



OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

June 26, 2025 from 11:30 – 1:30 p.m.

WELCOME

Wayne Earl, *CoH*

Agenda

1. Welcome, Introductions, & CoH Roll Call
2. 2025 Meeting Logistics
3. Public Comment
4. Review & Approve February 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes – ACTION ITEM
5. Coordinated Entry Updates
6. Program Models & Performance Standards Updates
7. 2024 NOFO Application Debrief
8. YAB Updates
9. PIT & Annual Report Update
10. 2025 Monitoring Process
11. Q2 Accountability Corner
12. Adjourn – 1:30 PM

INTRODUCTIONS



Jamie Schechter, Homeless Services Chief

Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, Coordinate Entry Manager

Shelby Ferguson, CoC Administrator

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Michele Byrnes, Directing Analyst

Alex Michel, Senior Policy Analyst

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COH ROLL CALL & MENTIMETER

Presenter:

Juno Hedrick, *CoH*

Wayne Earl, CoH

Role of Oversight Committee Members:

introduce yourself during Roll Call

(name, pronouns, what part of the County do you represent)

Role of Community Members:

introduce yourself in the chat

(name, pronouns, what part of the County do you represent)

COH ROLL CALL

- Alejandra Chamberlain
- Courtney Pal
- Juno Hedrick
- Leslie Gleason
- Mia Fairbanks
- Verneda "V" Clapp
- Wayne Earl

1. What part of the following geographic areas do you spend the most time in?
2. Do you have lived experience of homelessness?
3. What best describes your racial identity?

MENTIMETER: WHO'S IN THE ROOM

2025 MEETING LOGISTICS

Wayne Earl, *CoH*

IN-PERSON / HYBRID MEETING

- As of March 1, 2023, all Council on Homelessness Meetings and CoH Committee meetings are required to convene in person or in a hybrid format
- All CoH members must attend in person unless using a “just cause” exemption

Just Cause

- A need to care for a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner
- A contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in person;
- A need related to a physical or mental disability that is not otherwise accommodated for; or
- Travel while on official business of the body or another state or local agency.

Emergency Circumstances

- A physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person.

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE EXEMPTION

HYBRID MEETING NORMS

1. Masking is recommended but not required (masks are available)
2. Social distancing – red pen = please keep safe distance, black = ask first
3. Raise your hand (actual or virtual) before speaking
4. Say your name before speaking and try to speak as clearly as you can
5. Make and take space – consider your privilege and the other voices who are in and not in the room
6. Sign-in if you are in-person so we can track attendance
7. Maintain a safe and respectful environment, even when disagreeing
8. This meeting is being recorded
9. If in-person meeting is interrupted for an emergency, the meeting will be suspended or cancelled, case-by-case basis.

HYBRID MEETING NORMS

An individual may be asked to leave should they behave in a manner that threatens the safety of the group or does not honor these meeting norms.

WEBINAR VS MEETING FORMAT

- Due to Zoom Bombing, the virtual component of COH meetings have moved from Meeting to Webinar format.

What's Different?

- Participants will join WITHOUT the ability to unmute or be seen on camera
- Host can give participants ability to unmute or be seen on camera as needed

What's the Same?

- Participants can raise hand
- Participants can share in the chat

COMMITTEE vs WORKGROUP

There will be two types of meetings held throughout the year, each with a different structure.

Committee Meeting

- Every other meeting, starting in Feb
- In-person attendance required (with exemptions)
- Activities include voting to approve/adopt minutes and other items as needed

Workgroup Meetings

- Every other month, starting in April
- Fully virtual
- Activities include hearing presentations, hearing from stakeholders and partners, and developing updates and other content

| Date | Time | Location |
|-------------|------------------|--|
| February 20 | 11:30am – 1:30pm | In-person/hybrid 2400 Bisso Lane, Concord (suite #D2) (hybrid Zoom link) |
| April 17 | 11:30am – 1:30pm | Virtual only (Zoom registration link) |
| June 26 | 11:30am – 1:30pm | In-person/hybrid 2400 Bisso Lane, Concord (suite #D2) (hybrid Zoom link) |
| August 21 | 11:30am – 1:30pm | Virtual only (Zoom registration link) |
| October 17 | 11:30am – 1:30pm | In-person/hybrid 2400 Bisso Lane, Concord (suite #D2) (hybrid Zoom link) |
| December 18 | 11:30am -1:30pm | Virtual only (Zoom registration link) |

2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Presenter:

Courtney Pal, CoH

Role of Oversight Committee Members:

listen

Role of Community Members:

provide a public comment

HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT

- In-person: stand where you are sitting when called upon.
- Via Zoom: indicate they wish to speak by using the “raise your hand” feature in the Zoom app.
- Calling in: indicate you wish to speak by pushing “9” on the phone.
- All public comments will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker. For assistance with remote access contact:
contracostacoc@cchealth.org or call 925-608-6700.
- Public comments may also be submitted before the meeting by email at contracostacoc@cchealth.org or by voicemail at 925-608-6700. Comments submitted by email or voicemail will be included in the record of the meeting but will not be read or played aloud during the meeting.

ACTION ITEM-
APPROVE
02/20/2025
MEETING
MINUTES

Presenter:

Alex Michel, *Homebase*

Role of Oversight Committee Members:

vote on the action item

Role of Community Members:

listen & ask questions

02/20/2025 OVERSIGHT CMTE. MEETING TAKEAWAYS

The following items were covered during the 2025 February Oversight Cmte meeting:

- Approved October 17, 2024 meeting minutes
- Identified Oversight Committee Co-chairs
- Approved 2025 Oversight Workplan
- Heard presentation on CoC/CES 101
- Update on CES Assessment Tool Redesign
- Update on Participant Satisfaction Survey results
- Reviewed Accountability Corner

ACTION ITEM

- Approve the February 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes



CES UPDATES

Presenter:

Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, *H3*
Chela Shuster, *Focus Strategies*
Claire Burrus, *Focus Strategies*

Role of Oversight Committee Members:

listen & ask questions

Role of Community Members:

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PREVENTION SCREENING PILOT UPDATE

Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, *H3*

NEW HOMELESS PREVENTION TRIAGE TOOL – ROLLOUT UPDATE

Purpose of the Tool:

- To more effectively target **limited homelessness prevention resources** for households most at risk of becoming literally homeless
- Improve **targeting, consistency, and equity** in prevention referrals across the Coordinated Entry (CE) system

Why Now?

- Previous screening approach was based broadly on eligibility, making it difficult to ensure resources reached those at greatest risk
- Designed to align with national best practices (e.g., SSVF) and reflect local data-driven insights
- Aligns with our system goals of **reducing inflow**

Background & Development

- Developed through our **two-year partnership with Community Solutions** as part of the **Housing Stabilization Learning Cohort, network of Homeless Prevention Service Providers, and People with Lived Experience**
- Focused on strengthening upstream prevention and building systemwide triage practices

TOOL DESIGN & KEY RISK FACTORS

The new prevention triage tool assesses a household's risk of entering homelessness by examining **10 key domains** commonly associated with housing instability. These include:

- Imminent risk of housing loss
- Extremely low or no income
- History of homelessness or evictions
- Legal system involvement
- Disabilities and health concerns
- Family composition and caregiving responsibilities
- Risk of subsidy loss or unstable leaseholder status
- Representation in populations disproportionately represented in homelessness response system

IMPLEMENTATION & NEXT STEPS

Pilot Implementation:

- Launching next week with **211 Contra Costa Crisis Center**
- Tool used at first contact with households seeking prevention assistance

Referral Pathway:

- Households indicating higher risk are referred to **CE-connected prevention programs**
- Others receive **referrals to alternative community-based resources**

HMIS Integration & Training:

- Fully embedded in **HMIS**, with auto-scoring and referral guidance
- Assessors trained to ensure consistent and accurate application

Next Steps:

- **Monitor usage** and referral trends
- Conduct **quarterly evaluations in FY25/26** to assess tool impact and equity outcomes

COORDINATED ENTRY HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Chela Shuster, *Focus Strategies*

Claire Burrus, *Focus Strategies*



FOCUS
strategies

**COORDINATED ENTRY HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT (HNA)
REDESIGN PROJECT**

**OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
CE HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROJECT
DATA ANALYSIS UPDATE**

JUNE 26TH, 2025

Agenda



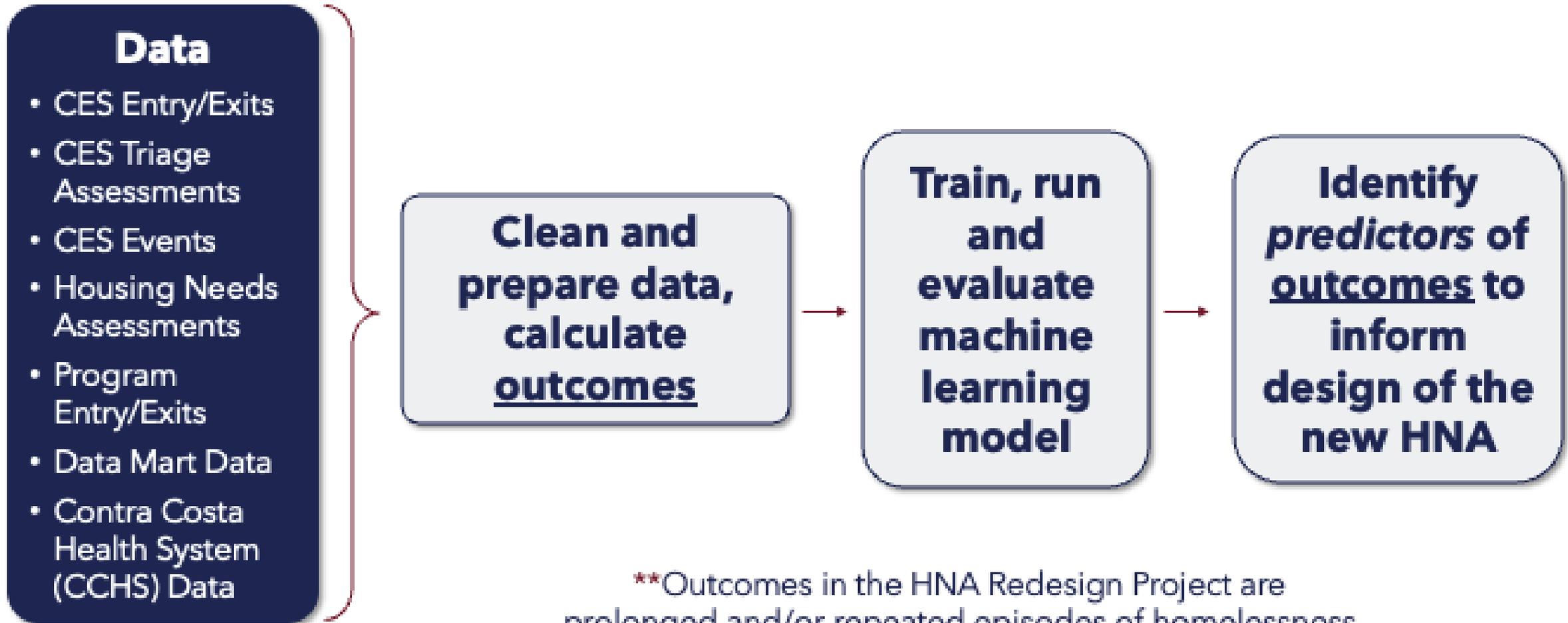
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What We've Learned About the Data so far

Next Steps

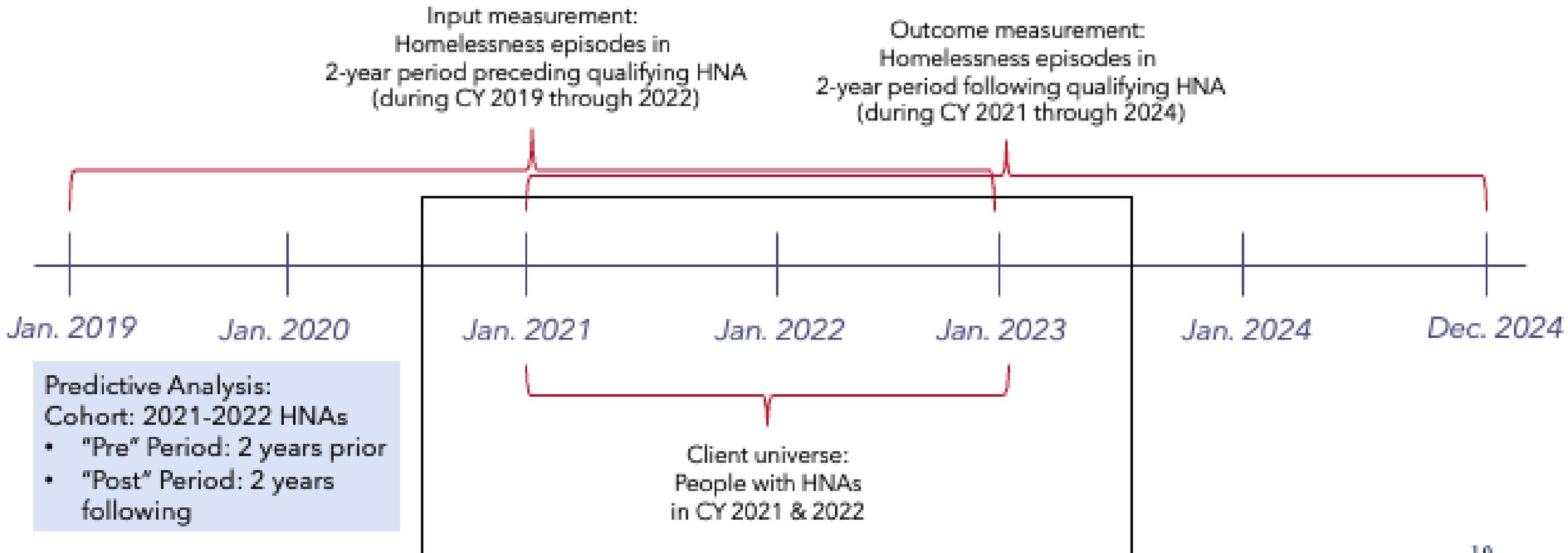
How We Are Using Contra Costa H3 Data

Predictive Analysis



**Outcomes in the HNA Redesign Project are prolonged and/or repeated episodes of homelessness

Defining the Cohort



Cohort By Household Type

2,405 unique households

- Adult-only = 1,905 (79%) adult-only households
- Family = 476 (20%)
- Transition-Age-Youth, 18-24* = 321 (13%)
- Unknown household type = 24 (1%)

** Transition-Age-Youth, 18-24 headed households may be counted in either adult-only or family households.*

What We've Learned About the Data so far

"Prolonged Homelessness" Outcomes by Household Type



| Outcome | Definition | Adult-Only | Families |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Long Duration Homelessness | Total time homeless over a 2-year period following the Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) | 12+ months | 6+ months |
| Repeated Episodic Homelessness | Number of distinct episodes of homelessness over a 2-year period following the HNA | 4 or more episodes | 3 or more episodes |

Equity Analysis of Outcome Thresholds

Before running the predictive analysis, we assessed whether outcome definitions were equitable across demographic groups by comparing:

1. **Total heads of household** in the client cohort
2. Clients meeting the **long duration homelessness** threshold
3. Clients meeting the **repeated episodic homelessness** threshold
4. Clients meeting **one or both outcome** thresholds

Equity Analysis of Outcome Thresholds

Comparisons were reviewed for several key demographic groups:

Household
type

Race/ethnicity

Gender
identity

Age group

Sexual
orientation

Disability
status

Prolonged Homelessness by Household Type



Adult-only households are more likely to experience **prolonged episodes of homelessness**



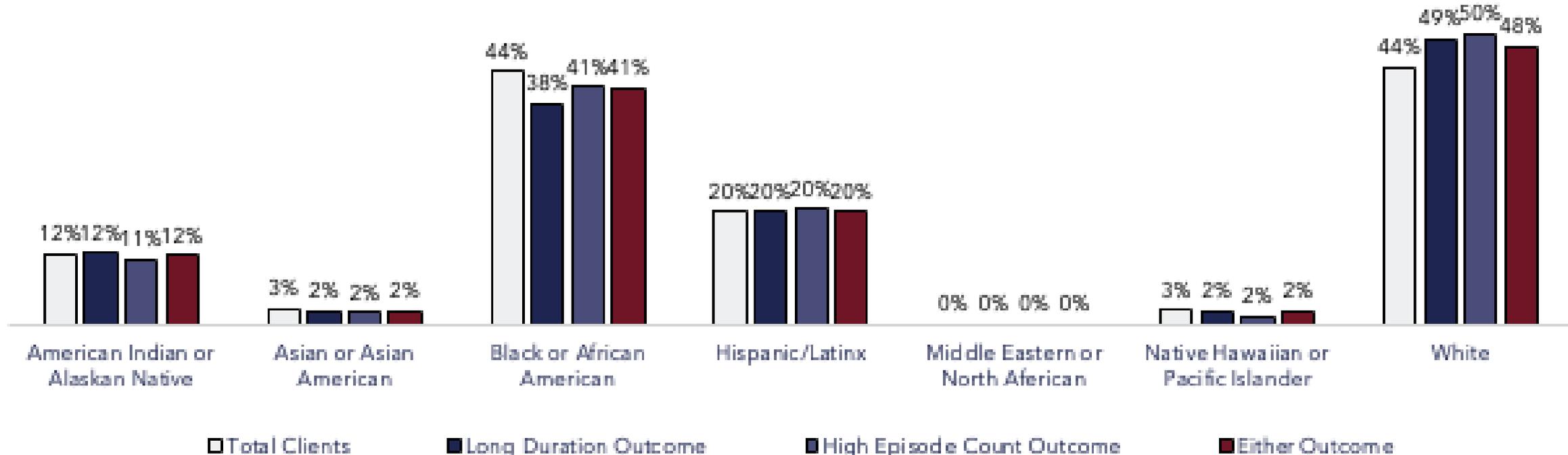
Family households are more likely to experience **episodic or repeated episodes of homelessness**

Households typically show one pattern or the other, rarely both

Prolonged Homelessness by Race and Ethnicity



- Black or African American heads of households are **less likely** to meet **either or both** outcome thresholds
- White heads of households are **slightly more likely** to meet **either or both** outcomes



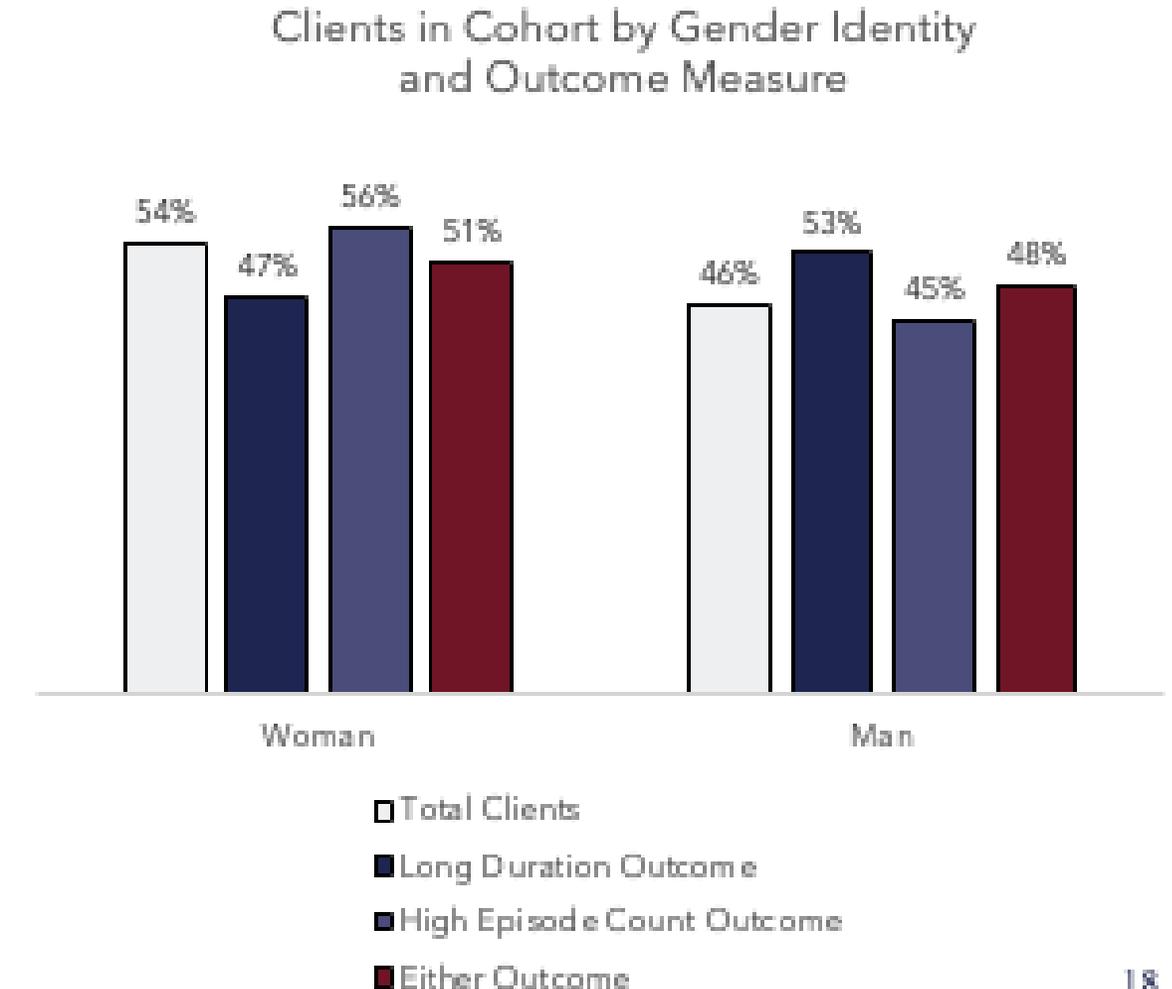
Prolonged Homelessness by Gender Identity



Female heads of households are:

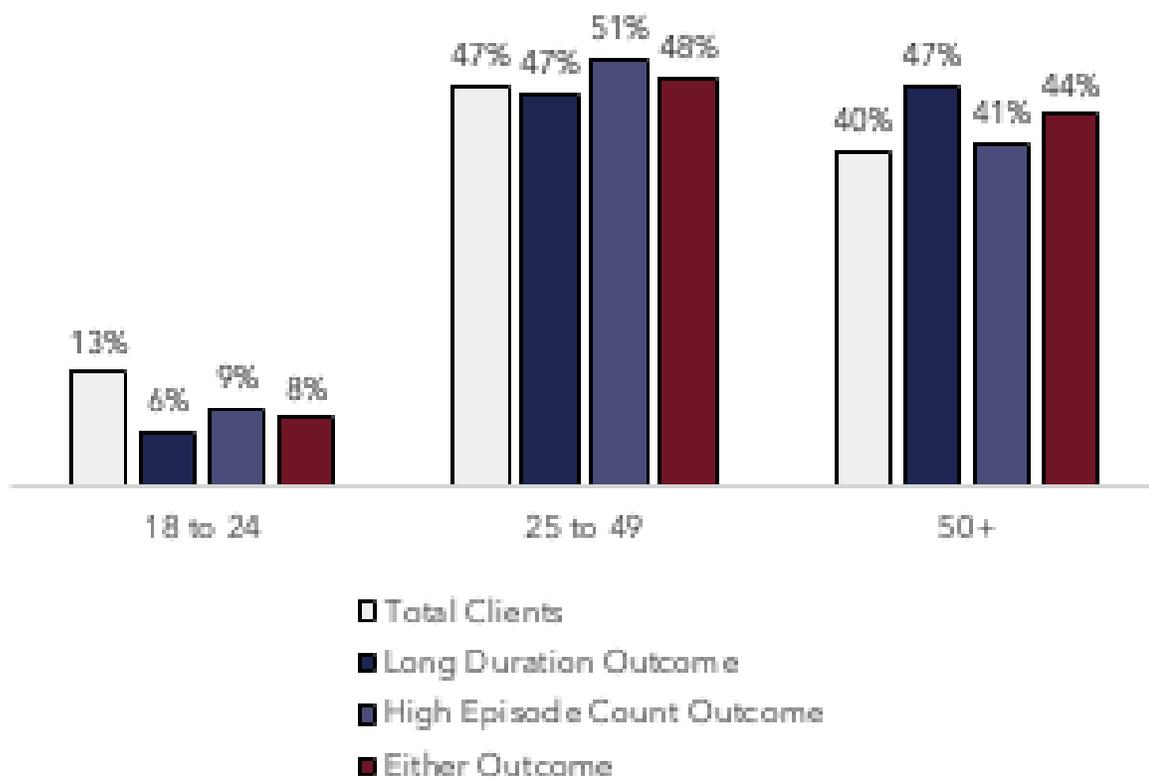
- **Less likely** than males to meet either or **both outcome thresholds** than males
- **More likely** than men to experience **repeated episodic homelessness**

Other gender identities, including non-binary, transgender, and culturally-specific identities, are infrequent in the client cohort (<1% each).



Prolonged Homelessness by Age

Clients in Cohort by Age Group
and Outcome Measure



- **Transition Age Youth** are **less likely** than heads of household of other ages to **meet either outcome threshold.**

Analysis of Other Groups

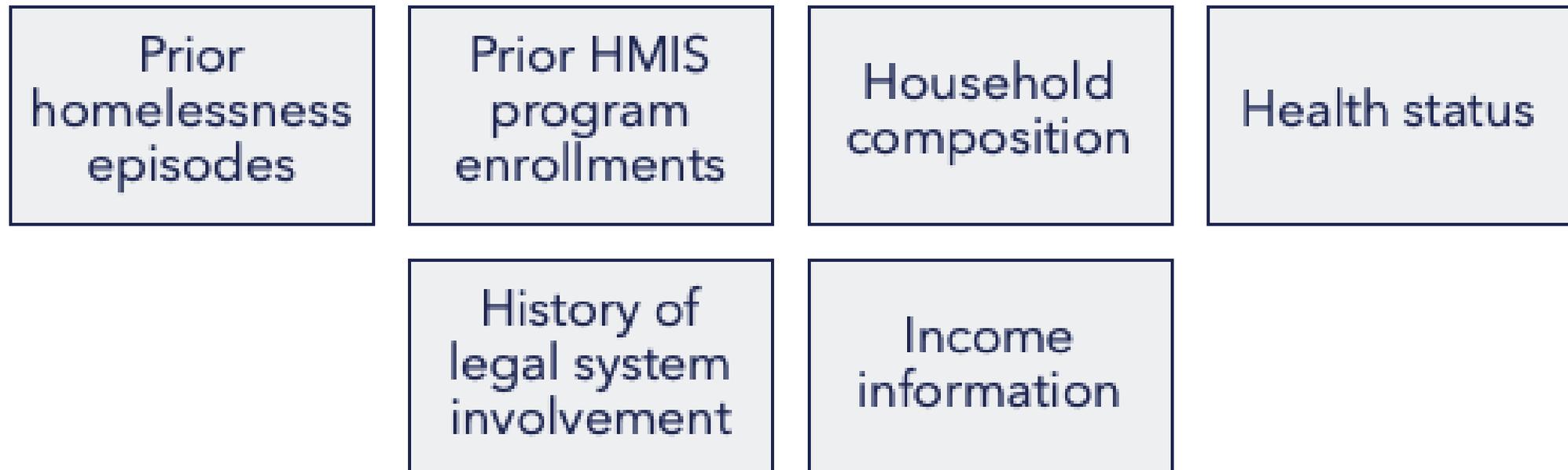


When analyzing the cohort by **sexual orientation** and **disability status**, no significant variations in meeting either or both outcomes were identified

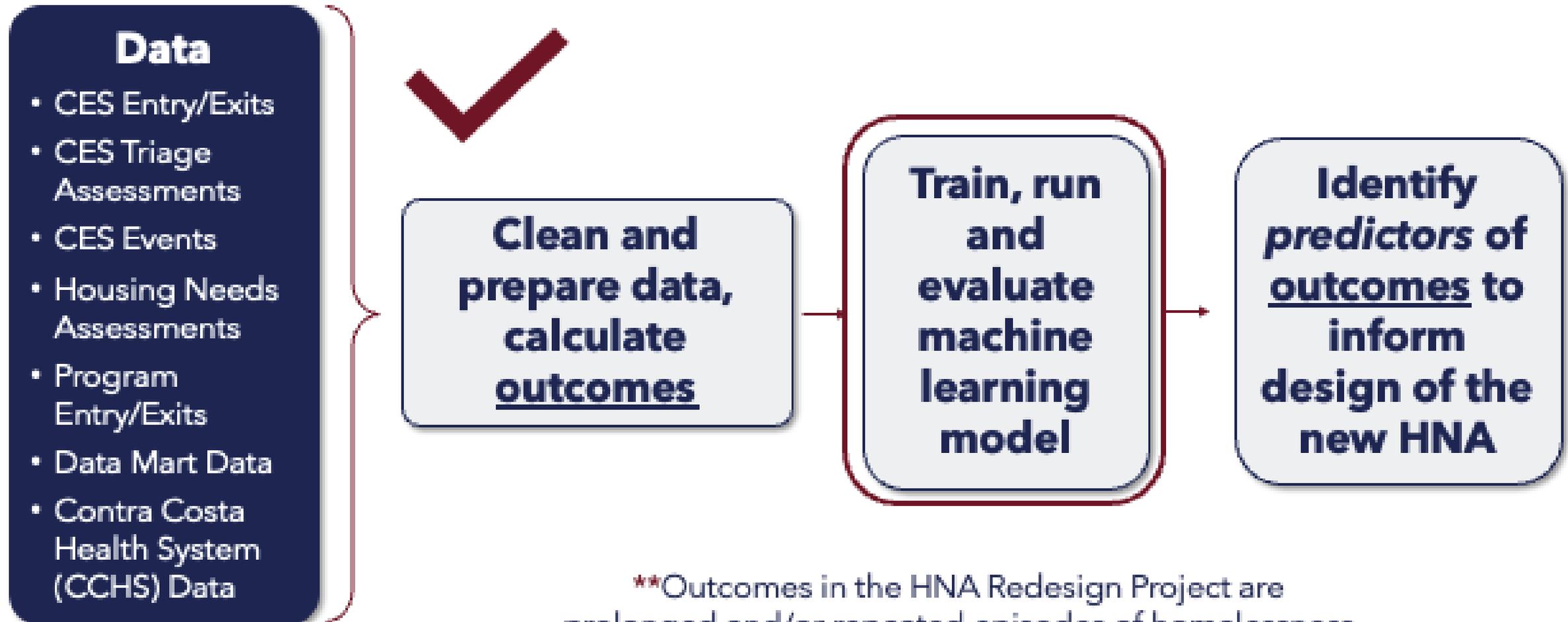
Predictive Analysis



Machine learning analysis will be used to **identify predictors** of long duration homelessness and repeated episodic homelessness **from a list of inputs** including but not limited to:



Predictive Analysis



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Next Steps



1. Machine learning analysis
 - A. Refine inputs
 - B. Train and run models to identify predictors
2. Use predictors to determine factors to include on HNA

INCREASING PARTICIPANT EXITS TO HOUSING

Presenter:

Shelby Ferguson, *H3*

Role for Oversight Committee Members:

listen & ask questions

Role for Community Members:

listen & ask questions



What Matters to Me





Meet the Team



Shelby Ferguson
Continuum of Care
Administrator



Stephanie Bodisco
Coordinated Entry
Specialist



Brittany Ferguson
Coordinated Entry
Specialist



Jacqueline Franco
Coordinated Entry
Specialist



Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald
Coordinated Entry Systems
Manager



CARE Centers

Coordinated Assessment Resource and Engagement Centers are drop-in sites for people experiencing homelessness

Services

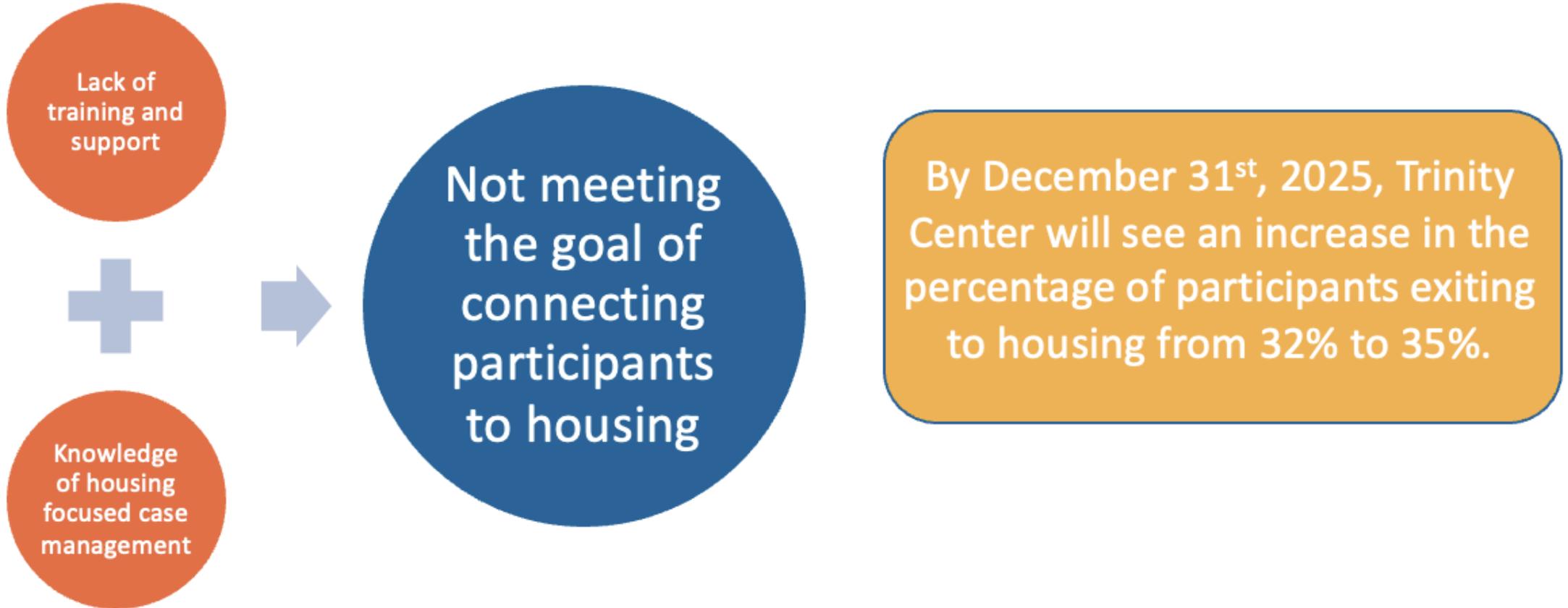
Basic needs (meals, showers, mail, and laundry)

Housing focused case management





Problem and Project Aim



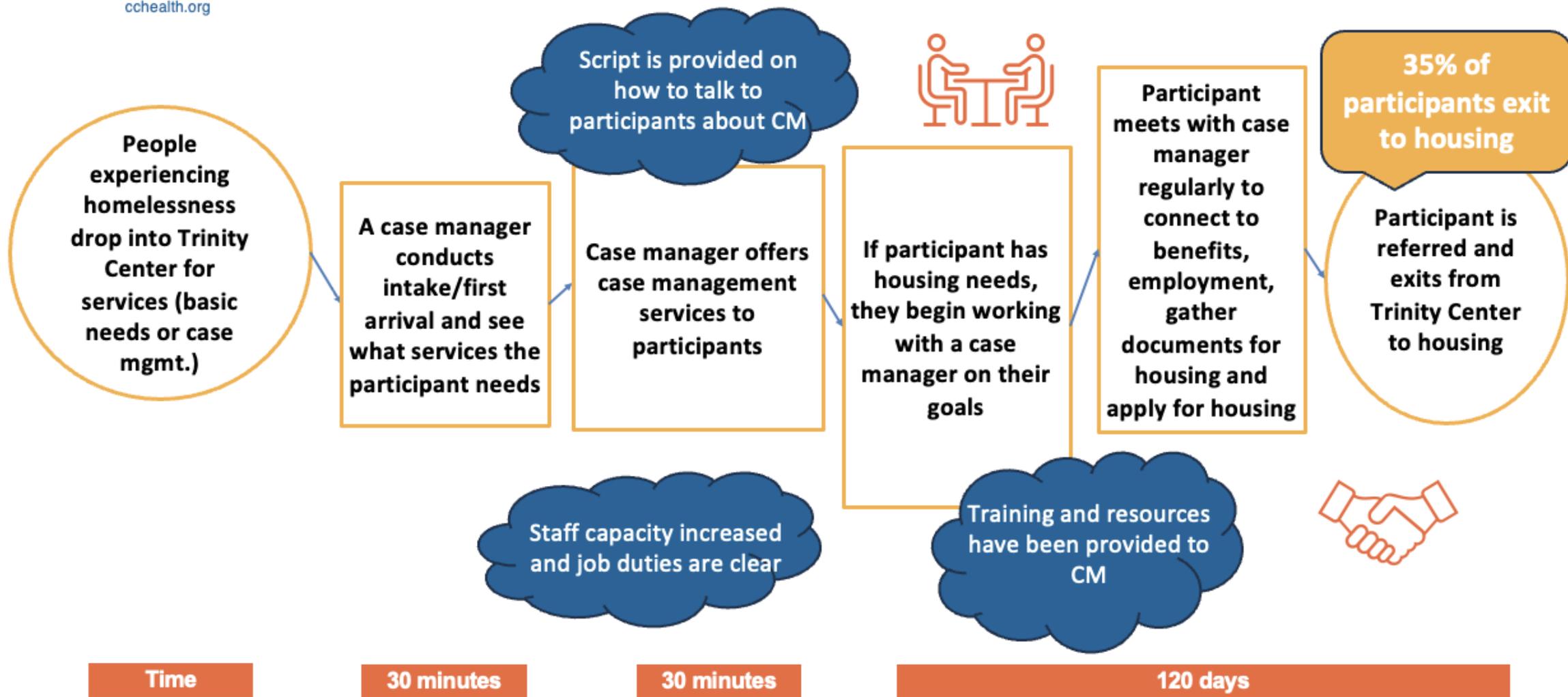


Current Process with Pain Points





Future State





Current and Future State Data

Exits to Housing

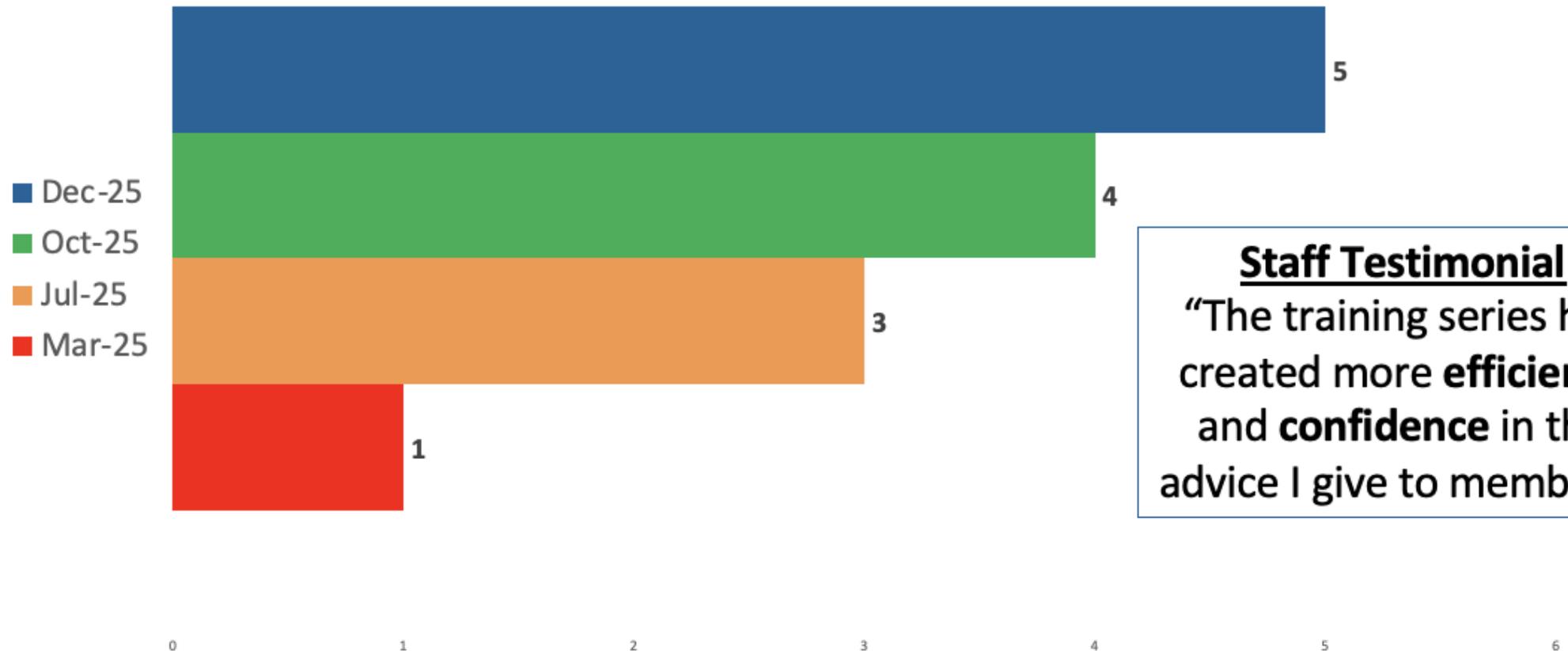




Current and Future State Data

Staff Knowledge of Housing Focused Case Management

Scaling – 1 having no knowledge to 5 being an expert



Staff Testimonial
“The training series has created more **efficiency** and **confidence** in the advice I give to members”



Implementation Plan





Control Plan

| Measure | Definition | Method | Frequency | Goal | Reporting Frequency | Alert Flags | Action | Responsibility |
|---|--|-----------|--|--|------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Reduce length of time from intake to exit into housing | # of months it takes for a participant to get housed after intake into the CARE Center | HMIS Data | Quarterly review of Performance Dashboard Data in HMIS | 120 days or less on average | Quarterly | >120 days average | Case management training manual review, refresher trainings | CoC Administrator and HMIS Admin at Trinity Center |
| Increase staff knowledge and skills to engage participants in housing focused case management | Staff have the skills, resources and knowledge they need to do their job well | Surveys | Quarterly for the first year | Survey results showing an increase in knowledge of case management | Quarterly for the first year | Survey results showing no increase in knowledge of case management | Conduct staff interviews and surveys | CoC Administrator and CES Manager |
| Increased engagement in case management | # of participants with on-going case management services | HMIS Data | Quarterly review of Performance Dashboard Data in HMIS | 35% or more of overall population | Quarterly | >35% | Conduct participant interviews | Trinity Center Case Managers and Program Director |



Key Takeaways



Keys to Success

- Collaboration and willingness to learn
- Dedicated time for training to occur
- Mix between face to face and virtual trainings



Barriers

- Staff capacity at program and Continuum of Care (CoC) level
- Time it takes to implement a training series and see results from the training



Lessons Learned

- Need buy-in from program and staff capacity to implement a training series
- Importance of understanding case managers baseline knowledge



Next Steps

- Continue implementing training series and training manual
- Expand training series and training manual to other programs like shelters



Participant Impact

Family

Welcoming

Comfortable



Consistent

Clean

Hospitality

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Thank you!

2024 NOFO
APPLICATION
DEBRIEF

Presenter:

Jamie Schechter, *H3*

Role for Oversight Committee Members:

listen & ask questions

Role for Community Members:

listen & ask questions

2024 NOFO APPLICATION SCORE

- 2024 NOFO scoring debrief sent by HUD in May 2025
- Scoring debrief provides high level reporting, not detailed scoring analysis

| | National Score | CoC Score | Point Diff |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------|------------|
| Compared to Top Score | 185.5 | 181.75 | -3.75 |
| Compared to Median Score | 151.5 | 181.75 | 30.25 |
| Compared to Lowest Score | 54.5 | 181.75 | 127.25 |

2024 NOFO STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES



- Inclusive CoC NOFO process and strong participation
- Good coordination with Public Housing Agency, mainstream benefits, healthcare, and ESG partners
- Good policies around trainings
- Strong HMIS participation



- System Performance Measures – increased sheltered homelessness by more than 5% due to new programs
- Point In Time Count increase in unsheltered homelessness
- Lacking partnership with children and youth systems like Early Childhood partnerships



QUESTIONS?

YAB UPDATE

Presenter:

Juno Hedrick, *CoH & YAB*

Role for Oversight Committee Members:

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PIT & ANNUAL REPORT UPDATES

Presenter:

Jamie Schechter, *H3*

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TIMELINE UPDATES

- PIT data releasing soon!
- Many communities seeing a decrease in both sheltered and unsheltered counts.
- Annual report data to follow shortly



QUESTIONS?

2025 MONITORING PROCESS UPDATE

Presenter:

Michele Byrnes, *Homebase*

Alex Michel, *Homebase*

Role for Oversight Committee Members:

listen & ask questions

Role for Community Members:

listen & ask questions

PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE MONITORING

- Improve **system performance** by identifying barriers to effective program performance;
- Increase **knowledge** among CoC-funded agencies regarding CoC compliance and financial management;
- Help agencies **prepare for audits or monitoring** from HUD; and
- Identify opportunities and gaps for **additional technical assistance, trainings, or one-on-one meetings** regarding areas of compliance impacting multiple agencies

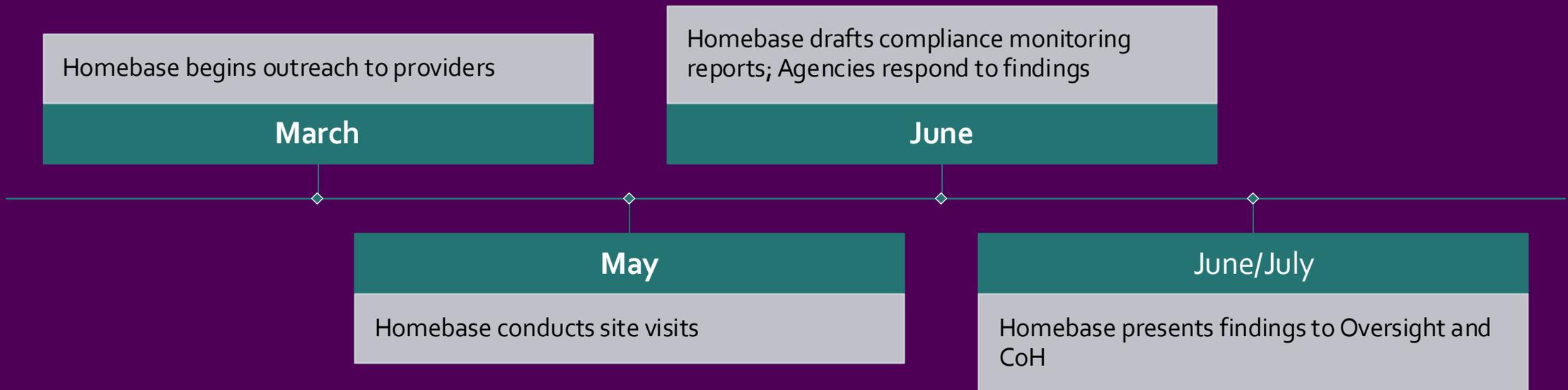
GENERAL APPROACH TO MONITORING

- Homebase conducts annual compliance monitoring process on behalf of H₃ (the CoC Lead Agency)
- Monitoring focus alternates each year between:
 - agency/project-level documentation (e.g., P&Ps, financials, etc.)
 - client file review (e.g., eligibility, services, etc.)
- New in 2025: Monitoring now includes follow-up on prior identified corrective actions, as relevant to the year's focus area

2025 MONITORED AGENCIES

- Project Scope: 20 projects within 8 agencies
 - CCHS
 - Contra Costa County Crisis Center – 211
 - GRIP
 - Hope Solutions
 - Housing Authority of Contra Costa County (HACCC)
 - SAHA
 - SHELTER, Inc.
 - Trinity Center

2025 COMPLIANCE MONITORING TIMELINE



2025 FOCUSED MONITORING APPROACH

Grant Spenddown

- Ensure projects are on track to fully spend funds within the grant term.
- Drawdowns are timely, occurring at least quarterly

2023 Systemic Findings

- Timekeeping
- Fair housing policy

Equity

- People with lived experience engagement
- Advancement of racial equity

2023 Project-Specific Corrective Actions

- Follow-up to 2023 project-specific corrective actions

CATEGORIES OF FINDINGS

- 1. Agency- and Program-Specific Findings** – Areas of noncompliance with HUD or CoC requirements that require corrective action. Agencies must submit a written response to each finding.
- 2. Agency Opportunities for Improvement** – Areas where current practices could be strengthened, even though they do not currently constitute a formal finding. These suggestions are offered for agency consideration.
- 3. Systemic Findings** – Areas of noncompliance with HUD or CoC requirements that affected the majority of monitored agencies.
- 4. Systemwide Opportunities for Improvement** – Systemwide areas where current practices could be strengthened but do not constitute a formal findings

TRENDS & OBSERVATIONS

- The majority of monitored **agencies had corrected the findings identified during the 2023 monitoring process**
- Timekeeping was a systemic finding in 2023 and **was not a finding for any agency in 2025**
- Most agencies are in compliance with local CoC equity standards
- Generally, there **were minimal findings across agencies**

SYSTEMIC FINDINGS & SYSTEMWIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

Systemic Findings: Areas of noncompliance with HUD or CoC requirements that affected the majority of monitored agencies

- Grant spenddown

Systemwide Opportunities for Improvement: Systemwide areas where current practices could be strengthened but do not constitute a formal findings

- Fair Housing Policy

RECOMMENDATIONS

Grant Spenddown

- Provide technical assistance to CoC-funded agencies on grant spenddown

Fair Housing

- Ensure fair housing policies have been updated during the next monitoring cycle



QUESTIONS?

ACCOUNTABILITY CORNER

Presenter:

Jamie Schechter, *H3*

Role for Oversight Committee Members:

listen & ask questions

Role for Community Members:

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2025 WORKPLAN – QUARTER 2

Goals

- Updates on Program Models and Coordinated Entry

Activities

- Program Models and Performance Standards
- CE updates including CES Assessment redesign
- Update on 2025 monitoring
- HIC Update
- Update on Participant Satisfaction Survey
- Accountability corner

ACCOUNTABILITY CORNER – QUARTER 1

What was accomplished?

- Update on Coordinated Entry Housing Needs Assessment in April and June
- Program Models & Performance Standards Updates – update on satisfaction surveys and CARE Center program model
- YAB update
- CoC monitoring update

What was not accomplished?

- Program model discussion on transitional housing and bridge housing

LOOKING AHEAD

What new needs were identified?

- Ensuring CoC compliance with new federal requirements (HMIS data standards, revising funding applications)



QUESTIONS?

WRAP UP

Presenter:

Courtney Pal, *CoH*

Role for Oversight Committee Members:

listen

share announcements

Role for Community Members:

listen

share announcements

NEXT STEPS

☐ Next meeting: August 21, 11:30am - 1:30pm – VIRTUAL

UPCOMING MEETINGS

| CoH/Cmte | Date/Time | Location | Zoom Link |
|--|------------------------------|--|---|
| COH | July 10, 1 – 3pm | 1025 Escobar, Martinez (IN-PERSON) | https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/j/83882491530 |
| Nominating Committee | August 4, 10am-12pm | | https://www.google.com/url?q=https%3A%2F%2Fhomebaseccc.zoom.us%2Fmeeting%2Fregister%2FZbrVuqBFQeyMFYq86L_K4g |
| COH | August 7, 1 – 3pm | 1025 Escobar, Martinez (IN-PERSON) | https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/j/83882491530 |
| Equity Committee (WORKING GROUP) | August 12, 2 – 4pm | VIRTUAL ONLY | https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctcOCuqzItGNaAB8uy-JVxgiXIKuxUWPYX |
| Homeless Service Provider Meeting | August 14, 12 - 1:30pm | VIRTUAL ONLY | https://www.google.com/url?q=https%3A%2F%2Fhomebaseccc.zoom.us%2Fmeeting%2Fregister%2FtZlqc-mvqDwoE9PPYaR8_6COhfChAJ1vuFED |
| Nominating Committee | August 18, 10am – 12pm | Thomas McMorrow Training Room, Concord (IN-PERSON) | https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/meeting/register/ZbrVuqBFQeyMFYq86L_K4g |
| PATH Innovations Committee (WORKING GROUP) | August 21, 9:30 – 11am | 2400 Bisso, Suite D2, Concord (IN-PERSON) | https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZERdemqqTsoEgom6dcFxsS5rdtyuo4x2Djg#/ |
| Oversight Committee (WORKING GROUP) | August 21, 11:30 am – 1:30pm | VIRTUAL ONLY | https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsf-2urDssGdzVjZhCYrYEtBPv6TuzAce |