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Councilor Sarah Carpenter, Chair, Ward 4
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Thursday, November 18th, 2021
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
City Hall – Sharon Bushor Conference Room

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Draft Agenda

1. Approve agenda
2. Approve minutes: 9/15/21
3. Public Forum
4. Update on Just Cause Eviction Charter Change
5. Overview – Chittenden County Homeless Alliance
6. Homelessness Response Data – CEDO
7. Work Plan for 2022
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

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Overview of the City's Homelessness Response: Data, Available Resources, Next Steps

Presentation by CEDO to CDNR
November 18th, 2021



Outline

1. Continuum of Care and Coordinated Entry Background
2. Point in Time Count and Coordinated Entry Trends
3. Inventory of Available Homeless Shelters
4. Next Steps and Possible Interventions

Continuum of Care and Coordinated Entry Background

← What is a Continuum of Care? →

Outreach

Outreach intake and assessment – to ID service and housing needs

Emergency Shelter

Provide an immediate and safe alternative to being unsheltered – particularly families with children.

Transitional Housing

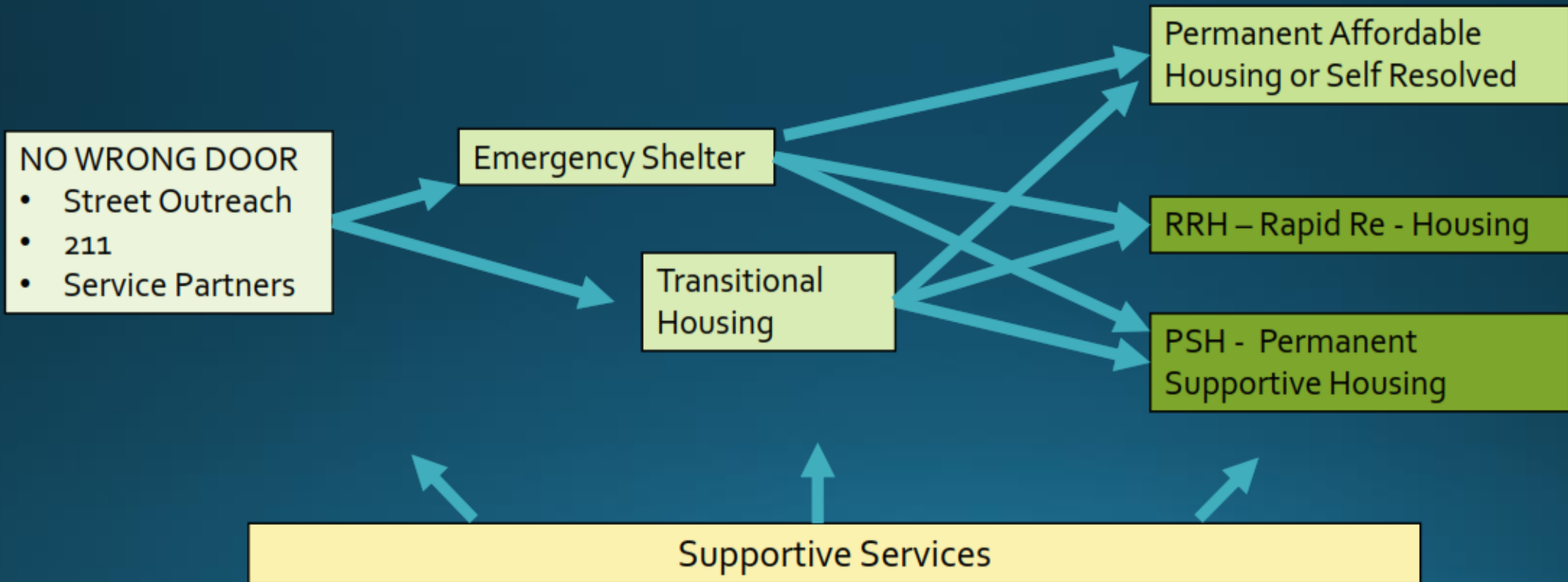
Transitional Housing with supportive services to allow for skill development needed for permanent housing

Permanent Supportive Housing

Permanent and Supportive Housing to provide individuals and families with an affordable place to live with support services.

Continuum of Care Collaborative Service Approach – Person Centered

Prevention Strategies & other homeless assistance programs – pandemic related funds RRHI – VERAP etc.



CCHA Partners & Services

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Chittenden County Homeless Alliance Strategic Plan

Common Agenda: Homelessness in Chittenden County will be rare and brief.

Community plan to implement a Homelessness to Housing stability strategy.

3 legs of the stool to combat homelessness and housing insecurity include:

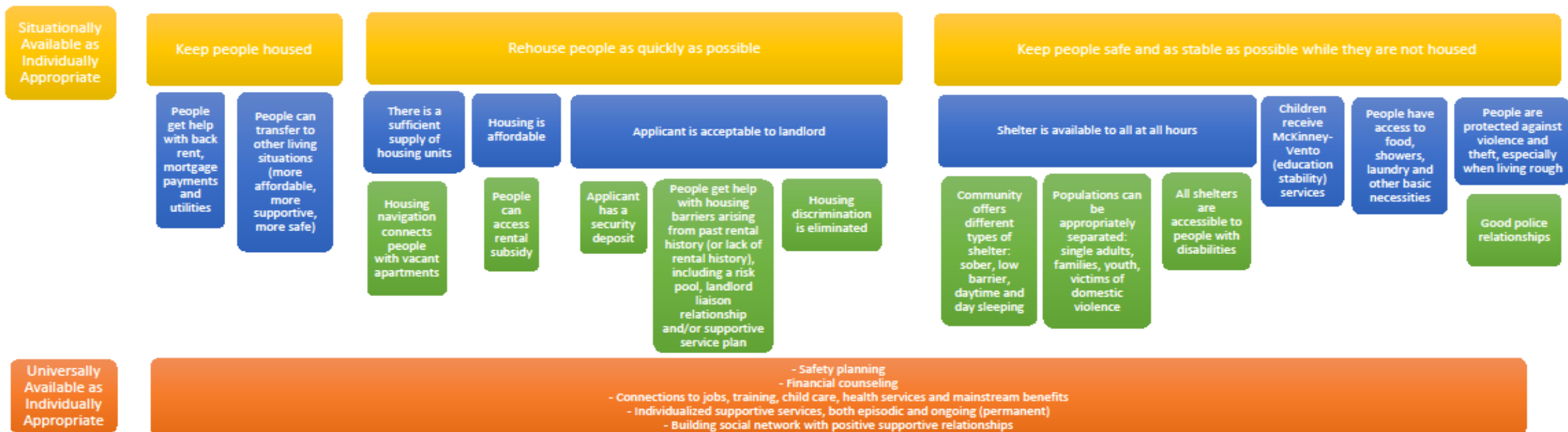
- Increasing options for housing case management.
- Addressing the need for housing vouchers, subsidized housing, and other affordable housing.
- Increasing housing stock.

Chittenden County Homeless Alliance Strategic Plan

August 2017

Common Agenda: Homelessness in Chittenden County will be rare and brief.

All people who are experiencing homelessness in Chittenden County who want housing become stably and safely housed through access to a responsive, comprehensive and coordinated system of care.



Guiding Principles:

- Programs and systems are inclusive and culturally competent
- We engage people with lived experience when we design, implement and evaluate program and systems
- All interactions are trauma-informed
- We provide multigenerational services for families
- We know people by name and we know what their individual needs are
- We use standardized assessment at all doors so that people have fair and equitable access to resources

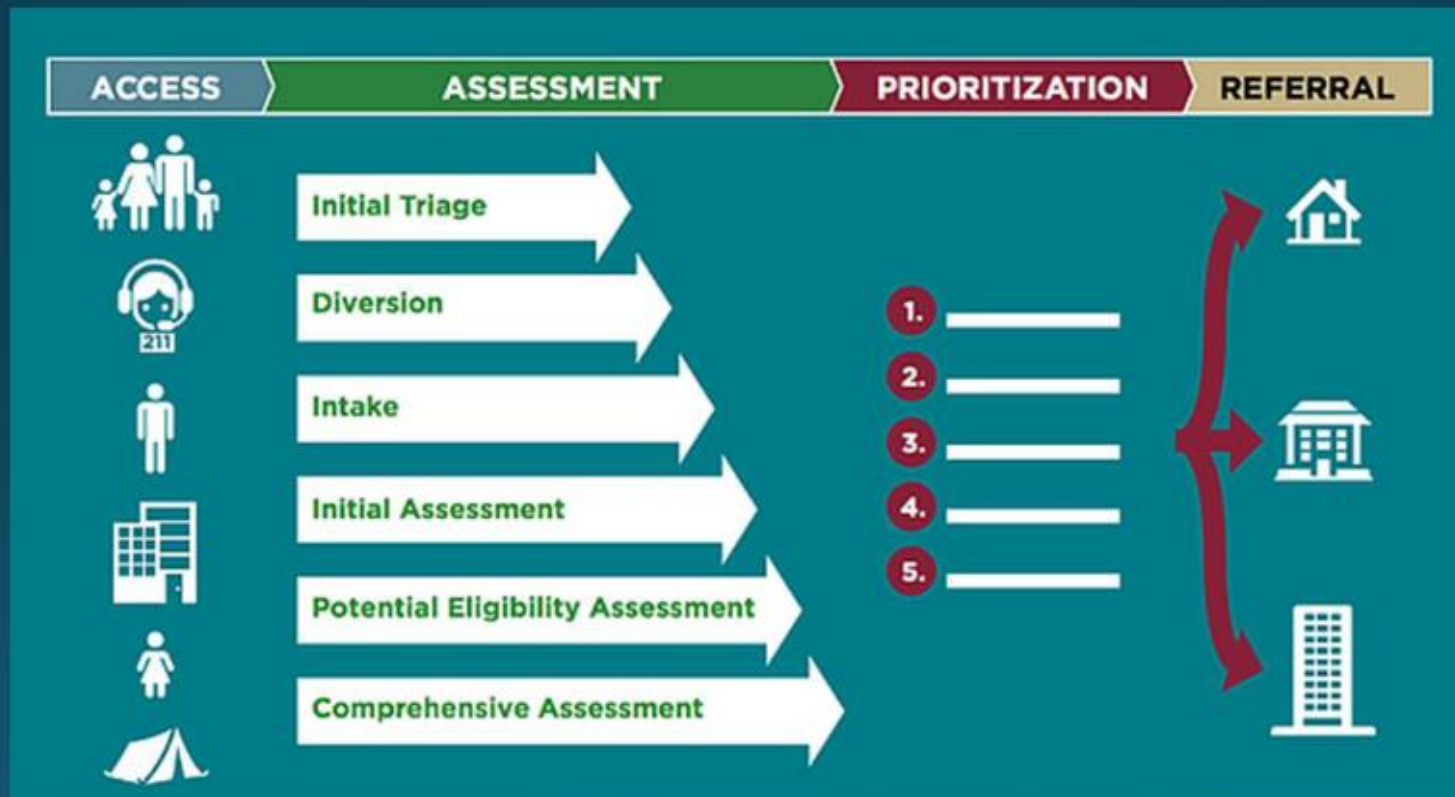
Common Measures of Progress:

- Number of people experiencing homelessness (Rare)
- Length of time people remain homeless (Brief)
- The extent to which people who exit homelessness to permanent housing destinations return to homelessness (Stable)
- The extent to which people become homeless for the first time (Stable)

Coordinated Entry System and Process

Multiple points of entry - person focused and prioritization by:

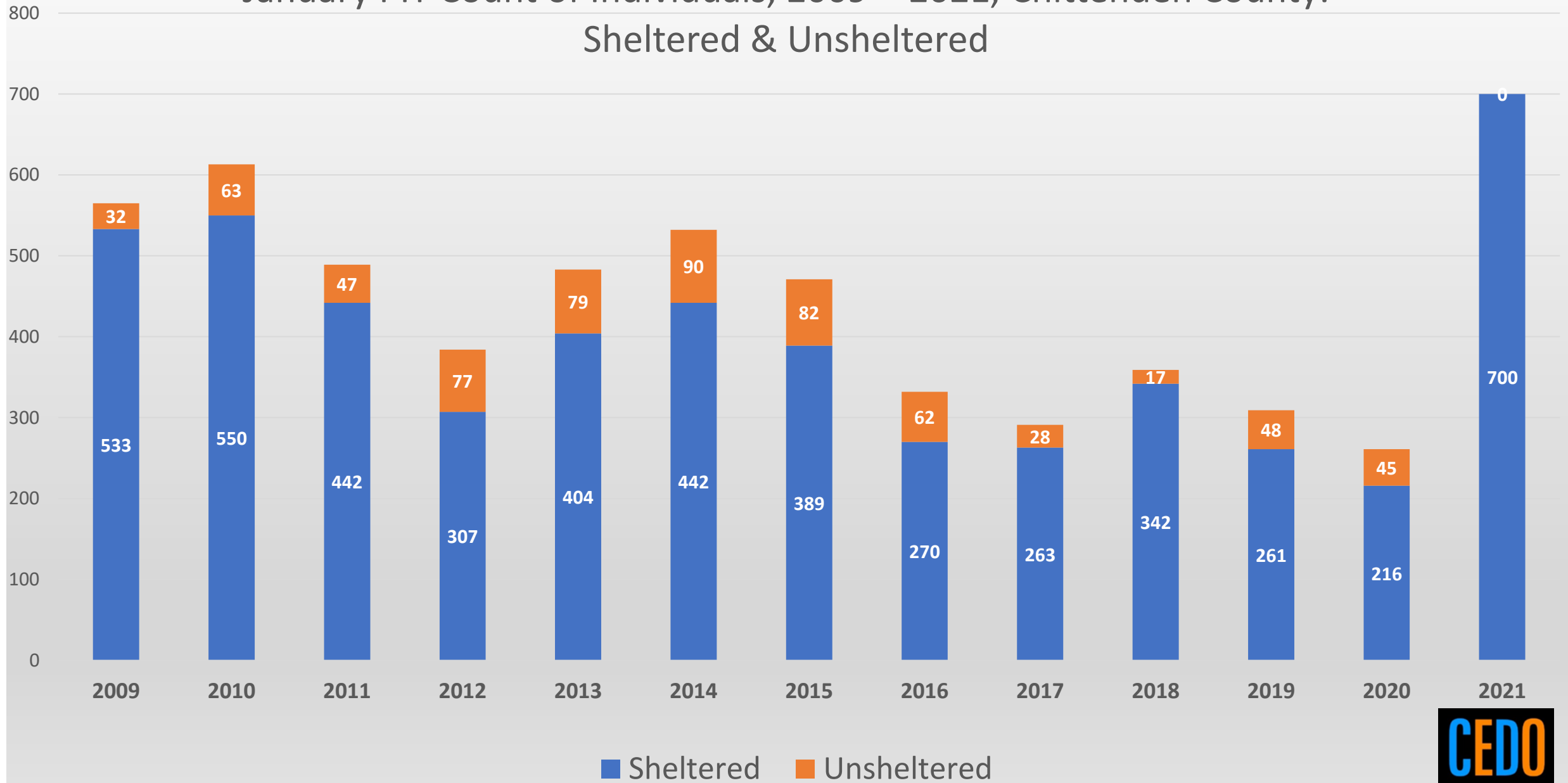
- Vulnerability score
- Chronic homelessness status
- Length of time experiencing homelessness
- Referral readiness



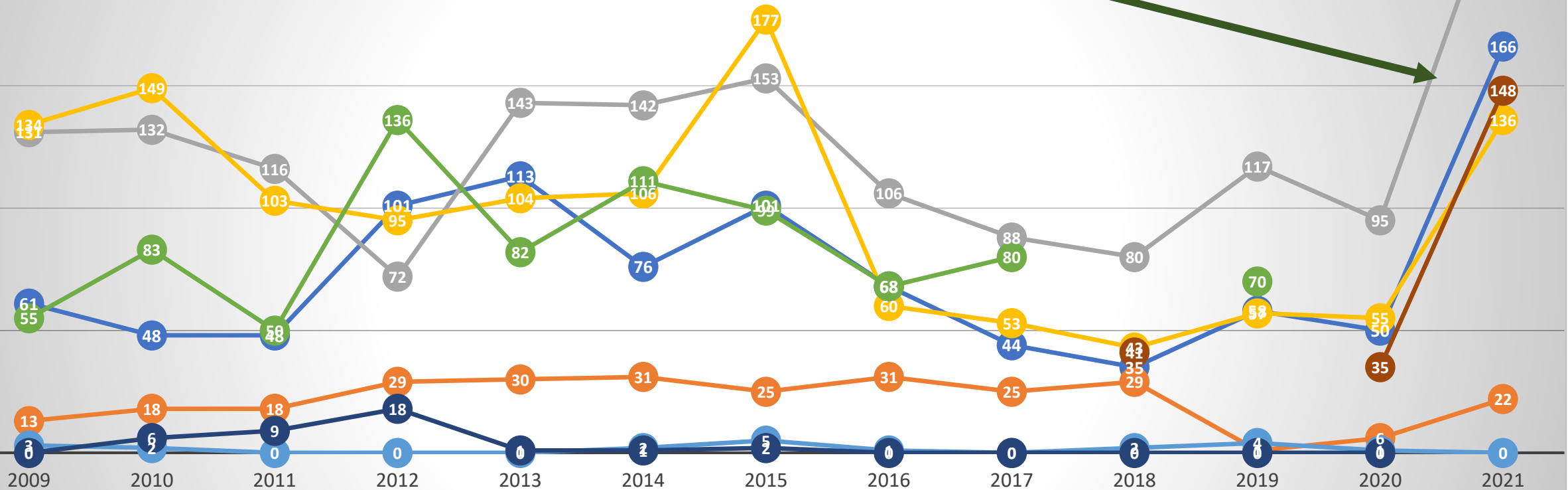
CE and PIT Data

Coordinated Entry and Point in Time Data

January PIT Count of Individuals, 2009 - 2021, Chittenden County: Sheltered & Unsheltered

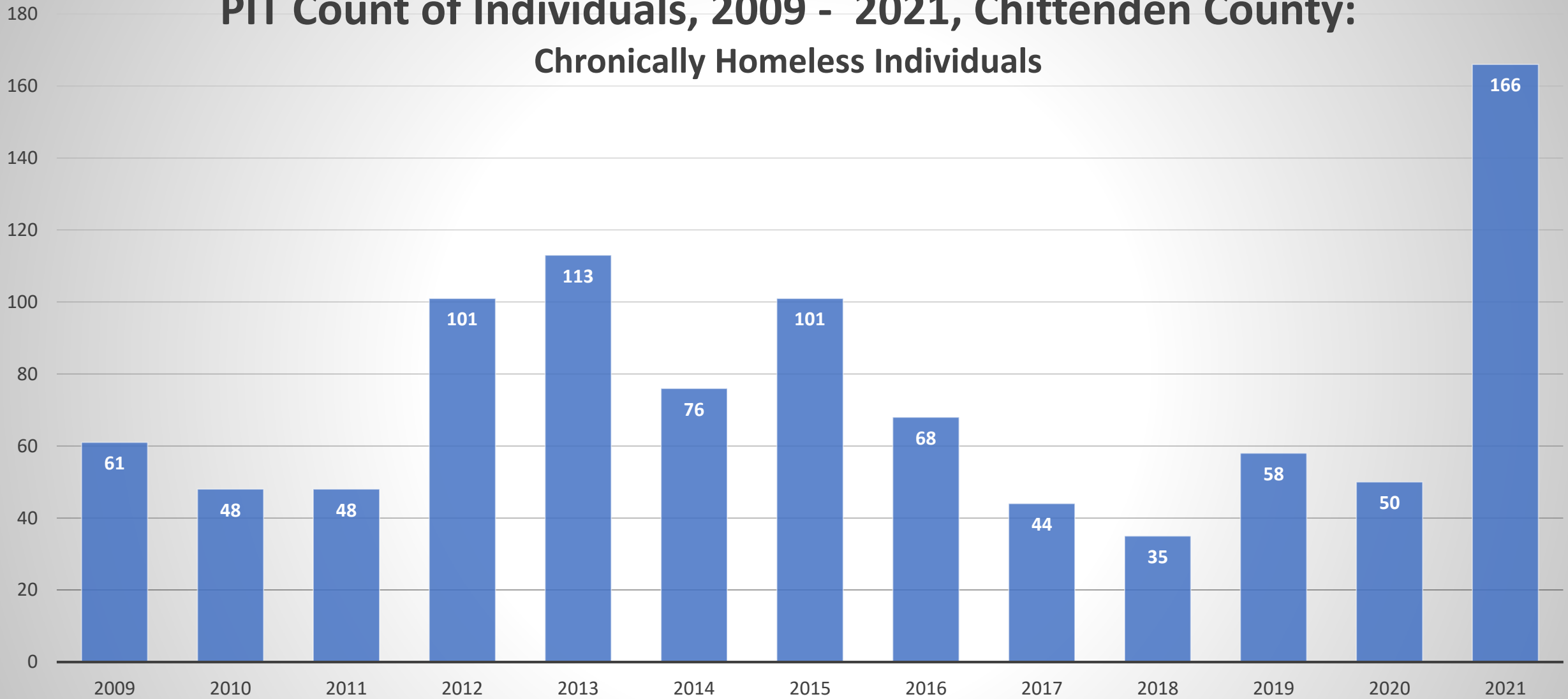


PIT Count of Individuals, 2009 - 2021, Chittenden County: Population Groups - experiencing homelessness

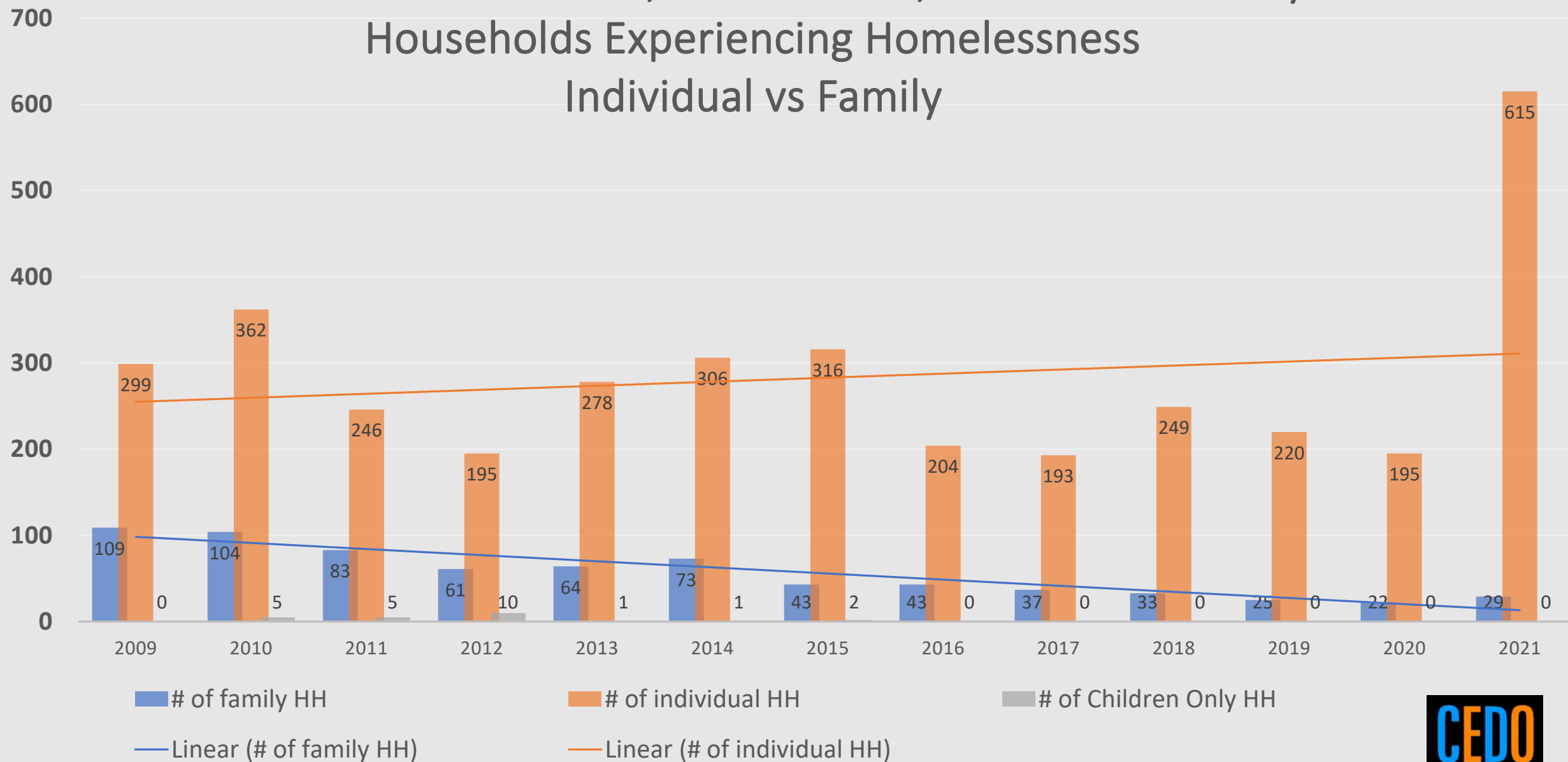


- Chronically Homeless Individuals
- Severely Mentally Ill (Adults Only)
- HIV/AIDS (Adults Only)
- Unaccom Child
- Veterans
- Substance Use Disorder (Adults Only)
- Survivors of DV (Adults Only)
- Currently Fleeing DV/SV (New 2018)

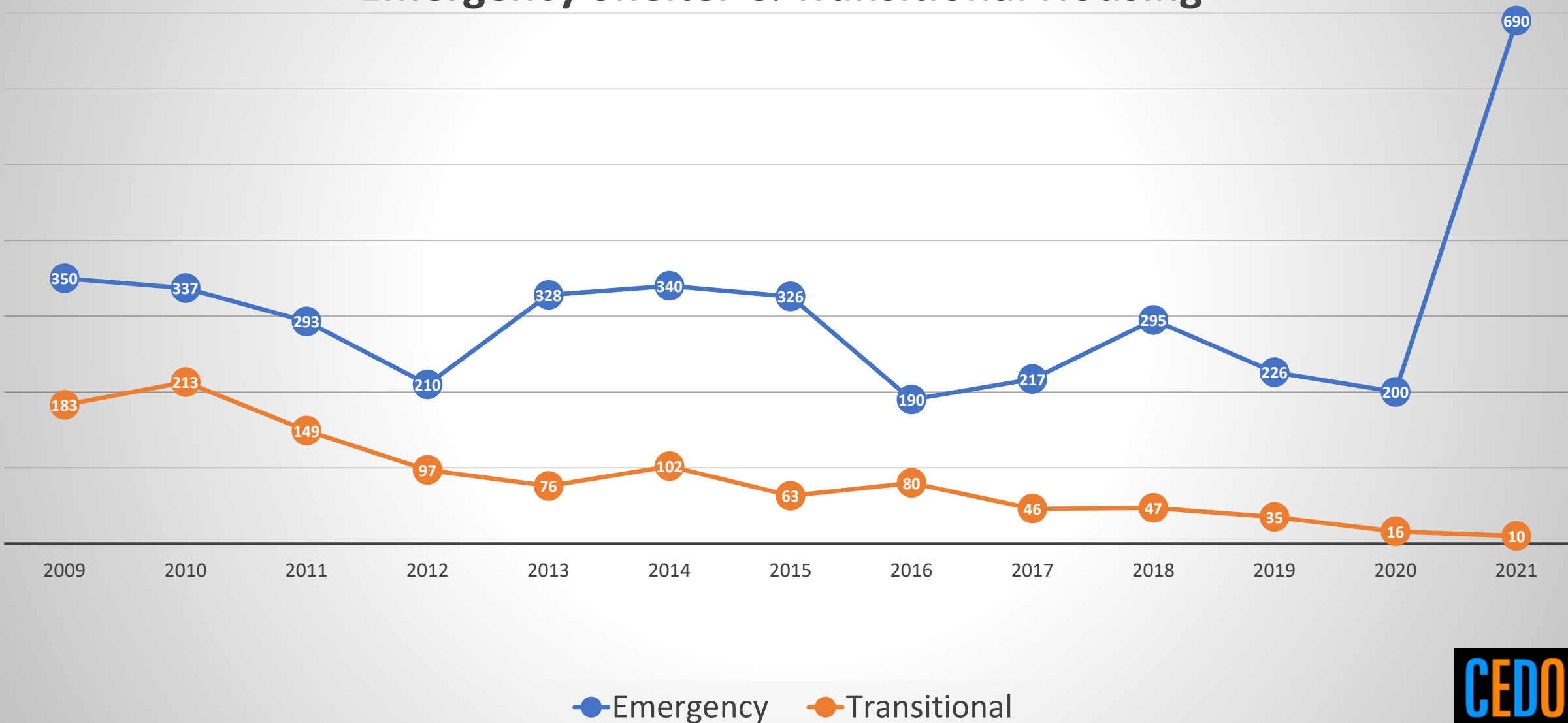
PIT Count of Individuals, 2009 - 2021, Chittenden County: Chronically Homeless Individuals



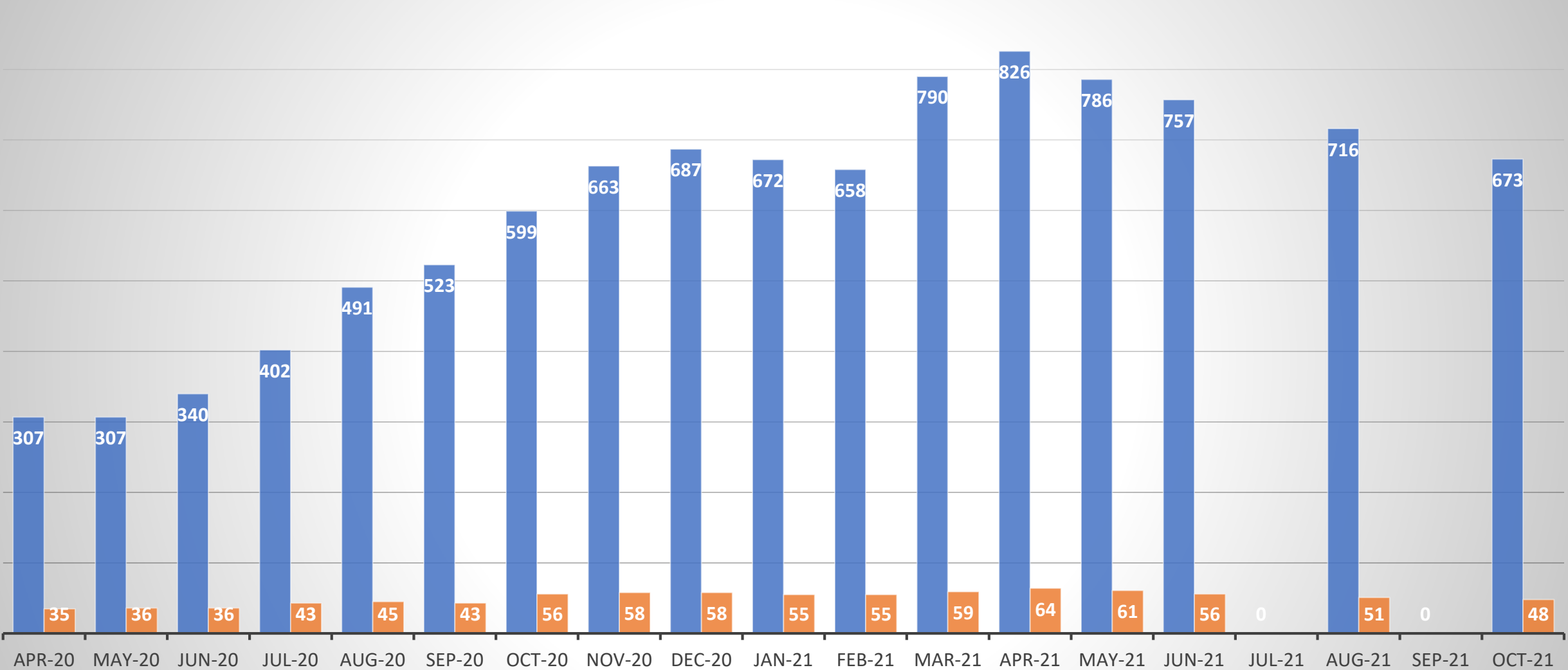
PIT Count of Individuals, 2009 - 2021, Chittenden County: Households Experiencing Homelessness Individual vs Family



PIT Count of Individuals, 2009 - 2021, Chittenden County: Emergency Shelter & Transitional Housing



Coordinated Entry Open Clients by Month



■ Total Number of Households on Masterlist
■ Number of Families on Masterlist



INFLOW & OUTFLOW for Chronic

252

April 2021 Actively Homeless Population

-19

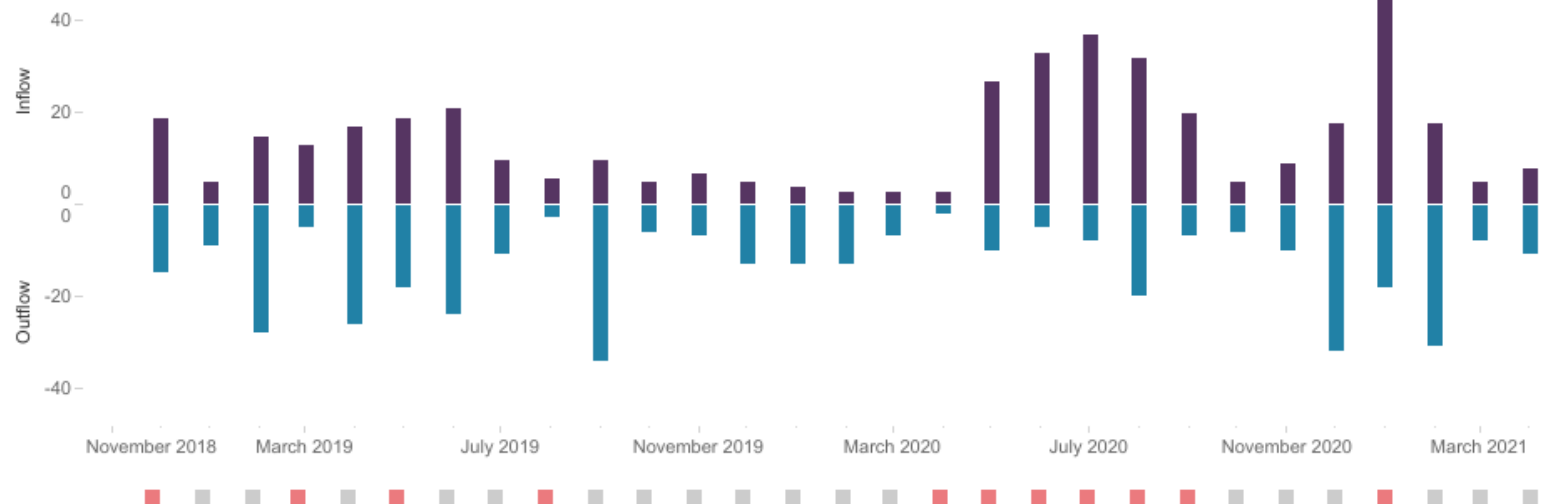
Change in Actively Homeless Over the Last 3 Months

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Functional Zero Threshold

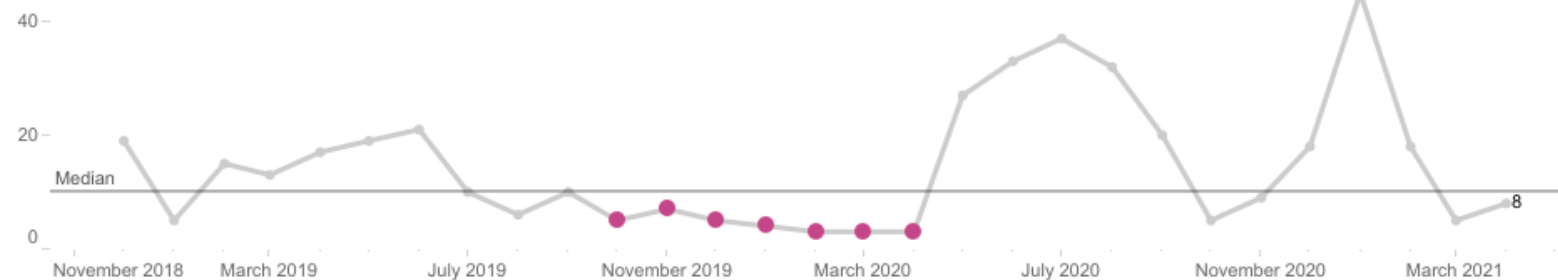
Monthly Inflow & Outflow

Red square at bottom indicates Inflow exceeded Outflow



Inflow Total

Use drop-down at right to adjust metric displayed



INSTRUCTIONS

Select your community from the drop-down menu below and use filters to adjust the data. You'll be able to see additional information by hovering over the charts.

NOTE: Numbers reflect self-reported community data (submitted using the form below).

Got questions? Email us at bfzdatasupport@community.solutions

DASHBOARD FILTERS

Select Community

Burlington/Chittenden County CoC

Select Population

Single Adults

Select Subpopulation

Chronic

Data to Display

Quality Data

Select Time Range

Non-Null Values Only

Select Metric to Display

Inflow Total

Understanding Shift Signal

A pink dot will appear when 6 or more consecutive points are above or below the median. Use this signal to identify shifts.



Inventory of Available Emergency Housing / Shelter

	Housing Inventory Count 2021 CCHA			
Proj. Type	Organization Name	Project Name	Housing Type	Total Beds
ES	ANEW Place	ANEW - Champlain Inn Emergency Shelter	Site-based – single site	50
ES	ANEW Place	ANEW Shelter	Site-based – single site	20
PSH	Burlington Housing Authority	BHA - VA VASH	Tenant-based – scattered site	5
RRH	Burlington Housing Authority	BHA Rapid Rehousing HOP	Tenant-based – scattered site	38
PSH	Burlington Housing Authority	Dettman Place/30-42 King Street	Site-based – single site	28
OPH	Champlain Housing Trust	Sarah Cole House SRO	Site-based – single site	13
RRH	Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity	CVOEO - Chittenden County Rapid Rehousing (HOP)	Tenant-based – scattered site	5
OPH	Committee on Temporary Shelter	COTS 95 North Ave	Site-based – single site	13
OPH	Committee on Temporary Shelter	COTS Canal Street OPH	Site-based – single site	20
RRH	Committee on Temporary Shelter	COTS CARES Housing Voucher ESG CV RRH	Tenant-based – scattered site	17
ES	Committee on Temporary Shelter	COTS Family Shelter	Site-based – single site	54
RRH	Committee on Temporary Shelter	COTS HOP Rapid Rehousing	Tenant-based – scattered site	1
OPH	Committee on Temporary Shelter	COTS Smith House Apartments	Site-based – single site	4
ES	Committee on Temporary Shelter	COTS Smith House Emergency Shelter	Site-based – single site	7
ES	Committee on Temporary Shelter	COTS Waystation	Site-based – single site	36
OPH	Committee on Temporary Shelter	St. John's Hall ModRehab SRO	Site-based – single site	22
OPH	Committee on Temporary Shelter	The Wilson	Site-based – single site	22
RRH	Community Health Center of Burlington	CHCB - CARES Housing Voucher ESG CV RRH	Tenant-based – scattered site	33
OPH	Community Health Center of Burlington	CHCB Beacon Place Apartments	Site-based – single site	13
PSH	Community Health Center of Burlington	CHCB Beacon Plus Shelter Plus Care	Site-based – single site	5
PSH	Community Health Center of Burlington	CHCB Housing First	Tenant-based – scattered site	13
ES	Community Health Center of Burlington	CHCB UVMMC Medical Respite	Site-based – single site	7
PSH	Community Health Center of Burlington	ECHO PSH CHCB	Tenant-based – scattered site	1
PSH	Dept of Veteran Affairs WRJ VAMC	VASH	Tenant-based – scattered site	45
ES	Howard Center	Safe Haven Emergency Shelter	Site-based – single site	7
PSH	Pathways Vermont	Pathways ECHO PSH	Tenant-based – scattered site	14
RRH	Pathways Vermont	Pathways Housing First RRH	Tenant-based – scattered site	16
PSH	Pathways Vermont	Pathways New Horizon	Tenant-based – scattered site	12
RRH	Pathways Vermont	PWH - [Chittenden] CARES Housing Voucher ESG CV RR	Tenant-based – scattered site	16
ES	Spectrum	Emergency Shelter	Site-based – single site	8
TH	Spectrum	Pearl Street SRO	Site-based – single site	8
ES	Spectrum	Spectrum Youth Warming Shelter	Site-based – single site	7
RRH	Steps VT	Domestic Violence Housing First (RRH)	Tenant-based – scattered site	7
TH	Steps VT	Sophie's Place	Site-based – single site	12
RRH	Steps VT	Steps VT CARES Housing Voucher ESG CV RRH	Tenant-based – scattered site	8
ES	Steps VT	WHBW Shelter	Site-based – single site	48
ES	University of Vermont MC	UVM - SSVF - Emergency Hotel Assistance (VT-501)	Tenant-based – scattered site	11
RRH	University of Vermont MC	UVM SSVF	Tenant-based – scattered site	1
RRH	Veterans, Inc.	Vets Inc SSVF RRH	Tenant-based – scattered site	0
ES	VT Agency of Human Services	Emergency Motel Voucher Program	Tenant-based – scattered site	539
RRH	VT Agency of Human Services	Vermont Rental Subsidy	Tenant-based – scattered site	46
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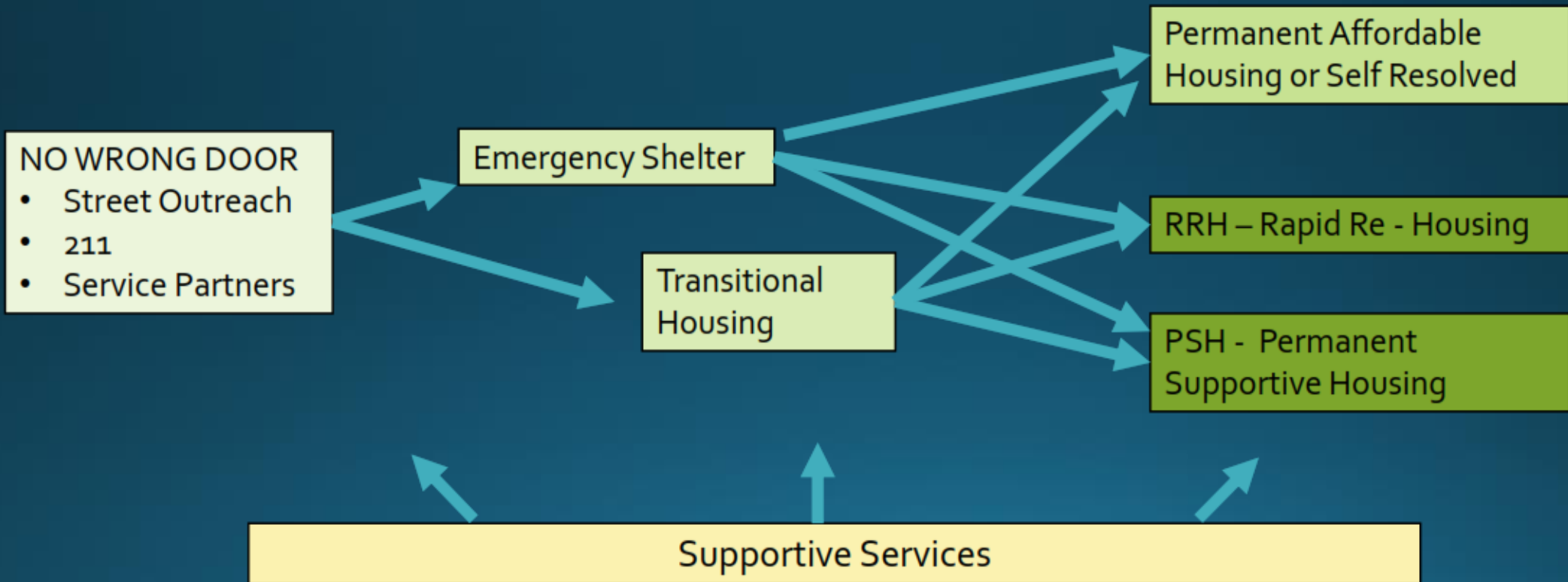
Emergency Housing / Shelter Inventory – 11/1/2021

Organization	Address	Type	# Beds	Open Capacity #
ANEW Place Champlain Inn	165 Shelburne Rd	Hotel Low Barrier ES	50	0
ANEW Place North St	North Street, Burlington	Emergency Shelter	16	0
COTS	Smith House, Burlington	Emergency Shelter	5	0
COTS	Waystation, Burlington	Emergency Shelter	32	14
COTS	Firehouse Family, Burlington	Family Emergency Shelter	5	0
COTS	Main Street Family, Burlington	Emergency Shelter	10	0
Spectrum	Youth Winter Warming - 172 S Winooski	Youth Emergency Shelter	10	0
Spectrum	The Landing, Burlington	Emergency Shelter	8	0
Spectrum	177 Pearl St	Temp Housing	8	0
STEPS	Domestic Violence shelter	RRH	42	0
CHT	Ho Hum - COVID facility	Motel COVID Recovery Site	36	0
CHT	Harbor Place	Motel supported housing	50	0
CVOEO	Emergency Housng Funds & HOP RRH	Non-congregate: Various Motels & other	25	0
VT- AHS	Emergency Motel Vouchers	Hotel ES Non-congregate: Various Hotels	223	
Pathways Vermont	Rapid Rehousing (RRH)	Non-congregate: RRH	10	0
		TOTAL	530	14

Next Steps and Possible Interventions

Continuum of Care Collaborative Service Approach – Person Centered

Prevention Strategies & other homeless assistance programs – pandemic related funds RRHI – VERAP etc.



Option	Possible Intervention	Lead time
Temporary Shelter	• Continuation of VT General Assistance hotel system (through April 1, 2022)	In Place
	• Community Resource Center (Day-time shelter opening 11/19)	In Place
	• Safe Parking	Weeks
	• New brick and mortar Emergency Shelter	3-12 months
Transitional Housing	• Identify City-owned land with access to water, sewer, power to locate shelter pods, bathrooms, connection to services.	12-36 weeks
New Affordable Housing Units	• Support pipeline projects by CHT and COTS. • Partner with affordable housing developers to build new income-restricted units on underutilized City-owned land.	24 to 36 months per project
Increase capacity to Serve / Manage	• Increase staffing capacity at the City to support the COC. • Increase staffing capacity at the City to support the development and operation of possible interventions. • Invest in existing partner organizations that require increased capacity to address the need.	

Questions



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Committee members: Chair Sarah Carpenter (SC), Zoraya Hightower (ZH), Joe Magee (JM)

City staff: Christine Curtis

Other Attendees: Brian Pine, Katie Kinstedt, Marcella Gange, Samantha Dunn, CEDO; Michael Monte, CHT; Tom Proctor, RAD VT; Jamie Feehan, Primmer and Government Relations; Will Towne, CCHA; Travis Poulin, CVOEO

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5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

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Draft Minutes

Meeting Started at 5:05 PM

1. Approve agenda

MOTION by Councilor Magee, SECOND by Councilor Hightower, to adopt the agenda as presented

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

2. Approve minutes: 9/15/21

MOTION by Councilor Hightower, SECOND by Councilor Magee, to approve the minutes as presented

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

3. Public Forum

Tom Proctor spoke at public forum.

- Tom updated the Committee on the coalition for just cause eviction
- Working on getting this passed through the Senate and acquiring more representatives

- Educational campaign in the works
- Working on acquiring coalition partners from the community
- Once it is approved it can come back to Burlington and an ordinance can be built around it
- Meetings with Senators are in place and will occur by the end of the year
- Brian Pine asked Tom if there is lack of understanding or opposition that he is aware of so far in the process
- Tom stated there was one comment from a representative regarding the charter change itself. The rep. was unaware that several states have already implemented this change

4. Update on Just Cause Eviction Charter Change

Jamie Feehan gave an update.

- Jamie stated that the Charter Changes are a priority in his meetings with the Mayor and the City Attorney's office
- A Legislative Committee is reviewing the Charter Change, no in-depth discussion has occurred yet on JCE due to other issues taking precedence
- Jamie is currently working on finding people to speak to the merits of the proposal and to re-iterate the will of the voters
- Jamie believes that the House General will have to review this Charter Change
- ZH asked if using Burlington as a pilot for this proposal would be the right way to go
- Jamie agreed and said the Legislative could treat this like a bill and come back with a report to work from
- Tom asked who the lawmaker was that was interested in making this effective State-wide
- Jamie clarified that it was advocacy groups that were interested
- Jamie hopes there will be quick action taken on this issue

5. Overview – Chittenden County Homeless Alliance

Will Towne, Travis Poulin and Marcella Gange gave an update.

- Travis explained the Alliance is the local Continuum of Care which serves to encourage communication and work between agencies providing homeless services, and to submit applications for federal funding
- Will stated that the CCHA tackles multiple issues all addressing homelessness

- Coordinated entry is a process where they can formally work with multiple agencies providing services while avoiding duplication of services
- All agencies are using same paperwork and all individuals in coordinated entry get evaluated and that information is shared among agencies. This allows agencies to work together to assess the areas or individuals with the greatest need
- Agencies that provide housing will create a certain number of housing units available to individuals that go through coordinated entry
- JM asked how many people have engaged in this process and how many people are ready to move into an apartment but there are none available
- Marcella responded there is roughly 600 people
- There are plenty of funding resources but very limited housing options

6. Homelessness Response Data – CEDO

Brian Pine spoke, Marcella Gange gave a presentation.

- The City's roll in the infrastructure is currently evolving and will be more involved in the coming months and in the future. The efforts will be focused on the most vulnerable populations and the challenges of the current housing market
- (Presentation can be found on CDNR webpage)
- Michael Monte of CHT stated new housing for the homeless will be opening in Williston soon, and currently working on permanent housing in Shelburne and Colchester

7. Work Plan for 2022

- Burlington Property Tax resolution – how to pay for consultant
- Standing agenda items: Homeless data, PIT count

8. Other business

No other business discussed.

9. Adjournment

MOTION by Chair Carpenter to adjourn meeting at 6:56 PM.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.