv.; 9 HHs with children)

## Veterans



■ Asian/Pacific Islander ■ Black ■ Native American/Alaskan ■ White ■ Other/Multi-Racial

# HUD CoC Racial Equity Tool - Distribution of Ethnicity

## All People

Total Population (ACS)

All



In Families with Children

Experiencing Homelessness (PIT)

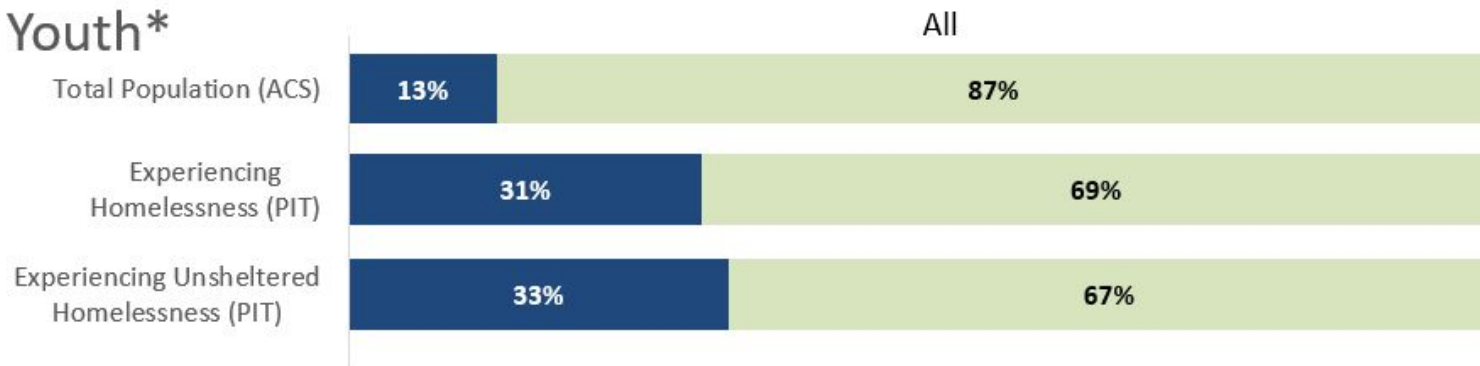
Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness (PIT)

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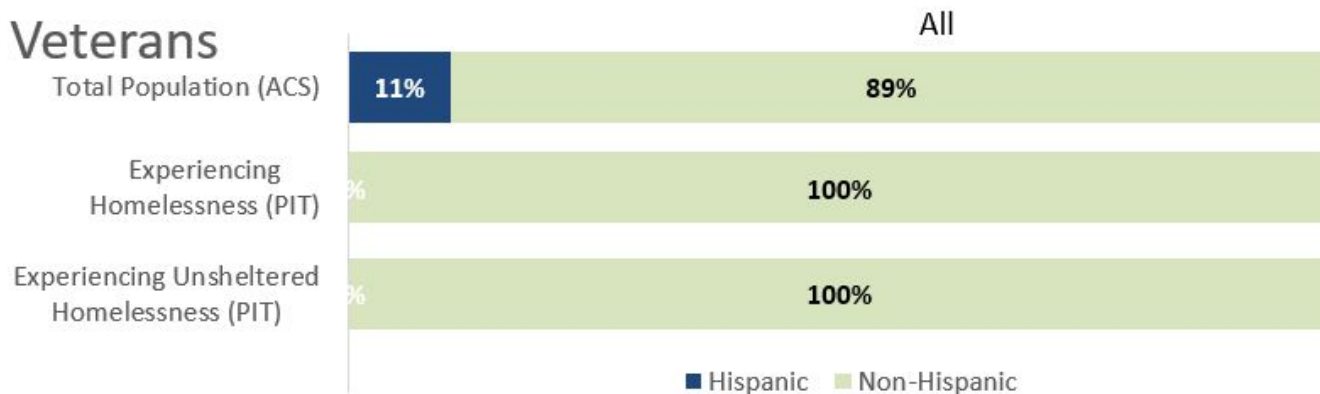
■ Hispanic ■ Non-Hispanic

# HUD CoC Racial Equity Tool - Distribution of Ethnicity

## Youth\*



## Veterans





# Stella P System Dashboard





# Thank you!



Next HMIS Working Group Meeting in January. Invite coming soon!