Montgomery County Interagency Commission on Homelessness

Full Commission Meeting

May 20, 2020

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Committee Updates

Communications, People's Committee, and Partnerships and Funding

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Communications Committee

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- Still looking for commissioner members
- Meeting weekly during COVID public health emergency
  - FAQ on Website
  - Tweets and communication around 75 in May campaign
- Stories of Success Initiative
- Memorial planning

People's Committee

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- Creation and Future Planning
- Work Plan
  - Suggestion Box
  - Contract Review
  - Housing Solutions

Partnerships and Funding
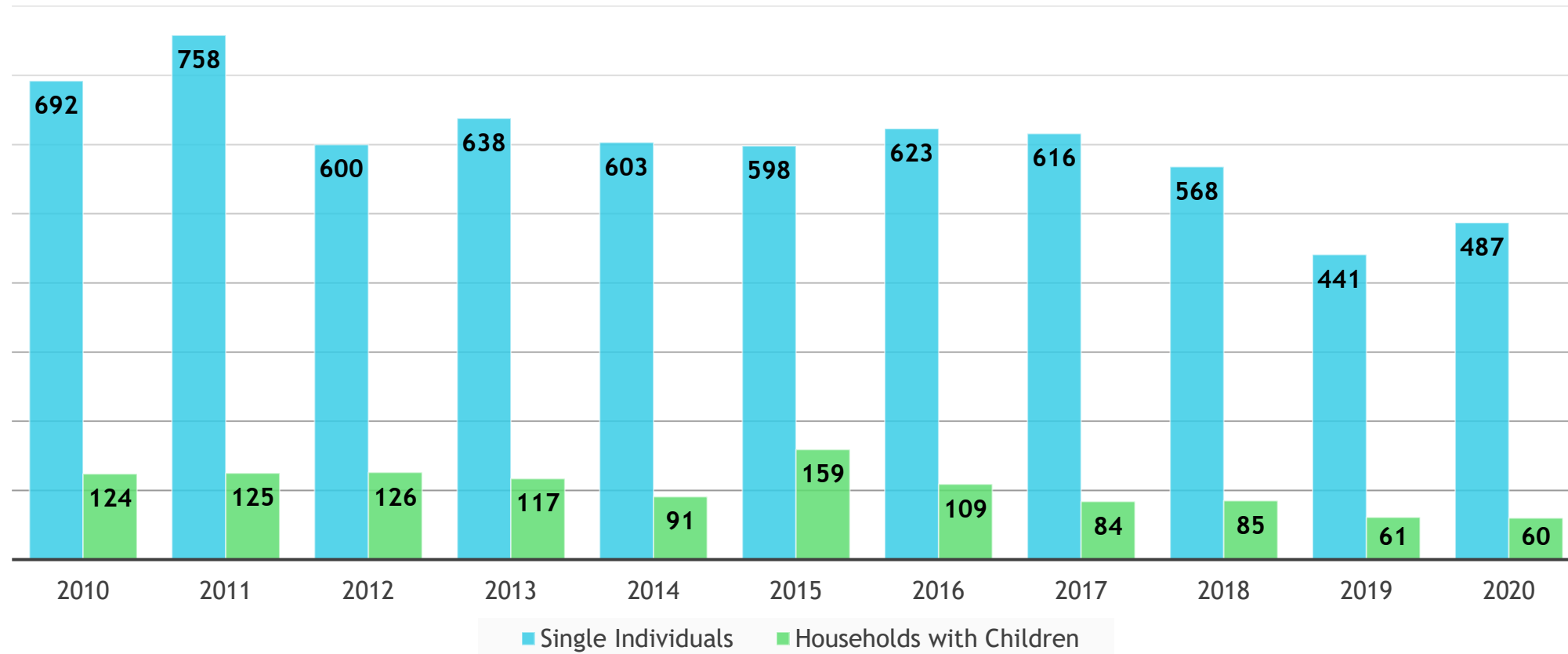
- Housing is Healthcare Fund

Annual Homeless Point-in-Time Count

Highlights from the 2020 Count

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Ten Year Trend in Number of Households Literally Homeless

Annual Homeless Point-in-Time Count

Year	Single Individuals	Households with Children
2010	692	124
2011	758	125
2012	600	126
2013	638	117
2014	603	91
2015	598	159
2016	623	109
2017	616	84
2018	568	85
2019	441	61
2020	487	60

■ Single Individuals   ■ Households with Children

Population Specific Trends in Homelessness

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S HOMELESS COUNT BY CATEGORY					
Category	2018	2019	2019	Percent Change 2018 to 2020	Percent Change 2019 to 2020
Total Number Counted	840	647	670	-20%	+4%
Total Individuals	568	441	487	-14%	+10%
Total Number of Families	86	61	60	-30%	-2%
Total Persons in Families	278	206	183	-34%	-11%
Total Adults in Families	93	76	70	-25%	-8%
Total Children in Families	185	130	113	-39%	-13%

Trends on Sub Populations (Adults Only)

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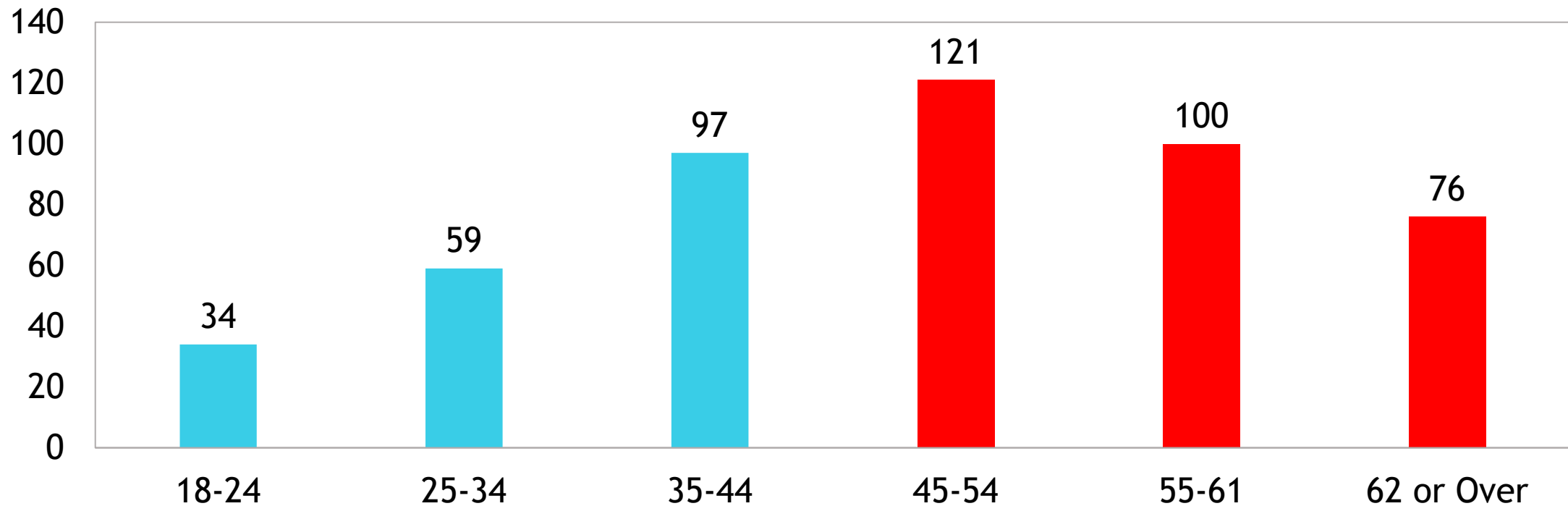|	Adults Only in all Households FY18	Adults Only in all Households FY19	Adults Only in all Households FY20	Percent Change 2018 – 2020
Chronic Substance Abuse (CSA)	66	28	71	+8%
Severe Mental Illness (SMI)	170	126	123	-28%
Chronic Health Problem	144	84	26	-82%
Living with HIV/AIDS	6	2	15	+60%
Physical Disability	110	136	61	-45%
Domestic Violence Victim History	147	106	47	-68%
Limited English	63	32	11	-83%
U.S. Veterans	13	13	12	-8%
Chronically Homeless	124	11	10	-92%
Unsheltered	133	75	103	-23%

Trends on Sub Populations (Families)

	Households with Children FY18	Households with Children FY19	Households with Children FY20	Percent Change 2018 – 2020
Chronic Substance Abuse (CSA)	3	0	7	+58%
Severe Mental Illness (SMI)	4	4	29	+86%
Chronic Health Problem	7	3	1	-86%
Living with HIV/AIDS	1	0	0	--
Physical Disability	5	4	8	+38%
Domestic Violence Victim History	50	31	15	-70%
Limited English	7	12	3	-57%

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Adult Only Age Distribution

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of Adults Experiencing Homelessness

Age Group	Count
18-24	34
25-34	59
35-44	97
45-54	121
55-61	100
62 or Over	76

Demographics of Adult Only Households

Gender

Transgender 0%

Don't Know/ Refused 1%

Female 37%

Male 62%

Race

Refused 5%

Multiple Races 5%

Other 1%

Asian 3%

White 29%

Black 57%
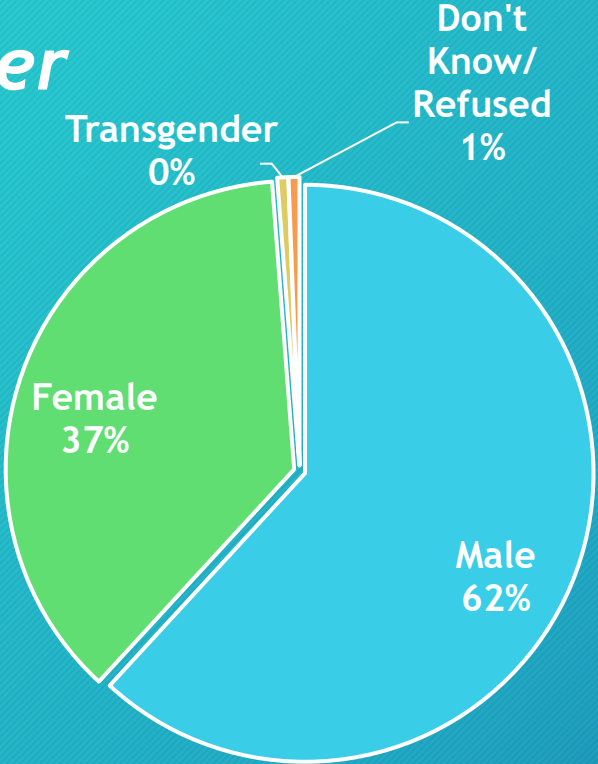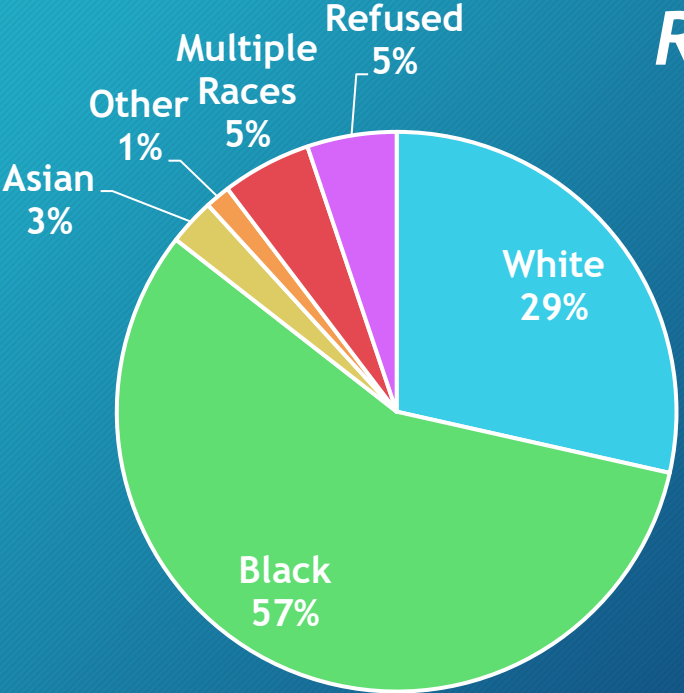
*14% identified as Hispanic

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Demographics of Households with Children

Gender of Adults in Household

Male
13%

Female
87%
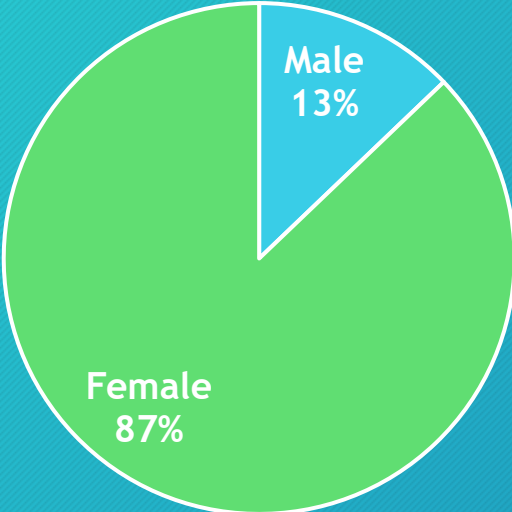
Race of All Household Members

Multiple
Races
5%

Asian
4%

White
21%

Black
70%
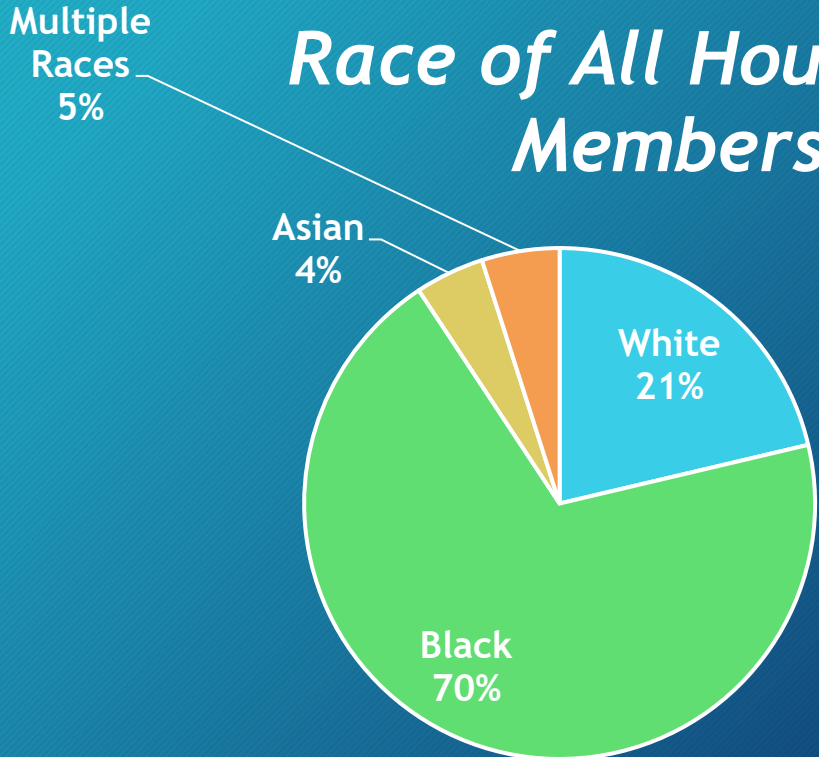
*22% identified as Hispanic

Income and Employment

Adults Only Households

- 44% report INCOME from any source

- Of those reporting income, 49% report income from EMPLOYMENT

Families with Children

- 90% report INCOME from any source

- Of those reporting income, 55% report income from EMPLOYMENT

2020 CoC Competition

Funding Priorities Recommendation

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HUD CoC Competition Background

- HUD awarded approximately $2.1 billion as part of the 2019 CoC Competition for new and renewal projects.

- Montgomery County was eligible to apply for renewal funding of $8,982,609 plus an additional $449,130 for a CoC bonus project and $350,357 for a Domestic Violence bonus project.

- CoCs are required to prioritize projects using a two-tiered system. Tier 1 is estimated to be 94% of Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) and Tier 2 is equal to 6%.

- HUD continues to encourage CoCs to create new projects through Reallocation.
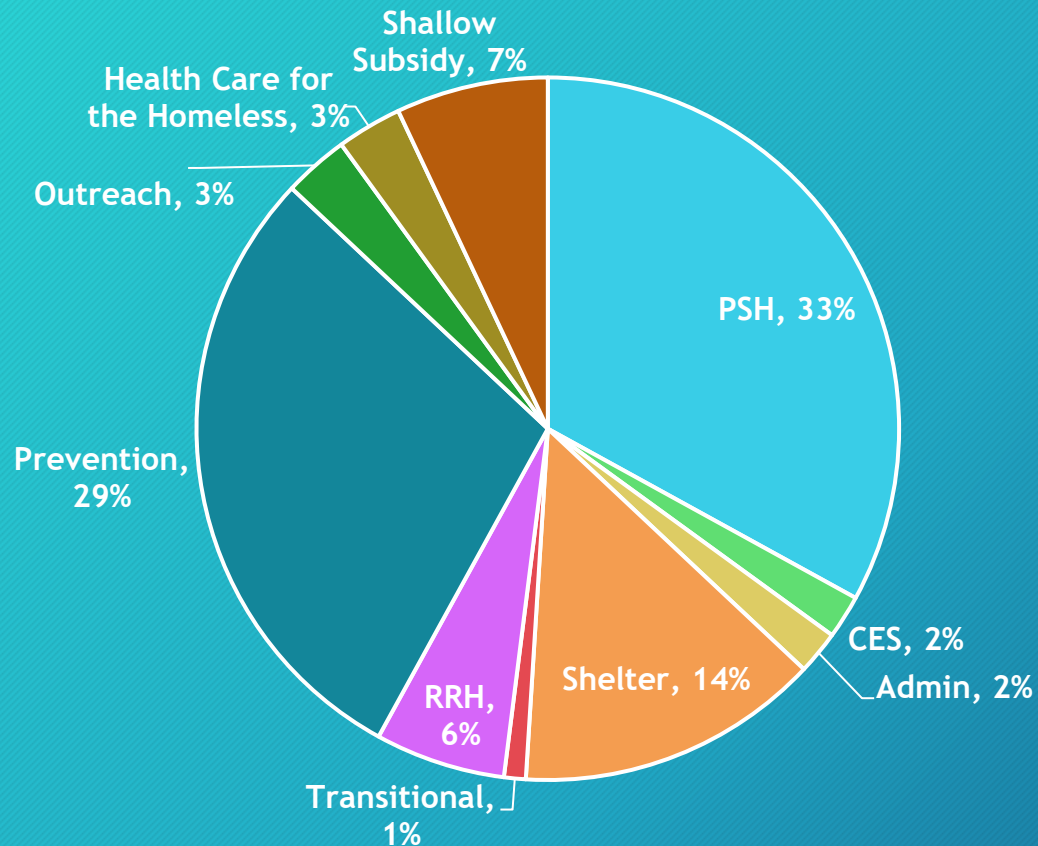
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2017 Gap Analysis Recommendations

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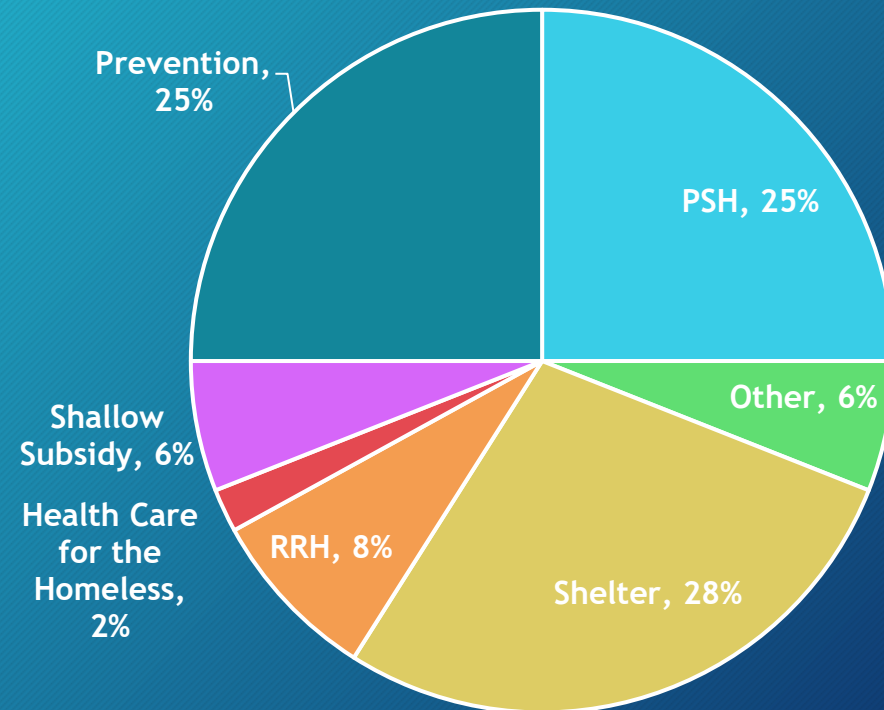A Stronger Montgomery

- Scale Rapid Rehousing to 450 units over the next 3 years
  - Added 200 units of RRH

- Refine Diversion and Prevention programs
  - Fully implemented homeless diversion for families. Provided training to the CoC providers and have started implementing diversion for individuals.

- Expand Housing First Permanent Supportive Housing
  - Through the 2018 HUD CoC competition, 21 units of PSH were added.

- Expand Rental Assistance Program
  - Changes to current regulations have been drafted but funding has not been secured.

- Expand Housing Initiative Program
  - The program was expanded by 240 units.

Budget by Project Type

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FY20 CoC Budget

- Shallow Subsidy, 7%
- Health Care for the Homeless, 3%
- Outreach, 3%
- Prevention, 29%
- RRH, 6%
- Transitional, 1%
- Shelter, 14%
- CES, 2%
- Admin, 2%
- PSH, 33%

Anticipated FY21 Budget with COVID Expenses

- Prevention, 25%
- PSH, 25%
- Other, 6%
- Shelter, 28%
- RRH, 8%
- Health Care for the Homeless, 2%
- Shallow Subsidy, 6%

Impact of COVID on Funding and Programming

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- In order to adhere to CDC shelter guidance around social distancing and bed spacing as well as move at risk households in hotel costs have increased for emergency shelter. These modifications are likely to last throughout the remainder of the fiscal year leading to an increase of as much as 168%.

- While costs have increased due the pandemic, the CoC has also received additional funding to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness and those most at risk of becoming homelessness.
  - $1M for the COVID Rent Relief Program
  - $1M for diversion and rapid exit from shelter. Targeted to households currently experiencing homelessness and those in informal housing arrangements
  - $1M in ESG for Rapid Rehousing*
  - $1.5M in Housing Initiative Program for housing stabilization services

Status Update on Subpopulations

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Zero: 2016 Veterans

- Existing resources of Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, and HUD-VASH vouchers are adequate to meet the needs.

COUNT OF VETERANS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS (as of 05/01/2020)

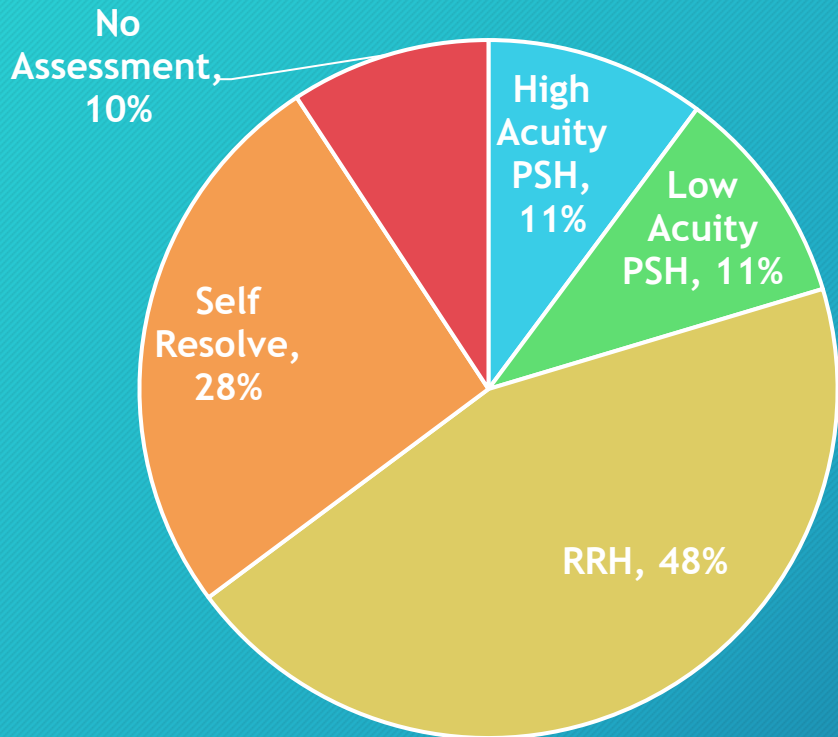|	
Total Number Housed Since 1/1/2015	167
Not Yet Assigned **or** Accepted	1
Assigned and Not Yet Accepted by a Housing Provider	0
Accepted by a Housing Provider, Pending Move-in	8
Total Remaining to be Housed as of 4/12/19	9

Chronic Homelessness

- The County Executive has provided an additional $1 million in FY20 budget for permanent supportive housing to sustain our efforts to end chronic homelessness.

- Through the CoC participation in the state Medicaid Waiver pilot and the increase to the base budget, the Housing Initiative Program increased the number served by 40 households.

COUNT OF CHRONICALLY HOMELESS PERSONS (AS OF 4/12/20)

Total Number Housed Since 1/1/2016	431
Not Yet Assigned or Accepted	0
Assigned and Not Yet Accepted by a Housing Provider	1
Accepted by a Housing Provider, Pending Move-in	6
Total Remaining to be Housed as of 4/12/19	7

Non-Chronic Individuals

Actively Homeless Individuals VI Scores
N=327

Pie chart segments:
- No Assessment, 10%
- High Acuity PSH, 11%
- Low Acuity PSH, 11%
- RRH, 48%
- Self Resolve, 28%

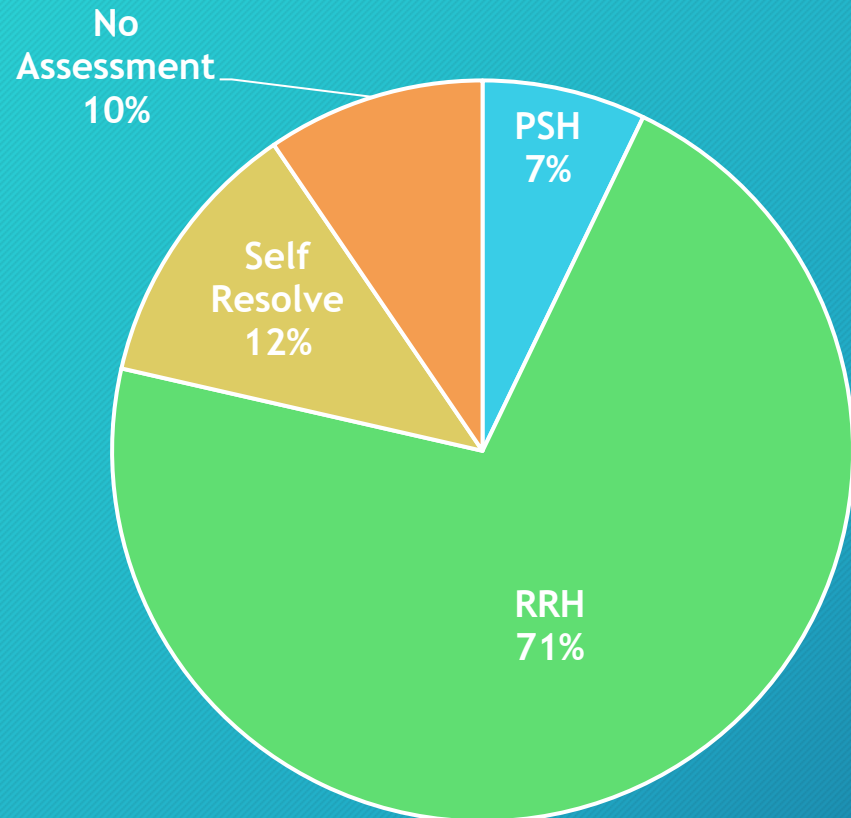## PERMANENT HOUSING PLACEMENTS FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS (5/1/2020)

Number of Other Vulnerable Homeless Individuals Moved to Permanent Housing in 2019 and 2020	170
Number of Other Vulnerable Homeless Individuals Moved to Permanent Housing in April 2020	12
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS MOVED TO PERMANENT HOUSING in 2019 and 2020	201

Family Homelessness

At Home Together

Families Actively Homeless by VI Scores
N=38

- No Assessment 10%
- PSH 7%
- Self Resolve 12%
- RRH 71%

PERMANENT HOUSING PLACEMENTS FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES (July 2018 to present)

Families Housed through Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) programs	187
Families Housed through Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Programs	73
Families Exited to other Permanent Housing options (not County programs)	115
TOTAL FAMILIES MOVED TO PERMANENT HOUSING since July 1, 2018	375

Anticipated HUD CoC priorities

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HUD typically funds the following project types:

- Permanent supportive housing
- Rapid Rehousing
- Joint transitional/ rapid rehousing
- HMIS staff
- Coordinated Entry staff

New funding for households fleeing domestic violence

- Permanent supportive housing
- Rapid rehousing
- Joint transitional/ rapid rehousing

Other Potential Funding Sources

- Rapid Rehousing
  - Likely to see more ESG-COVID funding this year
  - Some local COVID funding available

- Prevention/ Diversion
  - Likely to see more CDBG-COVID funding this year
  - Some local COVID funding available
  - Local Emergency Assistance Relief Payments

- Permanent Supportive Housing
  - Potential increase in Medicaid Waiver for supportive services funding

Strategic Plan Expected Outcomes

- Increase PSH by 100 units

- Increase RRH by 350 units (added 100 units through new funding)

Other Factors to Consider

- Increase in Unsheltered Homelessness from 2019 to 2020

- Permanent Supportive Housing is expensive and should be reserved for those with the greatest needs

- Rapid Rehousing reduces the length of time homeless and is more cost effective than transitional housing

DHHS- SEPH Recommendations for HUD CoC Funding Priorities

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- Continue renewal funding for both permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing.

- If a DV bonus is available, prioritize rapid rehousing projects.

- If bonus funding or funding through reallocation is available, prioritize new PSH projects.

Allocation Committee Updates

Ebony Johnson, Vice Chair

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CoC Competition Process

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- Partnerships and Funding Committee of the ICH is responsible for nominating Allocation Committee members.

- The full ICH is responsible for final approval of Allocation Committee members, funding priorities, and ranking of project applications.

- ICH members with conflicts will be asked to recuse themselves from the decision-making process.

Allocation Committee Roles and Responsibilities

Reallocation

- Approve Policy
- Determine if funds need to be reallocated

Ranking

- Approve Policy
- Evaluate projects
- Approve Scoresheets
- Rank Projects after NOFA release

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Current Allocation Committee Members

Linda McMillan, County Council

Holly Dennison-Chase, Public

Ebony Johnson, ICH Commissioner

Jeff Goldman, ICH Commissioner

Garnet Nelson, Veterans Administration

Stephanie Killian, DHCA

Vacant

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Questions?

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