Montgomery County Interagency Commission on Homelessness

Bi-monthly Meeting

Wednesday, March 4, 2020 | 3-6p
Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Avenue, Rockville 20850

Welcome and Introductions

Ebony Johnson, Chair, Interagency Commission on Homelessness

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Public Comments

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Strategic Plan to End Homelessness Implementation

Fred Swan, Co-chair of Strategy and Planning Committee and
Director of Resident Services with the Housing Opportunities Commission

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Montgomery County ICH Committees At a Glance

Committees	Key Roles and Responsibilities	2020-2023 Strategic Plan Strategy
Strategy and Planning Long-term vision and strategy	Develops and oversees the strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness, including monitoring progress towards goals, conducting an annual gaps analysis and reviewing external policies that may affect local efforts.	Strategy 1: Addressing Racial Disparities Across the System Strategy 4: Build and Support Affordable Housing Solutions for Individuals within the Homeless Continuum
Communication Public education and messaging	Educate the public on issues related to homelessness and the community's response, including managing the CoC's website and communications strategy for initiatives and campaigns.	Strategy 6: Educate and Advocate for Change
People's Ensuring person-centered efforts	Facilitate the leadership and authentic collaboration with individuals with lived experience in all aspects of the community's efforts to end homelessness, including advising other committees and recruiting individuals with lived experience to participate.	Strategy 6: Educate and Advocate for Change
Outcomes and Improvement Harnessing data for improvement	Establishes performance targets and monitors and evaluates program level performance, including supporting improvement efforts through identifying training on best practices. Oversees implementation of HMIS (through HMIS subcommittee].	Strategy 2: Build and Support Strong and Adaptable Programs to Ensure Equitable Access and Programming Across the System to Effectively Address Client Needs
Partnerships and Funding Mobilizing resources	Forges strategic partnerships and assists funders to establish priorities that further the CoC's strategic plan, including overseeing the annual application for federal homelessness funding (through Allocations subcommittee).	Strategy 5: Increase and Diversify Funding
System Coordination Cross sector program and policy implementation	Coordinates the implementation of a housing and services system across sectors, including recommending improvements to policies and overseeing the Coordinated Entry System (through CES subcommittee).	Strategy 3: Coordinate Effectively Across Systems

Implementing the Strategic Plan

ICH Members Role

- How does the Commission want to be updated on our progress?
- How would Commissioners like to be involved?

Strategy and Planning Committee Requests

- Creation of two new work groups
- Addressing racial disparities
- Building affordable housing solutions

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ICH Restructure Update

Legislation, Membership and Committees

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Bill 7-20 ICH Legislation

- Changes to previous version
  - Allows for designees for the ex-officio positions
  - Broadens language on the hospital representative to include any healthcare provider
  - Adds language on transition plan
- Public Hearing on March 17 at 1:30 PM
- Updates to the Governance Charter needed to reflect new legislation. The revised charter will be submitted to ICH for approval at the May meeting.

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Keys Changes to ICH Membership

- **Local and County Government**: Currently, 7 members are serving in ex-officio seats that would not be specified under the updated statute.
  - ***Representation in this category needs to be reduced by 3 Commissioners.***
- **Homeless Service Providers:** Currently, there are 3 Commissioners, representing homeless service providers, but not specifically for the subpopulations identified in the proposed update**.**
  - ***A new process would need to identify 4 Commissioners from organizations providing services to the following subpopulations:***
    - **Families with Children**
    - **Youth**
    - **Adult households without Children**
    - **Households at-risk of homelessness and seeking prevention services**

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Keys Changes to ICH Membership

- **Private Sector:** Currently, there are no representatives from the private sector.

  ➢ ***Four (4) members need to be added from the private sector generally.***

- **General Public** – Currently, there are 3 Commissioners serving under this category that would meet the new requirements for:

  - Person with Lived Experience
  - Residents of Montgomery County (2 current Commissioners)

  ➢ ***Three (3) Commissioners would need to be added – one that represents philanthropy, one that represents the healthcare industry, and one being an affordable housing developer.***

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Recommended Next Steps on Member Recruitment

- Any active ex-officio wishing to continue could serve an additional 12-month term
- Any non ex-officio will fulfil their existing term
- A Nomination Committee be established to recruit for both private and public sector members
- In the future, nominations and recruitment will be the responsibility of the Governance Committee

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Committee Structure

Status of Implementation

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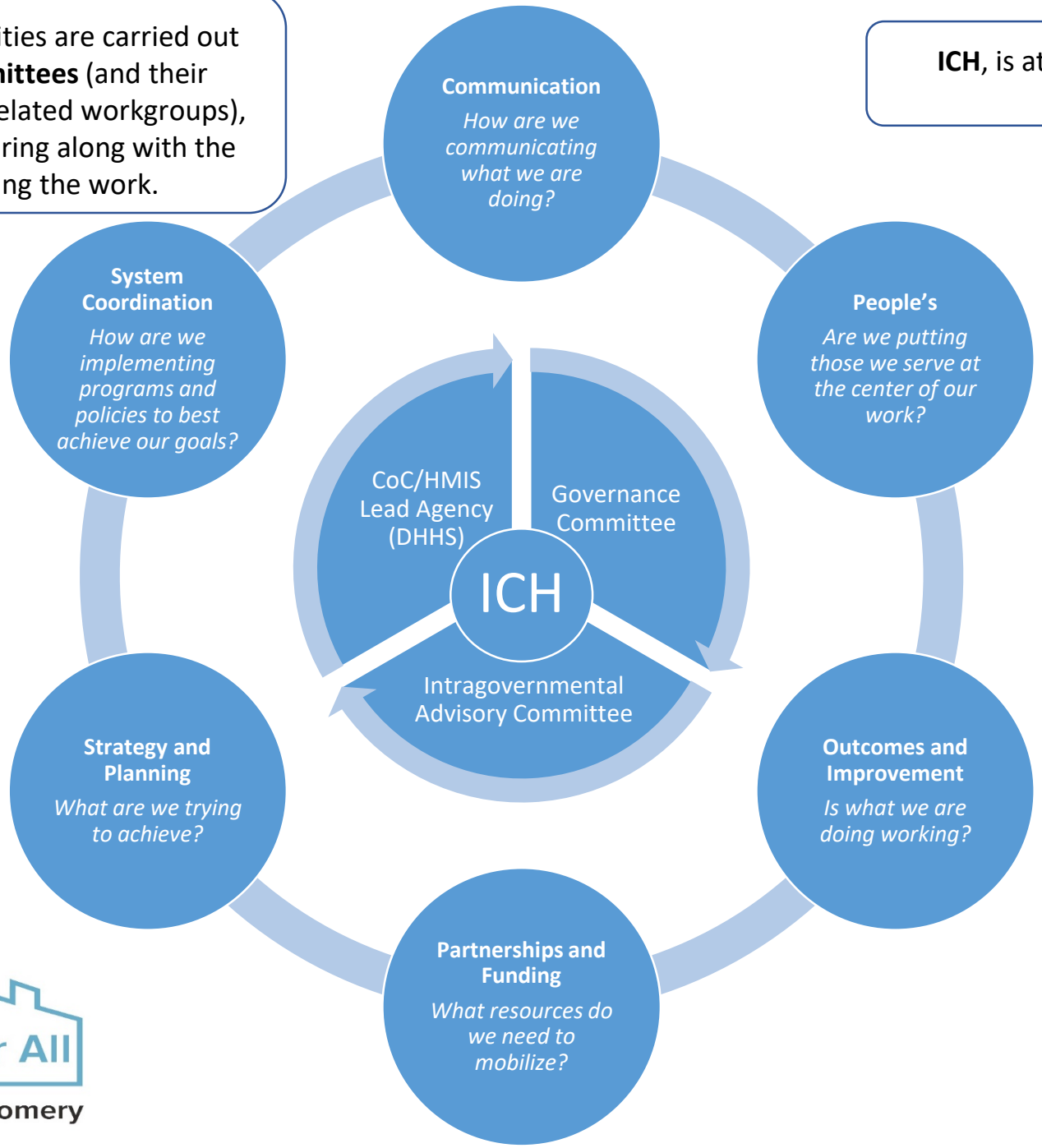
The CoC's responsibilities are carried out through the **six committees** (and their subcommittees and related workgroups), depicted in the outer ring along with the central question guiding the work.



ICH, is at the center of this graphic, representing the primary Governing Body of the CoC.

In the inner circle, the key entities and committees that are charged with ensuring effective governance are depicted. Each one plays a different role:

- The **Governance Committee** ensures that the key discussions are taking place and decisions are being made at the right place and right time necessary to advance ICH's work and fulfill local, state, and federal requirements.
- The **Intragovernmental Advisory Committee** decides who from local government serves on the ICH and meets semi-annually to discuss and exchange information related to current efforts to support the CoC's strategic plans.
- The **Lead Agency (DHHS)** staffs the CoC Governance Structure, providing administrative support, including managing the community's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

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Committee Status

Committee Name	Established and Regularly meeting	Commissioner Representative	Comments on Progress/ Barriers
Strategy and Planning	Yes	Yes	None
Systems Coordination	Yes	Yes	None
Outcomes and Improvement	Yes	No	Looking for at least one Commissioner representative
Communications Committee	No	No	Committee was previously active but changes in leadership impacted participation
Funding and Partnerships	No	Yes and No	Recruitment has started and first meeting is scheduled
People's Committee	No	Yes and No	Planning group formed and kick-off meeting scheduled for the end of March

Process-Oriented Committees

- Governance Committee not yet formed due to lack of Commissioner representation on every committee and changes in membership.
  - Goal is to stand up this committee by Summer 2020
- Intragovernmental Advisory Committee not yet formed due to pending legislative changes to membership.
  - Goal is to stand up this committee by Fall 2020

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Committee Updates

Progress reports from standing, ad hoc and subcommittees

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Outcomes and Improvement Committee (OIC)

Co-chairs: Catherine Wellman, DHHS-SEPH and Cliff Mayo, MCCH

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Systems Coordination Committee

Co-chairs: Amanda Harris, DHHS-SEPH and Susie Sinclair-Smith, MCCH

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Allocation Committee

Linda McMillan, County Council

Holly Dennison-Chase, Public

Ebony Johnson, ICH Commissioner

Jeff Goldman, ICH Commissioner

Garnet Nelson, Veterans Administration

Stephanie Killian, DHCA

Carlos Aparicio, City of Rockville

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Ad hoc Committee on Decriminalizing Homelessness

Recommendations to ICH and County Executive

Antonia K. Fasanelli, Homeless Persons Representative Project

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Update on Current Initiatives to End Homelessness

Veteran, Chronic and Family

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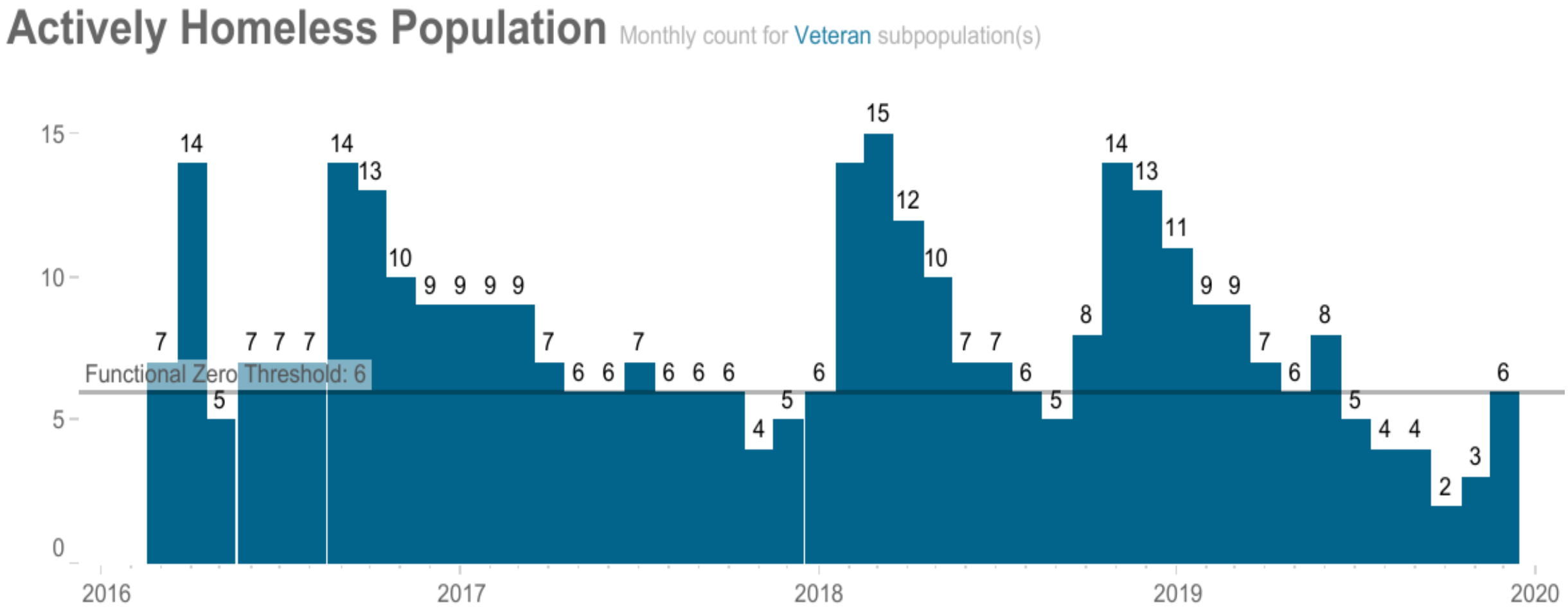
Status on Zero: 2016 Ending Homelessness for Veterans



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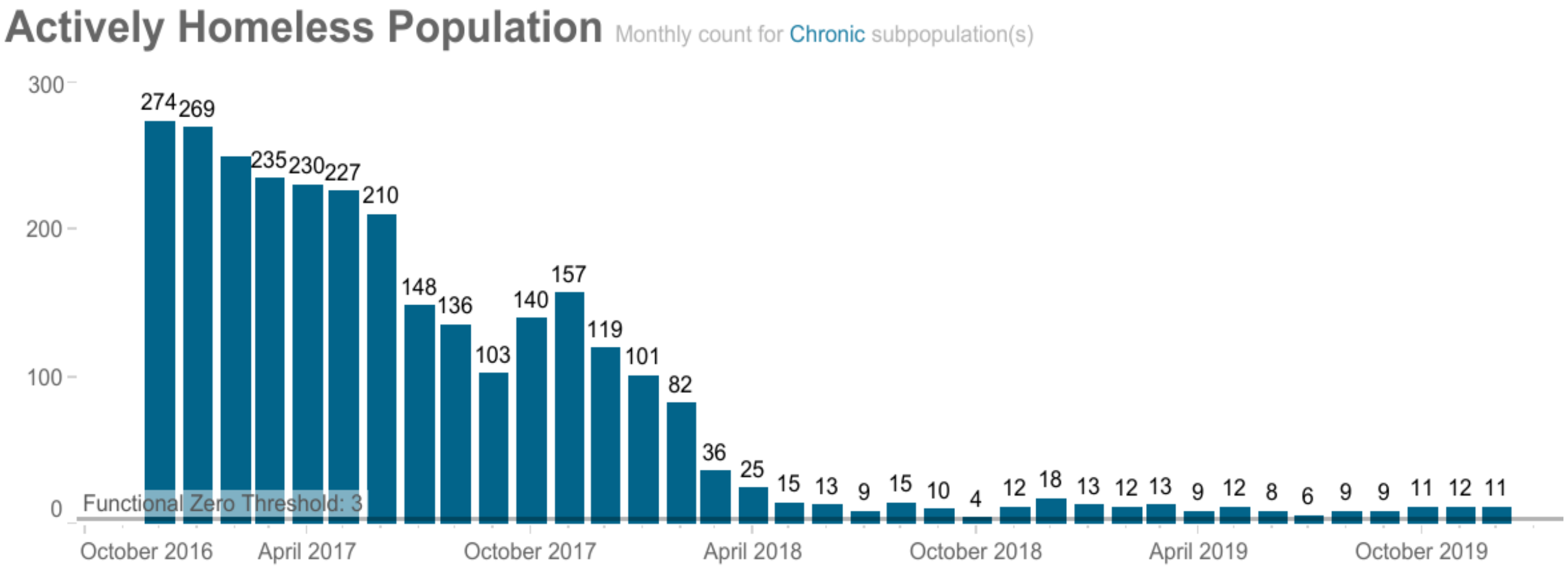
Status on Inside (Not Outside): Ending Chronic Homelessness



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Status of @ Home Together: Ending and Preventing Homelessness for Families with Children

Households with Children Experiencing Homelessness

Active Homeless:
57 TOTAL

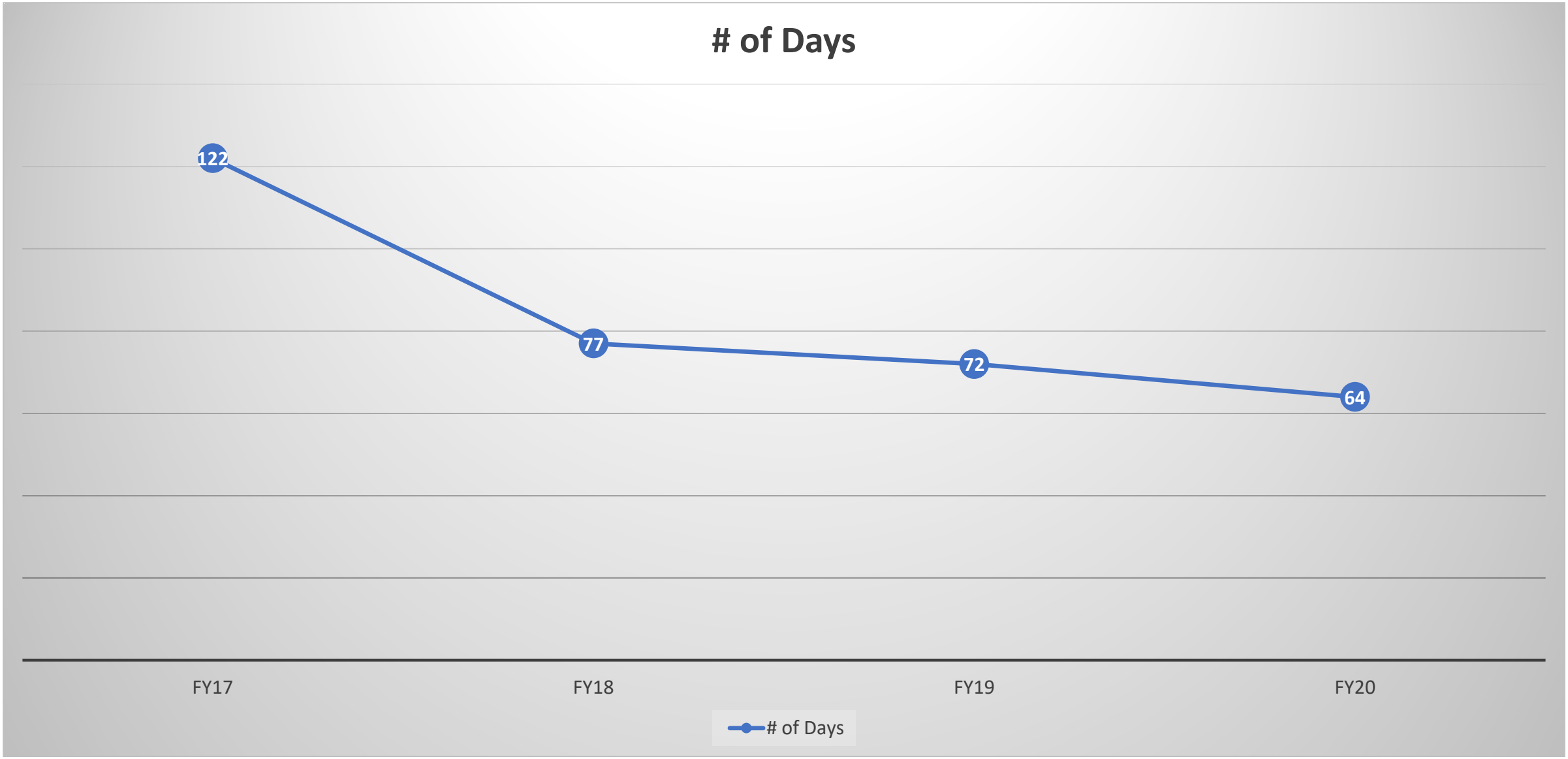
15 TOTAL
Monthly Inflow

17 TOTAL
Monthly Outflow

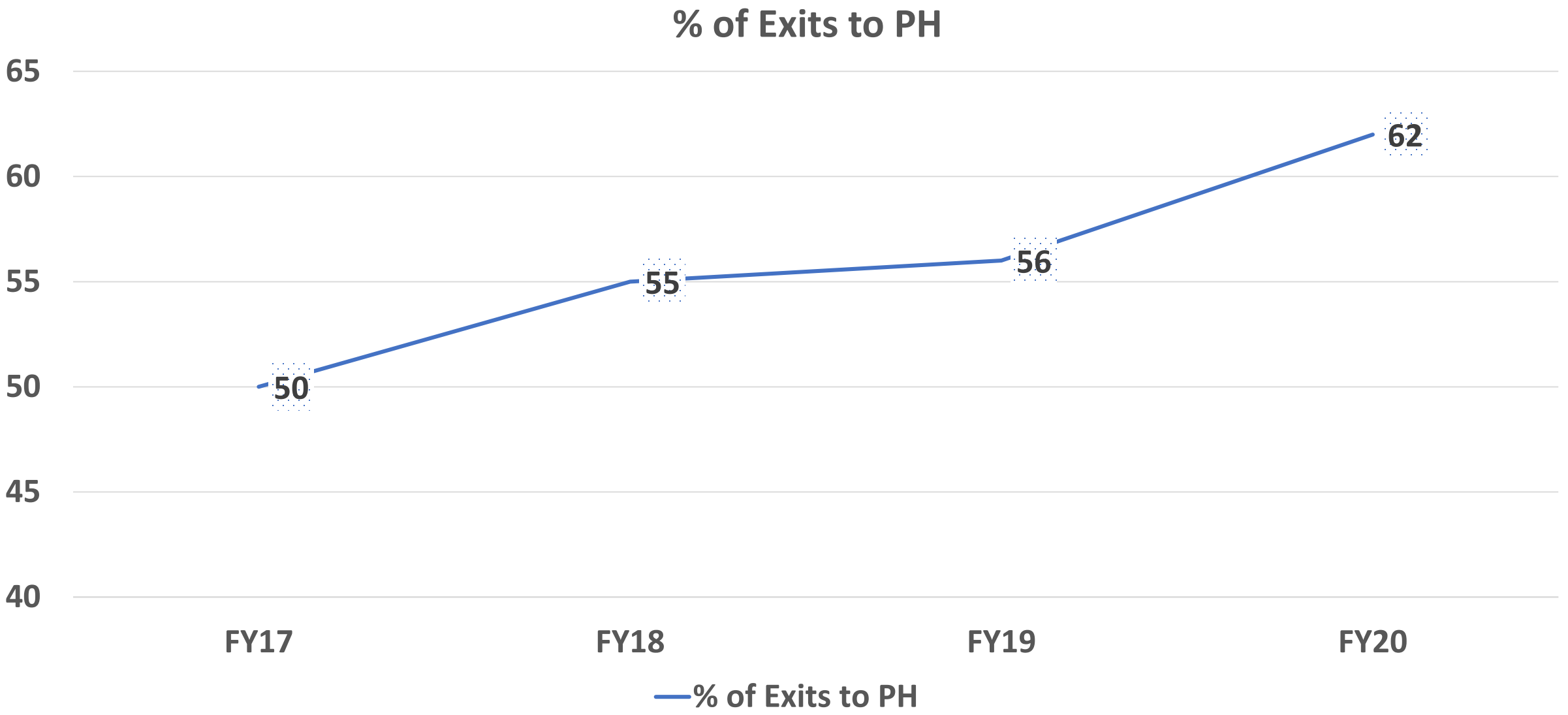
Monthly Reduction: 2

Number of Months to Reach Functional Zero: 28 months

Length of Time Families Experience Homelessness



Percent of Exits to Permanent Housing for Families



What If We Continue Status Quo?

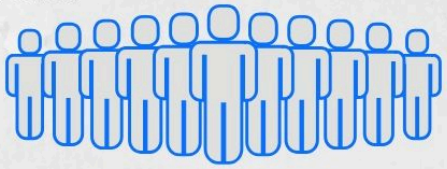
Population of Adult Only Households Experiencing Homelessness

Active Homeless: 402 Total

60 TOTAL
Monthly Inflow

56
New to the System

4
Returns to the System



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6
Other Exits

23 TOTAL
Monthly Outflow

Monthly Addition 37

Active Homeless by 2023: 2,178 Total

Questions?

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