



Northlake Homeless Coalition (NHC)

Northshore Coatney Center Conference Room
807 North Columbia Street, Covington, LA 70433

January 15, 2019

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

NHC Providers and Stakeholders Association Meeting

Agenda

- I. Welcome/Introductions – Be sure to sign-in!**

- II. NHC Business**
 - A. NHC Executive Director’s Report
 - B. HMIS Report
 - C. Point In Time Discussion

- III. Housing Opportunities and Agency Announcements – Membership**

- IV. Adjourn**

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November 14, 2018

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Providers and Stakeholders Association Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2018

St. Tammany Parish Towers Building
5th Floor Conference Room
520 Old Spanish Trail
Slidell, LA

Meeting Attendees:

Name	Agency / Affiliation
Matheny, Erin	Northlake HMIS
Doctor, Jesse	Northlake Homeless Coalition
Mills, Amanda	Northlake Homeless Coalition
Schmidt, James	Northlake Homeless Coalition Board
Lewis, Bonnie	Northlake Homeless Coalition Board
Eastridge, Sheri	Safe Harbor
Lesley, Crystina	Safe Harbor
McLaughlin, Roy	St. Tammany Parish Government
Populus, Tammy	Northlake Homeless Coalition
Carter, Lori	Northlake Homeless Coalition
Jackson, Carolyn	Northlake Homeless Coalition
Franks, Diane	Family Promise
Parmley, Summer	SAFE Tangipahoa
Rich, Jason	LHCC
Morris, Nicholas	Volunteers of America SSVF
Andrews, Melvin	Volunteers of America SSVF
Jones, Kim	Volunteers of America SSVF
Darrell Demoss	St. Tammany VA
Cecilia Glaviana	Tangipahoa VA

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:34 PM by Jesse Doctor of the Northlake Homeless Coalition (NHC). Each attendee introduced themselves and their represented organization.

II. Northlake Homeless Coalition (NHC) Business

A. HMIS Report

Erin Matheny presented the HMIS report. Since July, five new end users have been trained in HMIS. There were two new user trainings held since July. The housing move-in date was discussed at the last meeting, which helps to identify the period between enrolling in a housing project and moving in to housing.

Ms. Matheny distributed a copy of the Racial Disparities Report presented at the previous meeting. The LSNDC has released the 2017 Point-In-Time Report. All reports are available on the NHC website.

B. CAAS Report

Jesse Doctor presented the CAAS report. It contained the current amount of families and individuals that are active in HMIS, as well as subpopulations, parish breakdown, and certification time. (There are 68 active individuals and 56 active families in NHC HMIS projects).

C. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Mills presented the Executive Director's Report. The Coalition has been working on making NHC Committees active with actionable items; Governance, Strategic Planning, and CAAS Oversight Committees have all met and have active goals. Governance is working on a policies and procedures manual. Strategic Planning is working on strategies for impact, community needs assessment, a listening tour for every parish, as well as a work plan and timetable for the Coalition in 2019. CAAS Oversight is prioritizing policies for coordinated entry and prioritization based on recent HUD guidance, as well the implementation of diversion (a priority for HUD) for those at risk of homelessness. All committees are open to participation by members of the NHC Providers and Stakeholders Association (PSA).

III. Ending Veteran Homelessness

A. Ride of the Brotherhood/Camp Nora

Jeff Marshall of the Ride of the Brotherhood program presented the program's mission overview. Camp Nora is a homeless veteran transition center – transitional housing for homeless veterans in accordance with the Department of Veterans Affairs guidelines and processes. There are currently seven residents at Camp Nora, and they have the capacity to house eight. *(Note: The program cannot accept veterans with dishonorable discharge and drug tests each resident.)*

Mr. Marshall and Camp Nora staff have found that financial instability later in life has contributed to many of their residents' homelessness. The transitional program aims to aid in the stabilization of the residents' lives, including goal-oriented programs administered by Camp Nora staff. This includes financial courses and housing assistance, which includes furniture donations.

Mr. Marshall states that there is a large need for homeless veteran services in our community and he is optimistic about the fact that this issue can be addressed.

B. Volunteers of America Supportive Services for Veterans (SSVF)

Nicholas Morris of VOA SSVF presented their program's mission overview. SSVF staff have field outreach to make contact with homeless veterans and work with them to secure resources to aid them. The program provides security deposits *(Note: The program cannot accept veterans with dishonorable discharge)*. Kim Jones, a case manager, states that case workers have a goal of assisting their clients with finding affordable housing within 90 days, as well as moving-in assistance and furniture donations. Melvin Andrews, who is a veteran himself, explained the difficulties that veterans face, including the issues of mental health and substance abuse, for which SSVF provides services.

Ms. Mills inquired as to coordination between SSVF and other homeless veteran service organizations, such as Camp Nora, due to the difficulties of housing homeless veterans. She suggested a future meeting of all homeless service providers in PSA. Cecilia Glaviana of Tangipahoa VA stated that there are limited resources for VASH vouchers and there also tends to be limited VA resources available for female veterans. She explained VASH criteria and stated the need for education on the criteria and VA procedures.

IV. Freeze Plan for November 2018

Ms. Mills overviewed the freeze plan for the region. No parishes have yet to activate their freeze plan. New Orleans Mission shelters on the Northshore, Giving Hope Retreat and Linhaven, are accepting entries – Linhaven on a case-by-case basis. St. Luke's Good Samaritan Ministry is offering one-night hotel vouchers as well as offering taxi rides to Giving Hope Retreat. Livingston Parish has the Sweet Dreams shelter. Baton Rouge has several cold weather shelters open – Salvation Army and St. Vincent de Paul Men's Shelter.

V. Point in Time 2019

Ms. Mills provided the date for the next Point-In-Time, which is the night of January 28, 2019. Point-In-Time is an annual survey of the unsheltered homeless population in our region. There will be more information on Point-In-Time (PIT) available in early January. Ms. Matheny stated that the PIT accounts for emergency shelter residents, unsheltered homeless individuals, as well as VASH beds. Sheri Eastridge stated that our region's allocation of ESG funds from the state are based on PIT count, and it is therefore extremely important to participate in and assist with the PIT process.

VI. Housing Opportunities and Agency Announcements

Ms. Mills inquired as to any housing opportunities or agency announcements.

Ms. Matheny stated that the next HMIS End User Meeting is 11/16/2018 at 10:30 AM via web conference.

Mr. Marshall states that everyone can sign up for Ride of the Brotherhood's email announcements on their website, <http://www.RideOfTheBrotherhood.org>.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM by Ms. Mills.



Let's Make Everyone Count!

National Street and Shelter Point-in-Time Count

JANUARY 2019

For additional information, visit the HUD Exchange at www.hudexchange.info

Overview

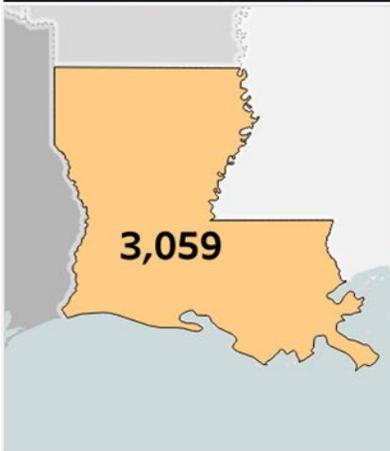
- ▶ Importance of Point-in-Time (PIT) Homeless Census
- ▶ Recap of 2018 findings and our local efforts
- ▶ Participating in the 2019 PIT Count
 - ▶ Conducting surveys at one of up to seven locations on the night of January 28
 - ▶ Volunteering with the NHC outreach team Tuesday Jan. 29 – Friday, Feb. 1
 - ▶ Updating client records within HMIS

Importance of PIT Count

- ▶ Understand changes in homelessness within our community;
- ▶ Adjust services to better meet the needs of homeless persons;
- ▶ Raise public awareness about the issue of homelessness; and
- ▶ Measure community progress toward preventing and ending homelessness.

Louisiana Point-in-Time 2018 Infographic

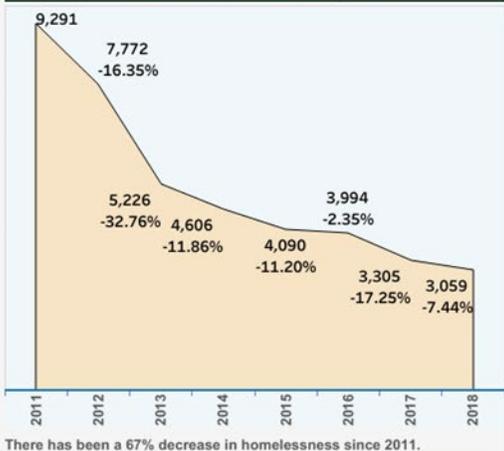
Persons Experiencing Homelessness



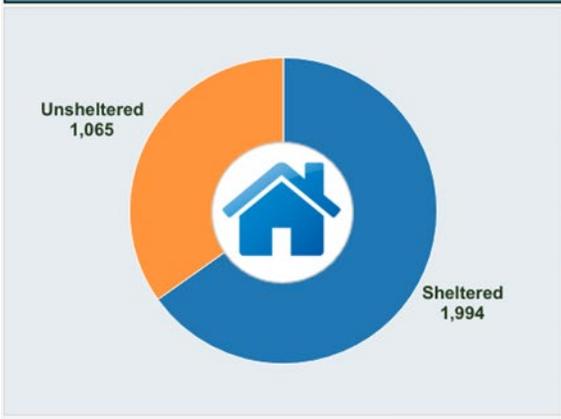
Homelessness by Region

New Orleans	1,188
Shreveport	375
Lafayette	363
Baton Rouge	353
Hammond	194
Monroe	187
Alexandria	177
Lake Charles	161
Houma	45
St. Bernard	16

Homelessness Decline by Year



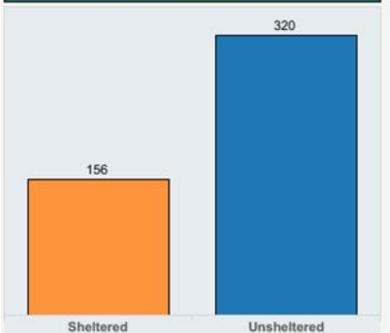
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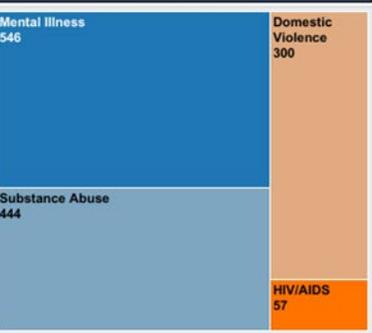
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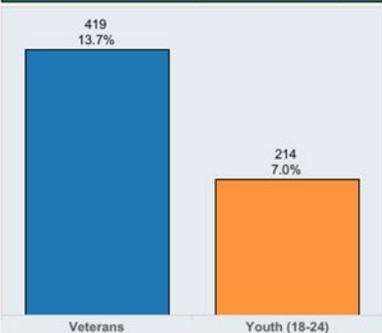
Chronic Homelessness



Subpopulations

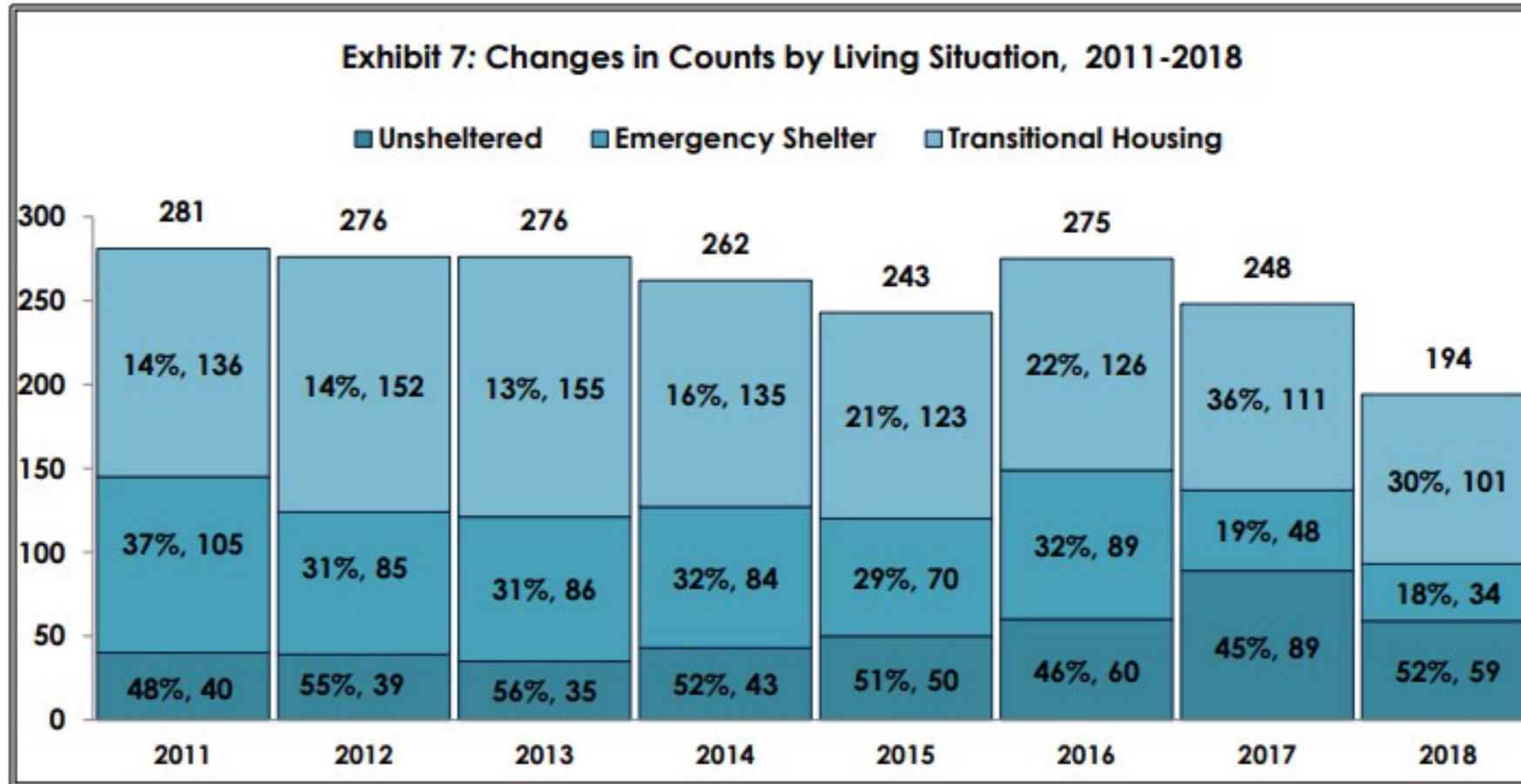


Veterans & Youth (18-24 years old)



Information based on the Louisiana Point-in-Time count conducted on the night of January 22, 2018.

PIT Count 2011 - 2018



2017/2018 PIT Count Comparison

	2017 PIT Count	2018 PIT Count	% Change
Overall Count	248	194	22% decrease
Unsheltered Count	89	59	34% decrease
Chronic Homeless	26	24	8% decrease
Veterans	50	42	16% decrease
Unsheltered Veterans	10	7	30% decrease

Get Involved

- ▶ Report known locations where persons may be residing/congregating and help us map the area for surveying
- ▶ Volunteer to conduct surveys in residential emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities on the night of January 28, 2019
- ▶ Donate toiletries, gloves, hats, socks, and other cold weather items to distribute during the survey period.
- ▶ Update your HMIS records for persons being served during the census week

Sign Up for PIT 2019



- ▶ Sign up to volunteer on **Monday, January 28, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm**
- ▶ Volunteers will meet for PIT training and dinner and then volunteers will be assigned to survey at one of up to 7 emergency shelters/transitional housing facilities in the region.

For Questions:

- ▶ **Please contact Amanda Mills at amills@northlakehomeless.org or Jesse Doctor at jdoctor@northlakehomeless.org**
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