

# Sacramento County Homeless Plan

Community Meeting on Sacramento County Homeless  
Plan

November 7, 2018

# Today's Agenda

- Kick-Off and Welcome
- Summary of the Plan
- Question and Answer
- Break
- Café-style Feedback Session
- Reporting Out
- Closing

# Welcome

- Introductions and meeting plan
- Who's in the room?

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# Background

- Sacramento County has created a Draft County plan to address homelessness
- A plan is required to apply for State No Place Like Home (NPLH) funding and may be needed for additional State resources
- The plan will leverage critical resources: NPLH funding = new permanent supportive housing developments for persons with serious mental illness who are also experiencing homelessness
- Will serve as a blueprint for activities and future planning work that the County and key partners will undertake to increase coordination and impact

# Sacramento County Homeless Plan Timeline

- Data collection and stakeholder input, July – September 2018
- Selection of key strategies and plan drafting, October – November
- Plan adoption and send to State – December 2018

# Elements of the Plan

- Describe magnitude and characteristics of homelessness, chronic homelessness and the NPLH target population
- Inventory existing efforts underway and partners in ending homelessness
- Describe current resources and identify critical gaps
- Lay out County and stakeholder plans to address unmet needs in key focus areas

# Input Gathering Meetings

## Targeted Focus Groups

- People with Lived Experience of Homelessness and Mental Illness
- Family Members of People with Lived Experience
- Housing Developers and Operators
- Provider Focus Groups
- Faith Based Group (Area Congregations Together)
- Business interests (PBIDs)



# Input Gathering Meetings

## Meetings and Interviews

- Cities in Sacramento
- Sacramento County
- Sacramento Steps Forward
- City of Sacramento Homeless Coordinator
- Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Authority

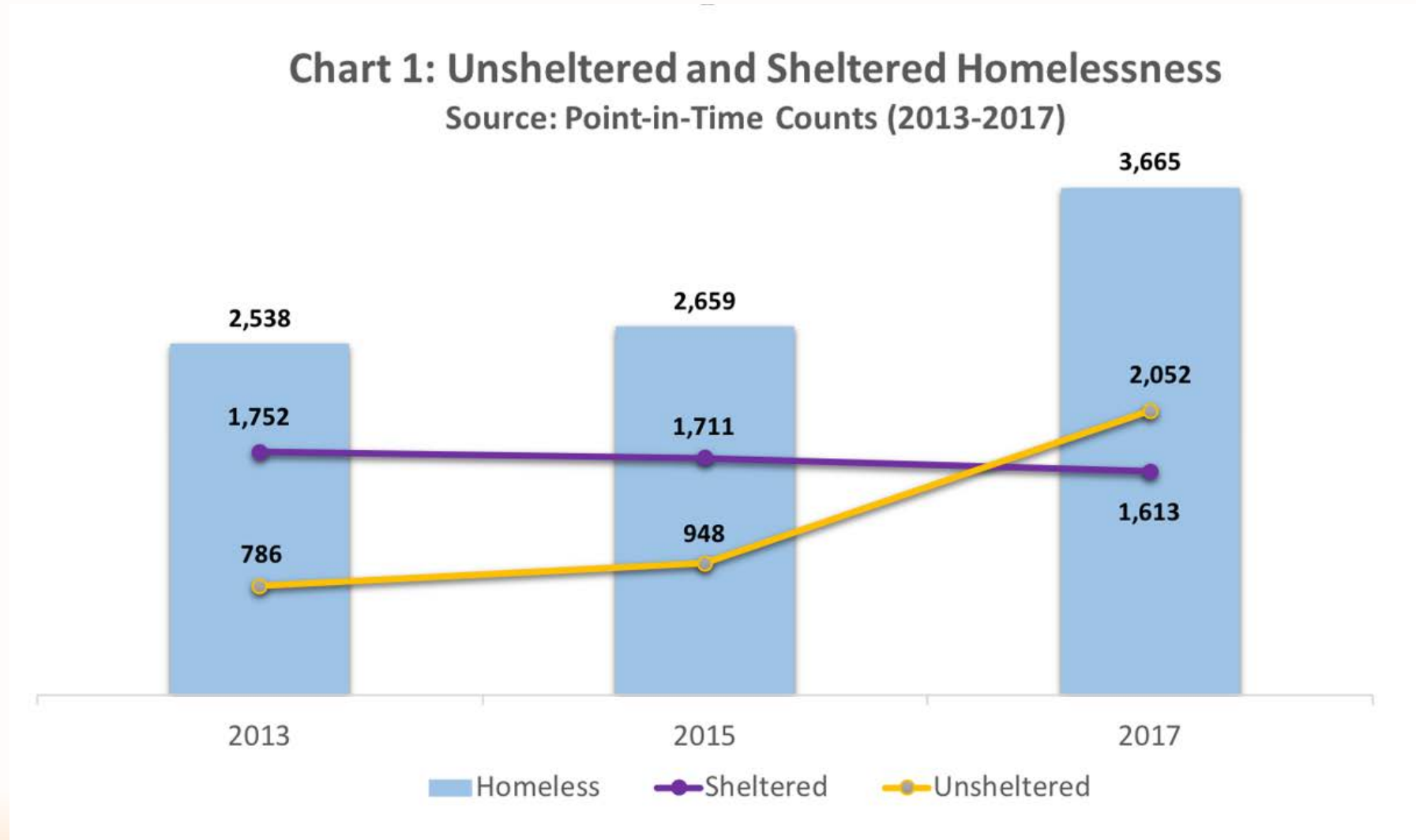
## Meetings with Established Groups

- Criminal Justice Cabinet
- Medi-Cal Managed Care Advisory Committee
- Human Services Coordinating Council
- Continuum of Care Board
- Sacramento Disability Advisory Commission

# Guiding Principles

- Take a county-wide approach
- Set concrete goals
- Provide frequent, coordinated communication
- Expand opportunities for citizen involvement

# The State of Homelessness in Sacramento



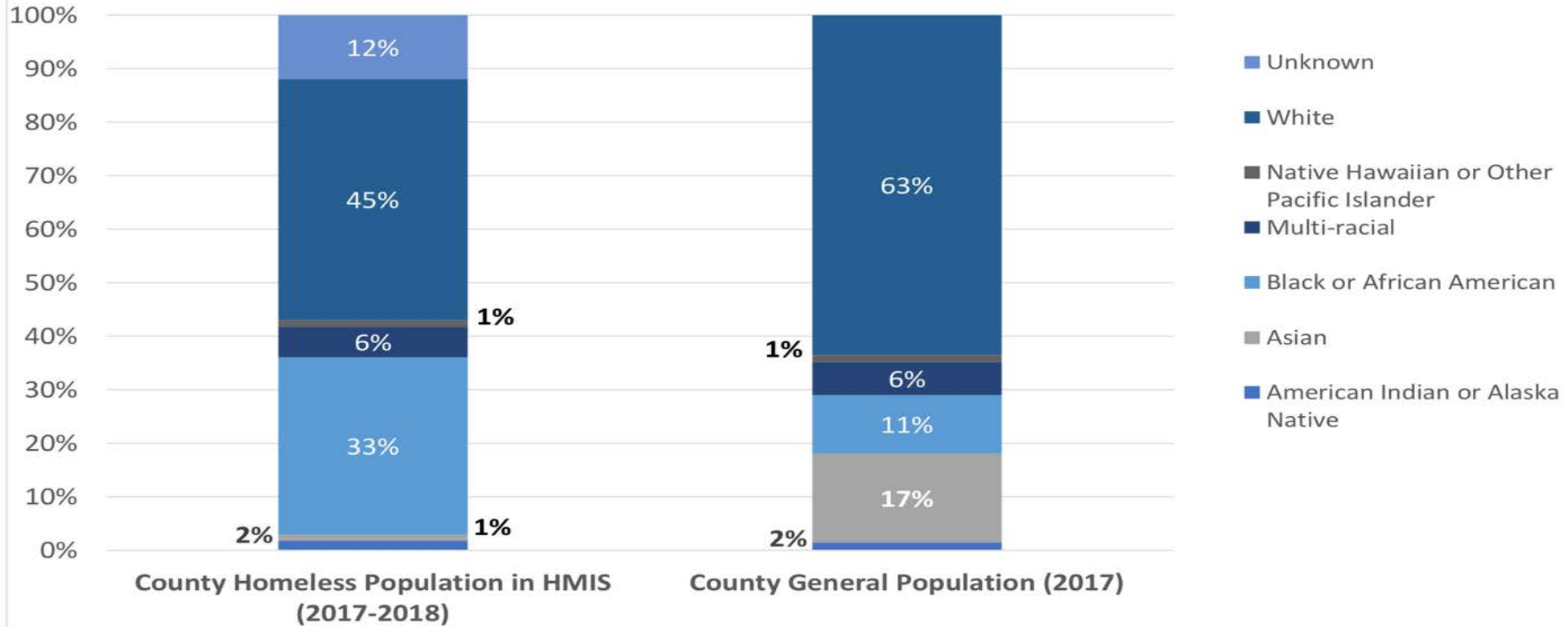
# The State of Homelessness in Sacramento

- 2018: 3,655 at a point in time
  - 186 families with children (16%), including 367 children; likely to be an undercount
- 2017 – 2018: 6,188 people seen over the course of a year in the Homeless Management Information System
  - 1,514 People in families (estimated 500 families) – 24% of annual

# Race and Homelessness

**Chart 3: Racial Composition of Homeless Population and General Population**

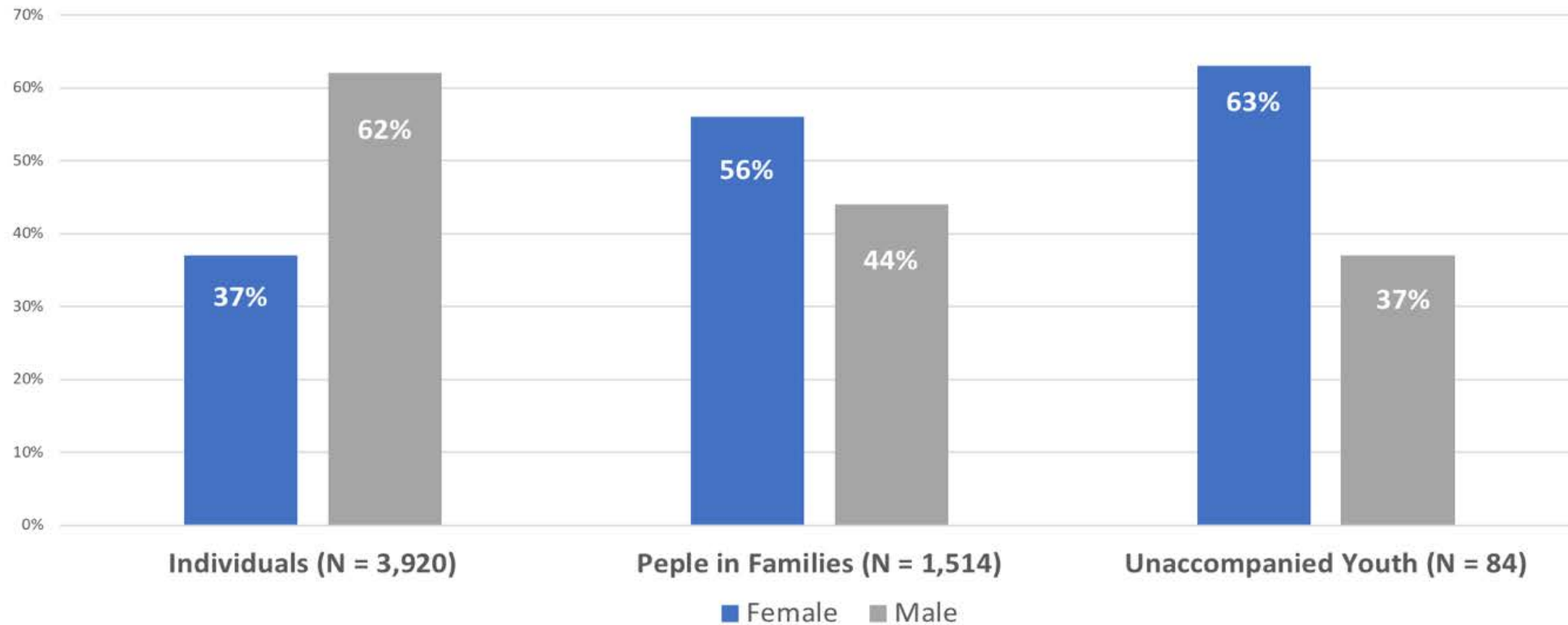
Source: HMIS Data (2017-2018), U.S. Census (2017 American Community Survey)



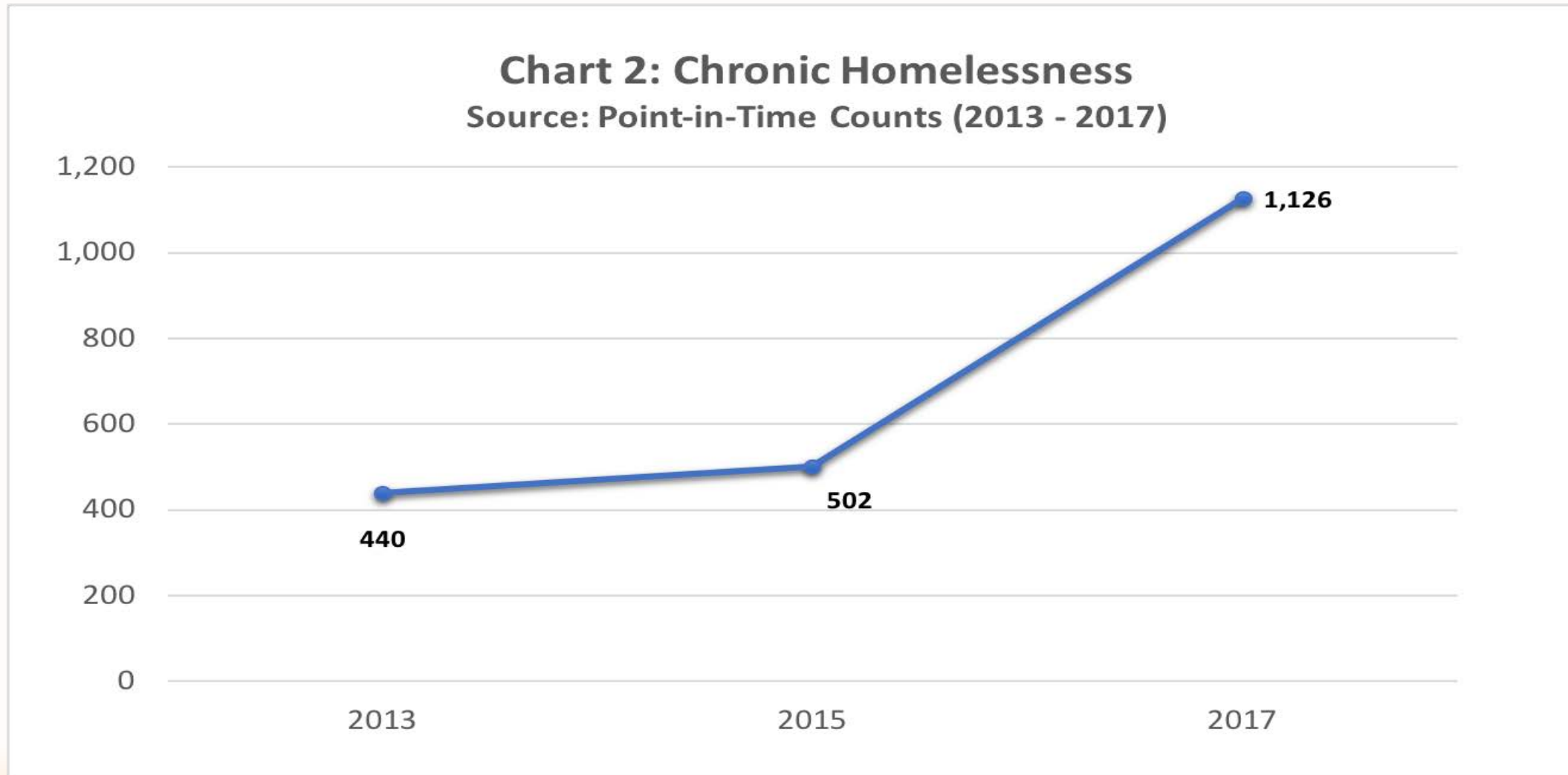
# Gender and Homelessness

Chart 5: Gender of Homeless Population in HMIS by Household Type

Source: HMIS Data (2017 - 2018)

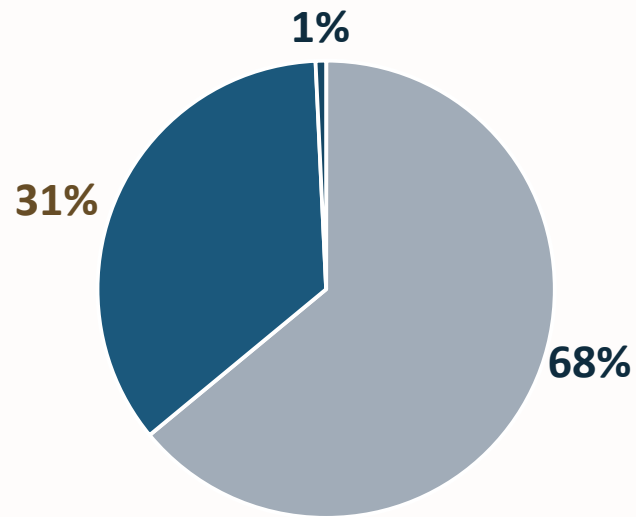


# Chronic Homelessness



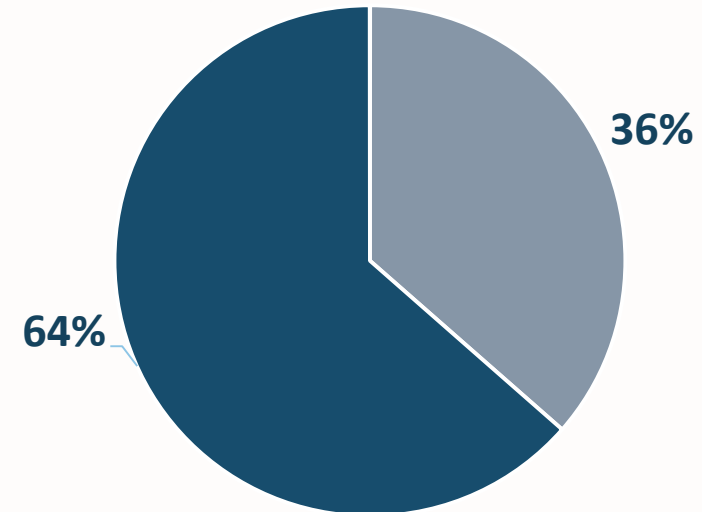
# Chronic Homelessness and Mental Illness

Mental Illness Among All Homeless People



- People without Mental Illness or Emotional Disturbance
- Adults with Long-Term Mental Illness
- Children with a Long-Term Emotional Disturbance

Mental Illness Among Chronically Homeless



- Everyone Else Experiencing Chronic Homelessness



# View from People with Lived Experience

- Confusion about navigating the system – how to get assistance
- Some report negative interactions with programs
- Trauma and safety concerns- especially in congregate settings such as shelter
- Program barriers to entry such as clean and sober requirements or medication compliance

# Current Actions and Initiatives

## Lead Organizations

- County of Sacramento
- City of Sacramento
- Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF)
- Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA)

# Partnering Organizations

There are wide range of public and private community agencies and organizations playing essential roles:

- Other Cities
- Housing and Service Providers
- Health Providers and Health Plans
- Advocacy Organizations
- Property Business Improvement Districts (PBIDs)

# System Resources and Programs

- Drop-In Center/Day Shelter Programs: Seven (7) programs throughout the county
- Year-Round and Seasonal Overnight Shelters: Thirty-three (33) shelters with a total of 762 beds for singles, families, and youth.
- Temporary Housing/Transitional Housing Programs: Sixteen (16) programs offering a total of 669 beds for singles and families.
- Rapid Re-housing Programs: Ten (10) programs with 661 slots (permanent housing units or rooms) for singles and families.
- Permanent Supportive Housing Programs: Twenty-seven (27) programs for chronically homeless adults or families and adults or families experiencing mental illness, housing a total of 3,028 people in 2,119 households.

# County Resources

A wide variety of programs and resources targeted to addressing homelessness in 13 Divisions and Departments.

- Office of the County Executive: *Homeless Initiatives*
- Child, Family, and Adult Services: *Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services*
- Department of Human Assistance: *Targeted CalWORKS Programs, Homeless Services*
- Department of Health Services: *Behavioral Health – Mental Health Services and Alcohol and Drug Services; Primary Health; Public Health*
- Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Authority

# County Resources (continued)

- District Attorney
- Environmental Management Department
- Planning and Environmental Review
- Parks Department
- Probation Department
- Public Defender
- Sheriff's Department

# New Initiatives and Change Drivers

## County of Sacramento

- Improve Family Crisis and Response Shelters
- Full-Service Re-Housing Program
- Flexible Supportive Re-Housing Program
- Preservation of Mather Community Campus (MCC)
- Homeless Outreach, Navigation and Re-Housing Services:
- \$44 million in expanded Mental Health resources from Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)
- DMS-ODS Waiver to expand substance abuse services

# New Initiatives and Change Drivers

- **Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA):**
  - Dedicated Housing Resources: Allocations of turnover vouchers, project-based subsidies, and special population subsidies to create nearly 1,000 new or targeted housing opportunities for addressing homelessness
- **City of Sacramento:**
  - Homeless Triage Centers: Improvements to shelter and increasing capacity to 200 people nightly.
  - Pathways to Health + Home: Reduce emergency and crisis medical services by coordinating care, health and housing for 3,000 people four years, at least half of whom will be homeless



# New Initiatives and Change Drivers

## **Collaborative Initiatives**

- Leveraging NPLH, HEAP, and CESH funds to support a range of new activities (see Strategies)
- Streamlining Funding Process and Pipeline to support NPLH
- River District Collaboration
- Care Coordination and Data Sharing
- Community Adoption of Rapid Re-Housing Standards
- Data Analysis and Research using HMIS

# Continuing Challenges

- Lack of Affordable Housing
- Entry Points are not coordinated
- Lack of comprehensive, real-time data
- No single system vision or oversight

# Proposed Solutions

## Key Focus Areas:

- Prevent People from Becoming Homeless
- Improve Response to the Street Crisis and Improve Quality of Life
- Expand and Improve Shelter and Interim Housing
- Expand Targeted Permanent Housing
- Leverage and Coordinate Mainstream and Other Resources
- Strengthen System Leadership and Accountability

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# Question and Answer

- Bruce Wagstaff, Deputy County Executive
- Ann Edwards, Director of Human Assistance
- Peter Beilenson, Director of Health Services
- Cindy Cavanaugh, Director of Homeless Initiatives

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# Café Feedback Session

- 45 minutes session
- You'll talk about 1 of 4 key topics at the table:
  - Packets with handouts and a sheet to record the conversation
  - Pick a recorder
  - Pick a reporter
- Facilitators will roam the room to answer questions and support the conversations
- We'll report out as a group afterwards



# Café Feedback Topics:

**Topic A:** Improving Street Crisis Response and Improving Shelter and Interim Housing

**Topic B:** Expanding Targeted Permanent Housing

**Topic C:** Prevention and Leveraging and Coordinating Mainstream and other Resources

**Topic D:** Strengthen System Leadership and Accountability

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# Closing

- The Plan will be posted to the County's Homeless Initiatives website along with a survey for additional feedback. You will receive an email with the link if you were notified of this meeting or if you signed in.
- Feedback open until November 25, 2018
- Questions? Contact Cindy Cavanaugh [cavanaughc@saccounty.net](mailto:cavanaughc@saccounty.net)