

Kristin Retherford

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Sent: Sunday, March 04, 2018 9:46 AM
To: Kristin Retherford
Subject: Contact Kristin Retherford

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State	OR
Zip	97302
Message	I read through the minutes of the homeless task force meeting. (The minutes were very minimal unfortunately.) One of the 3 highest priority items was the lack of toilets. I heard that the city removed Porta potties downtown that were paid with private funds because the city wouldn't pay for them. What was the reason for the city denying and removing this service where it was needed the most?

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From: webmaster@cityofsalem.net on behalf of cherylynn5@live.com
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2018 10:11 AM
To: Kristin Retherford
Subject: Contact Kristin Retherford

Your Name	Cheryl Moore
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Message	My husband and I have been doing a homeless ministry in Salem for 14+ years. We have branched out more into disaster relief in the last year. My grandkids were at Gilbert House and wanted to walk over the ramp for the bridge which you know is being used as a camp grounds for the homeless. Something needs to be done about this. We do believe in compassion and mercy but this is getting out of hand. This is a health hazard and an eye sore in an area that is made for public use. What is being done about this?

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From: NoReply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of pjo_pollywog@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2018 7:23 PM
To: Kristin Retherford
Subject: Contact Kristin Retherford

Your Name	Paula
Your Email	pjo_pollywog@yahoo.com
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Message	<p>I know there is so many concerns,needs and directions in reference to the homeless in our community. I have a heart for them and often stop and talk with them, sometimes offering gloves or a snack or just listen to them. On the other side of the fence, I'm frustrated with the trash and disrespect they have for public and private property. I know some want and need help, where others just want their lifestyle and want to be left alone to do their own thing. As an avid cyclist, I come across much trash left by them, to the point of being unsafe. And now one of the routes I take to come over the bridge from West Salem, is blocked by their camping (Center St bridge cycling ramp into Riverfront park). I've wondered if for the able ones, could a program be created for them to do cleanup and get paid like I've heard in Texas somewhere. Those that are able who aren't interested to make life better for themselves or others, could be given a one way ticket outside of the area like I've heard in Colorado. It's looking like areas of Portland, and that's not appealing to us or visitors. There surely must be a solution that's good for them and our community.</p>

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Kristin Retherford

From: xozooome@gmail.com on behalf of Jonathan Ellis <jon@ltbprod.com>
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2018 7:45 PM
To: Kristin Retherford
Subject: Homeless Population

Hello - while I do not live in Salem, I did see something about tomorrow evening's meeting regarding the homeless population in your city. Below is a copy/paste of something I sent to Mayor Wheeler here in Portland. (He has not yet responded) Perhaps this suggestion is not the answer to all problems associated with this issue, however after having posted most of it on social media, to overwhelmingly positive responses, I am now sharing it with you as well. Obviously, the related stats and figures are not specific to Salem, but I do expect that it may well be of some value in your deliberations. It's time for the cities and states to work together on crisis on our streets.

COPY/PASTE BEGINS

I am writing to you to share a simple idea, (perhaps someone has already thought of it, or perhaps not) which may not address all of the problems involved, but might well help to alleviate some of the most crucial obstacles:

- The state owns, for the most part, the land under bridges and overpasses.
- People often object to homeless communities being located in their neighborhoods.
- People living on the streets have often given up on themselves, and their environment, which results in unattractive encampments. (Not very tourist friendly.)
- Homeless people have no addresses which impedes their ability to get jobs.

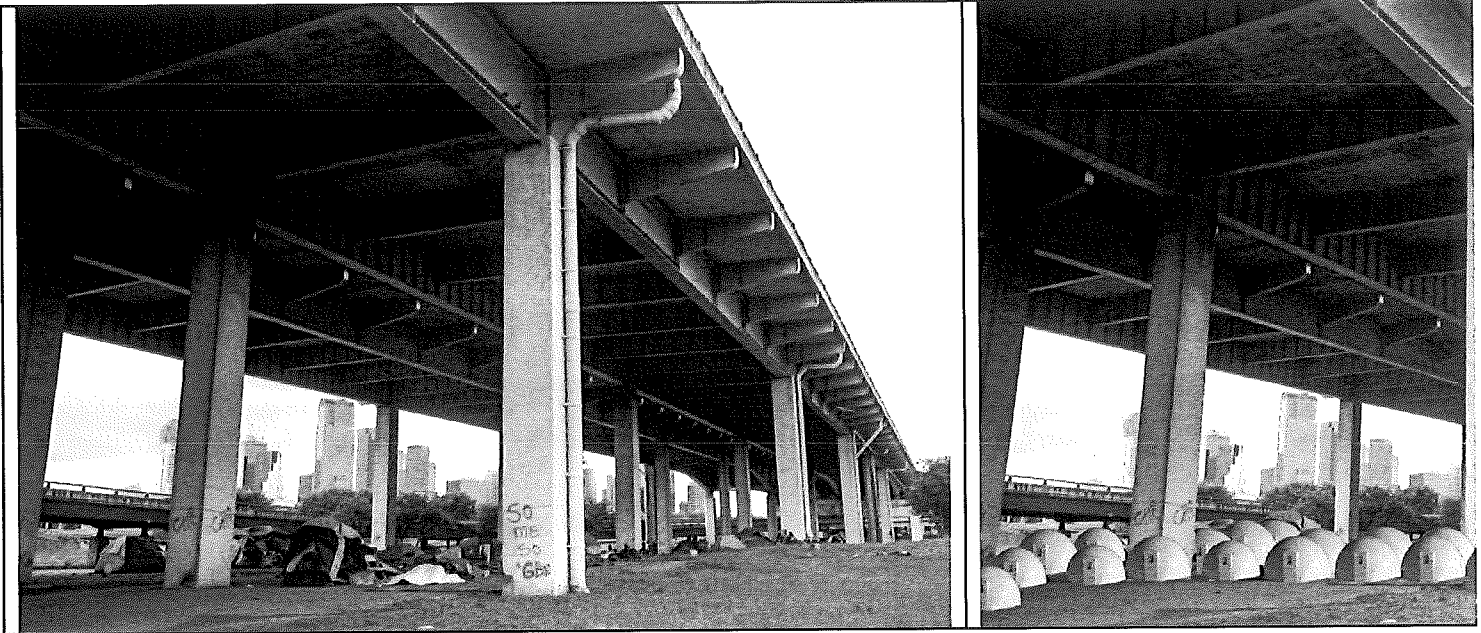
I've created the following outline to further get my point across...

Portland Pod Micro Transit Neighborhoods

What if the solution to sheltering our homeless population were to embrace the (State Owned) locations that this population often chooses to camp in? They chose to be under bridges as an obvious choice to keep some of the elements at bay. I would propose that instead of running them off to wander the streets, or to settle into other locations, perhaps safe efficient camps could be established.

**What if we turned this:
like this:**

Into something



Pictured above are small well insulated dome/housing kits already being sold <https://goo.gl/yzqPZb> at a cost of around \$10,000 each. Bulk purchasing could bring this cost down substantially. A built-in sleeping platform and table/chair arrangement could be installed. Clearly, such units are not the only way to go, but whatever the design – it should be easily movable so that it could be relocated whenever the need, such as construction, arises.

- A nearby wind/solar array could provide some limited shared electricity – metered to each residence.
- A central shower, laundry, and free donated-clothing shop. This might entail a signup sheet.
- Central toilet facilities should be provided.
- **Each pod could have its own address which would enable residents to apply for jobs.**
- Each pod would have a lock, however everyone coming in would be **required to sign an agreement to keep things tidy and clean at all times – subject to random inspection.**
- Residents could be offered work on building or putting the pods together.
- Others could be hired to keep the exterior areas clean.
- Still others could sign on to assist others to keep interior spaces clean.
- Separate areas could be established for those with drug problems, and be offered treatment on-site.

QUICK FACTS PORTLAND, OR.

- There are 4,177 people experiencing homelessness on any given night in Multnomah County
- Of those 4,177 people, **1,688** are physically sleeping on the streets or in their cars
- Of those 4,177 people, 757 are in transitional housing
- Of those 4,177 people, **1,752** are sleeping in shelters
- Adult homeless population by gender: 61.3% male, 36.2% female, 1.1% transgender, 1.4% other
- About 15% of the total homeless population is families with children
- 30.8% of the overall homeless population is chronically homeless

<http://joinpdx.org/information/>

HUD secretary says a homeless person costs taxpayers \$40,000 a year

"...at the end of the day, it costs, between shelters and emergency rooms and jails, it costs about **\$40,000** a year for a homeless person to be on the streets." **Mar 12, 2012** <https://goo.gl/v9zTQ> - Surely, the costs have risen significantly in the past five-plus years.

The average homeless person medical cost to taxpayers?

Obviously, being out in the elements and being vulnerable to attack is a real issue. Being inside with a door that locks could make a huge difference. Each (hospital) visit costs **\$3,700**; that's **\$18,500** spent per year for the average person and **\$44,400** spent per year for the highest users of emergency departments. People struggling with homelessness spend, on average, 3 nights per visit in the hospital which can cost over \$9,000. <https://goo.gl/9dI6pi>

Using the figures above:

- **1,688** sleeping on the streets or in their cars
- **1,752** are sleeping in shelters
- **This equates to 3440 people each day in need of shelter which equals approximately 138 million dollars per year that we are already spending.**

If what I'm proposing were put into effect - the cost to establish such communities capable of accommodating 3500 people in need, in multiple locations around the metro area - would initially be around **30 to 45 million dollars**.

NOTE: As residents regain their footing - costs would drop - as they move on - and others move into the newly available pods.

About me...

My wife, Georgina, and I have been living in Portland for about two and a half years. Her mother grew up here, and we are surrounded by friends and family. Needless to say, we love it here. Before moving to Portland, we lived in Astoria/New York City for eighteen years. There, in 2009 I originated the concept of what has become *one of the ten hottest art destinations in New York City*, The Welling Court Mural Project. In 2009, working in tandem with the AdHoc Arts Gallery, we began with around 40 muralists from around the world. These amazing artists painted murals over the gang-tagged walls of an area so run-down that the police department, located less than two miles away, had no idea that a grimy, sad little street called Welling Court even existed. The continuing ongoing transformation of not only the street, but entire surrounding area, has been nothing less than dramatic. Last year more than 160 artists returned for the 8th year to do it all over again.

My experience tells me that the smallest of efforts can often produce astounding results.

Thank you for what you are already doing for Portland.

As always, there's more to do...

Jonathan Ellis

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Kristin Retherford

From: Mary Boettcher <hrmary0413@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2018 8:11 AM
To: Kristin Retherford
Subject: Homeless Task Force

Good Morning :)

I wanted to make some comments about homelessness and mental health. Several years ago, I worked with a group that assisted the homeless out of West Salem Foursquare Church. More recently, I have been dealing with mental health issues with a family member. Here is what I have discovered in that time:

1. Even though we have a Mental Hospital here and mental health services, we don't have enough. I tried, unsuccessfully, to get mental health care for a family member for three months; even with two different sources of health insurance!! We finally found care for him but it wasn't easy. We are fortunate he did not follow through with suicide.
2. The family member contacted three different mental health crisis lines and felt that they had no real concern for him nor were they very helpful with advice. One of them actually asked him if he was okay enough for him to go because it was time for him to get off work.
3. When I worked with the homeless and heard their issues, they struggled with being able to get and keep ID to get services because another homeless person would steal it from them and use it or sell it.

The only way to get rid of homelessness is to be able to provide these people with the services they need mentally, physically and emotionally. However, sufficient resources need to be available and easily accessed.

If I ever had the money, I always wanted to start a facility that provided a safety deposit box style secured area for holding their ID and receiving important mail from Federal and State offices and employers and a telephone message service, so they could get the help they need and get them to a place where they could start looking for work. It would also have a separate section with bathrooms and showers.

On top of that, there needs to be a place where they can afford to live. That is difficult even for people who are currently working part-time, minimum wage jobs because it is all they can do or seniors on SS alone. Still, whenever we raise the minimum wage, everyone else raises prices. Unless we can raise wages without it creating higher prices, this will never change.

Also, why are all the rentals increasing their prices so high; both homes and apartments? It is making the homeless situation worse!

That is all I have for now. Thank you for your time.

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Mary Boettcher

Kristin Retherford

From: Kristen Sahlstrom <kristen0112@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2018 11:44 AM
To: Kristin Retherford
Subject: Homeless

Hello Kristin,

I won't be able to attend the meeting tonight but wanted the chance to voice my opinion on the topic. I fear going downtown because of the growing homeless population. I was there about a week ago and could hear a man from a distance rambling a long series of cuss words. I'm not a prude but there's a difference between "I just smashed my thumb swear words" and the ramblings of a crazy or drunk person. I drive thru Salem every day to get across the bridge to my home and the number of people lying on the sidewalks! I've lived in Salem my whole life and it's never been this bad. I attribute a great deal of the increase to what I refer to as feeding the bears. The group's that come and feed the homeless outside under the bridge I feel have been a contributing factor to the increase congregation and trash in the area. Please understand I'm not heart less. Most of these people have mental health or drug addictions and need help. But feeding them outside of a program is bringing more to the area. These groups should be barred from doing this downtown or required to go clean up the streets surrounding the area. The trash and human waste is so gross.

Now I see that a homeless camp is now located on the bike path going into the downtown river front park. That's the path I ride my bike to work in the spring and summer. It's not even navigatable at this point. Last summer as I rode to work a homeless man rolled out of his sleeping bag and began peeing in front of me. By the way there was a port a potty about 100 ft from where he slept. If I as a tax paying citizen were to decide I'm just going to squat down here on the street and pee I'm sure that someone would call the cops and I would be dealt with post haste. Why is it that the city decides to ignore the homeless population? I would like to begin riding from home to work is the homeless camp going to be removed?

Kristen

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Kristin Retherford

From: Amy Johnson
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2018 4:32 PM
To: Kristin Retherford
Cc: Sheri Wahrgren
Subject: FW: Homelessness in 1986

From: Susann Kaltwasser [mailto:rkaltwas@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2018 4:14 PM
To: citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: Homelessness in 1986

I think you might be interested in this editorial from the Statesman Journal in 1986.

Homeless need a hand

Salem has a problem with homeless people. The city is not alone, of course. Homelessness is a problem all over the country.

Salem's business community justifiably is concerned about the nuisance factor of homeless people in the downtown area. The main focus of any program, however, should be on the homeless people themselves and how they can be helped.

A committee, formed by the Salem City Council has recommended that Salem provide more low-income housing to address the problem. The committee also asked the city to increase downtown police patrols and to lobby other governmental agencies to help with the problem.

All of these are reasonable goals, but they will not address the problem adequately unless a coordinated, community-wide effort is made. Also, there must be an understanding that a sizable amount of money will be needed.

The scope of the homeless problem nationwide is disputed. A recent study by Professor Richard Freeman, a Harvard University economist, concluded that the number of homeless people in the United States last year was approximately 350,000. This supports the figure reported two years ago from a study by the federal Housing and Urban Development.

Critics of the studies and other advocates of the homeless say that the figure is far too low. They maintain that the number may be as high as 3 million.

Both figures may be wrong. But if Salem is any indication, the Harvard economist's figures certainly are too low.

The number of chronic mentally ill homeless people in the Salem area is estimated to be more than 400. This does not count homeless families, which are estimated at about 1,050 individuals, or 58 percent of the city's transient population.

A broadly based committee of public- and private-sector people just a few weeks ago completed a study of the problem of chronically mentally ill homeless people in Salem. That committee also helped prepare a grant request of \$96,550 to the Gannett Foundation's Community Priorities Program. If approved, the money will finance about one-third of the cost of a program to help that category of homeless people in this area. North-

west Human Services would administer the program.

Salem's problem of chronically mentally ill homeless people is exacerbated by the state institutions. Some of these people have been continually cycled through state institutions.

The problem of mentally ill people being removed from institutions began nationally in the 1950s with the decision that warehousing was not helping them. Rather, those who could be helped in community programs were returned to the communities from which they came.

The idea had merit, and the program increased during the 1960s and '70s. The concept largely failed, however, because the money to treat these patients in their own community was never provided. Consequently, many of these chronically mentally ill people have been living on the streets and under the bridges of local communities for years with almost no help.

That is true for Salem, and the condition has worsened in recent years because of a cut-back in federal money for local social programs. The living conditions of some of these people are deplorable. They scrounge for food from trash containers and sleep in parks or under bridges and ramps. They live a pitiful existence.

The Salem Downtown Association helped draw up the request for a Gannett Foundation grant. The business community has both a humanitarian and economic interest. The homeless people on the streets of Salem often are a nuisance to business owners and their customers. Any help that will keep the homeless people from loitering and bothering the business community will help both the homeless and local businesses.

The committee formed by the city council is on the right track in trying to solve the problem. Cooperation and coordination among city agencies, non-profit agencies and the state are mandatory, however. Oregon state government should bear much of the financial responsibility because of the recycling of patients committed to and released from institutions in Salem.

A coordinated program can improve the lives of these homeless people, and with that assistance, Salem will become a far better place to live. It's far past time we all shared in the responsibility.

Kristin Retherford

From: Ken Ploeser <creekwalkproject@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2018 4:50 PM
To: Kristin Retherford
Subject: Re: Comments for Downtown Homeless Solutions Task Force

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Hi Kristin, I am very interested in the DHSTF in that I started the Creek Walk Project last July. The CWP is, acting as an "Interested Citizen", walks a creek with creek health in mind. Any trashy locations found can be Marked by GPS, then notify me for further action.

I adopted Pringle Creek, from the Willamette Slough thru Bush Park. In finding appropriate Creeks & locations where CWP folks can evaluate. If there is a big problem, trash & etc they can go the SOLVe Program or Salem Adopt-a-Stream. The end goal of the CWP is for those folks will be inspired to Adopt their local creeks.

Before I promote Creek Walks in Salem I need to Be as aware as I can in meeting with the Salem PD re; the Unauthorized Campers all over the creek areas I will be evaluating. These folks are NOT criminals, they need help. Thusly, my interest in the DHSTF. I've spent the last 9 months+ researching over 25 Reports & Downtown development studies.

I do my homework. This has become a Very Important endeavor. I am 65 yrs young, full of arthritis & needed an outdoor activity. This started with my research of the Kalapuya Natives in the Waldo Hills, Macleay area. Follow streams to their Spring, starting downtown...ending on properties outside the Salem UGB.

After taking a Walk in Bush Park along Pringle Creek, it took only a few steps, only to observe plastic trash & homeless camps all along the walk. That was my motivation to research the Creeks & streams that flow thru Salem.

"Stewards of Rain to River" is my motto, one person at t time.

Many thanks,
Ken Ploeser
503-362-0873, call most anytime.
Please visit my Creek Walk Project Facebook page
I hope to see you at tonight's meeting

On Mon, Feb 26, 2018 at 5:15 AM, Kristin Retherford <KRetherford@cityofsalem.net> wrote:

Hi Ken. Comments can be submitted by email, however, if you don't want your email contact information included, you might want to include them as an attachment.

Kristin Retherford

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Many thanks,

Ken Ploeser

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visit us on Facebook

Kristin Retherford

From: Jon Reeves <Jon.Reeves@mwvcaa.org>
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2018 4:28 PM
To: Kristin Retherford
Subject: Fwd: 18 Month Coordinated Assessment Information
Attachments: image003.png; ATT00001.htm; First 18 Months Assessment.pptx; ATT00002.htm

Kristin

Here is the data I was referring to that will help people understand root causes and current factors affecting our people experiencing homelessness. This is coming from the ARCHES assessment team and is a document of the aggregated data that Jimmy continues to develop and update. If you want to share it with the task force we are supportive. If you have a different idea, let me know.

Thank you
Jon

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jimmy Jones <Jimmy.Jones@mwvcaa.org>
Date: March 9, 2018 at 1:26:20 PM PST
To: All-Arches <All-Arches@mwvcaa.org>
Subject: **18 Month Coordinated Assessment Information**

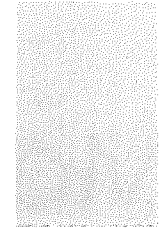
This is the first major update after the 1 year update in October 2017.

Some of the things you may want to know:

- Chronic rate is holding firm at about 35%.
- The Age is slightly lower the last six months (probably from the massive number of DV assessments).
- DV rate at RRH exploded the last six months. Up to 69.6% of female HoH with lifetime DV, and 33.8% of all female HoH state that they are fleeing.
- Shelter utilization rates have stabilized and reinforce both our experienced and expected PIT data.
- The income situation is worse than it was 6 months ago.
- FMR increase has also made rehousing much more problematic.
- Median income (for all clients, not just the ones with income) has fallen to \$2 per year. We have had a ton of no-incomes assessed the last six months.
- Vet picture is changing. Homeless vet rate has fallen to just 6.15% of those on our lists. Chronic rate remains high there (71% of PSH, 35% of RRH).
- We are housing vets hand over fist, but the ones that remain homeless are very difficult ones to house.

One slide, of many, below:

You will see, for every need type the incident rate declines with need level, as determined by the VI. Among other things, that reinforces the data validity of the tool model (the VI).



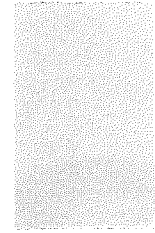
Coordinated Assessment of Marion and Polk: First 18 Months

THE ARCHES PROJECT
MARCH 1, 2018

The bottom section of the page features a large graphic. On the left is the logo for "COMMUNITY ACTION Community Resource Program". The words "COMMUNITY ACTION" are in a large, serif font, with a stylized graphic of three human figures below them. To the right, "Community Resource Program" is written in a smaller, cursive font. On the right side of this graphic is a black and white photograph of four people sitting around a table in a meeting. Below the photograph is the slogan "Helping People ★ Changing Lives" in a serif font.

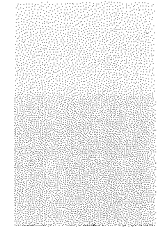
March 2018:

What's Being Measured?



- ▶ Adoption among COC, and COC funded partners of Vulnerability and Prioritization Concept.
- ▶ General agreement among shelters to enter clients into HMIS, except for special populations that are by law to be excluded (DV, RHY). UGM requires ARCHES assessment; Salvation Army to enter into HMIS directly.
- ▶ Use of:
 - ▶ VI-SPDAT
 - ▶ F-VI-SPDAT
 - ▶ PR-VI-SPDAT; PR-F-VI-SPDAT
 - ▶ VAT
- ▶ Full ARCHES Assessment of:
 - ▶ Federal Category 1 (Literally Homeless)
 - ▶ Federal Category 2 (Imminent Homeless)
 - ▶ Federal Category 4 (Individuals and Families Fleeing Domestic Violence)
- ▶ Only place in ROCC assessing 3 of the 4.

How the Information is Used



- ▶ All housing placements at ARCHES made based on vulnerability basis, based on VI-SPDAT scores, length of homelessness, client choice and appropriate placement considerations.
- ▶ ROCC Coordinated Entry requires all housing placements in the COC to be made on the same basis, including all local HUD funded projects.
- ▶ Data informs public planning, grant applications, public awareness, and collaboration with community partners.

Understanding this Data

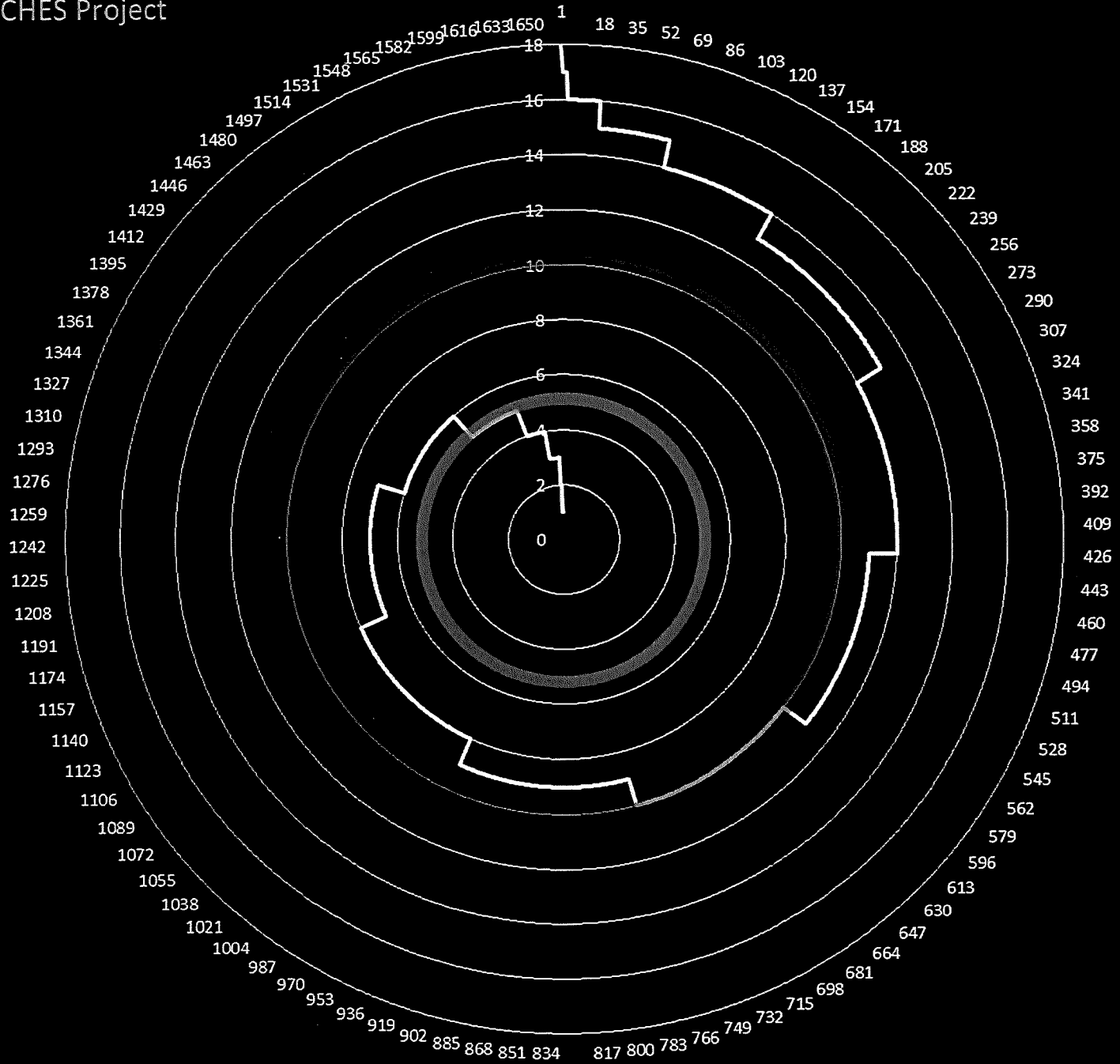
- ▶ VI-SPAT Breaks Client's Into Four Levels of Need-Based Interventions:
 - ▶ PSH: Permanent Supportive Housing.
 - ▶ These are high needs clients, generally tri-morbid with physical health, substance abuse, and mental health. Focus on long-term harm reduction.
 - ▶ RRH: Rapid Re-Housing.
 - ▶ A housing model most suited for medium needs clients, designed for up to two years support based but should be less, focuses on developing self-sufficiency skills.
 - ▶ Diversion.
 - ▶ Appropriate for low-needs clients who will likely rehouse on their own. Provides deposit assistance or more frequently navigation and resource information.
 - ▶ Prevention.
 - ▶ Lowest priority clients, who are not legally homeless but are generally housing unstable. Some one-time stability support, where necessary.

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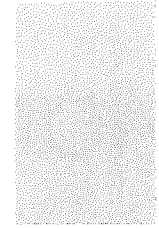
- ▶ Active Homeless Waitlist:
 - ▶ 1,529 Households on Active Waitlist
 - ▶ 2,392 Clients on Active Waitlist
- ▶ Active Prevention Waitlist:
 - ▶ 316 Households on Prevention Waitlist
 - ▶ 664 Clients on Prevention Waitlist
- ▶ Total Actives:
 - ▶ 1,845 Households (All Types)
 - ▶ 3,056 Clients (All Types)

The ARCHES Project

2016-2018 VI-SPDAT Scores



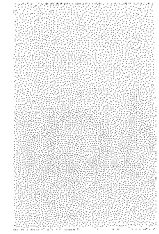
March 2018: Active Homeless



▶ **1,529 Households**

- ▶ **PSH: 682 Households; 967 Clients**
- ▶ **TH/RRH: 761 Households; 1,259 Clients**
- ▶ **Diversion: 86 Households; 166 Clients**

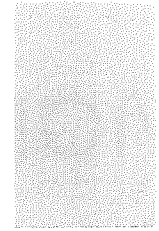
- **Total Homeless Clients: 2,392**
- **Chronic Homeless Households: 646/1,529 (42.2%)**
- **Chronic Single Count**
 - **(No others in household): 521/2,392 (21.8%)**
- **Absolute Chronic Rate per Homeless Person:**
 - **852/2,392 (35%; National Expectation 15-18%)**



March 2018: Active Homeless with Prevention (Housing Unstable)

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- **Total Clients (All Types): 3,056**

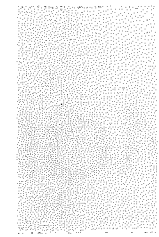
March 2018: Demographics (Active List)



▶ Age

- ▶ PSH: Median All: 43 (November 14, 1974)
- ▶ PSH: Median Singles: 44 (November 19, 1973)
- ▶ TH/RRH: Median All: 43 (January 18, 1975)
- ▶ TH/RRH: Median Singles: 45 (August 8, 1972)
- ▶ Diversion: Median All: 42 (October 15, 1975)
- ▶ Prevention: Median All: 44 (July 29, 1973)

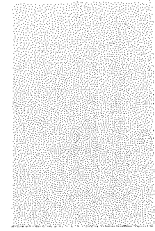
- ▶ Total: Median HH Date of Birth: 44 (December 6, 1973)



March 2018: Demographics of Active List

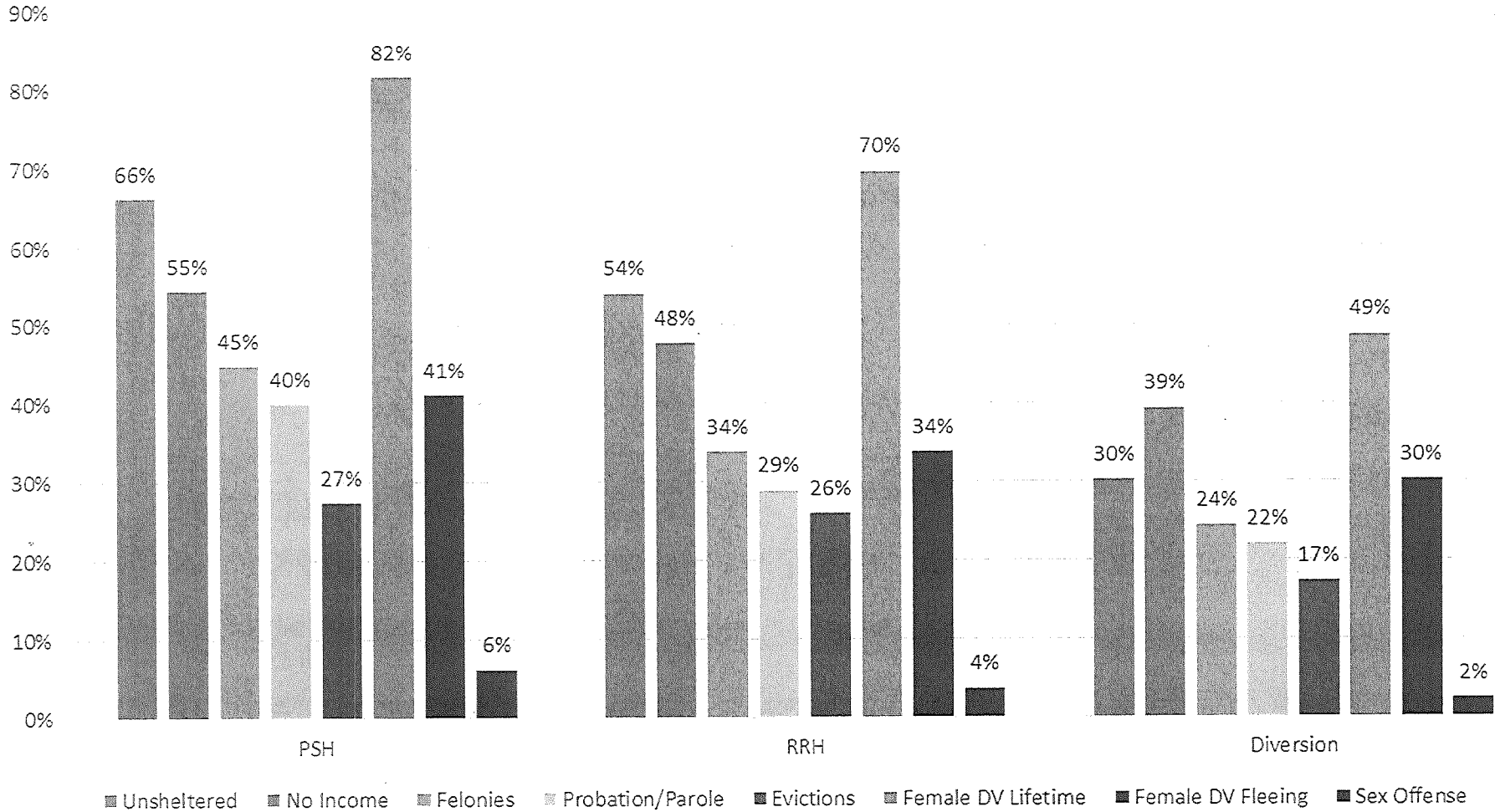
- ▶ **Gender (by Head of Household)**
 - ▶ **PSH:**
 - ▶ **Men 345 (50.6%); Women 337 (49.4%)**
 - ▶ **TH/RRH:**
 - ▶ **Men 401 (52.7%); Women 355 (46.6%); Other 5**
 - ▶ **Diversion:**
 - ▶ **Men 43 (50%); Women 43 (50%)**
 - ▶ **Prevention:**
 - ▶ **Men 141 (44.6%); Women 175 (55.4%)**
 - ▶ **TOTAL Homeless:**
 - ▶ **Men 789/1529 (51.6%); Women 735/1529 (48%) Other 5**
 - ▶ **Total Homeless and Prevention:**
 - ▶ **Men 930/1845 (50.4%); Women 910/1845 (49.3%); Other 5.**

March 2018: Domestic Violence

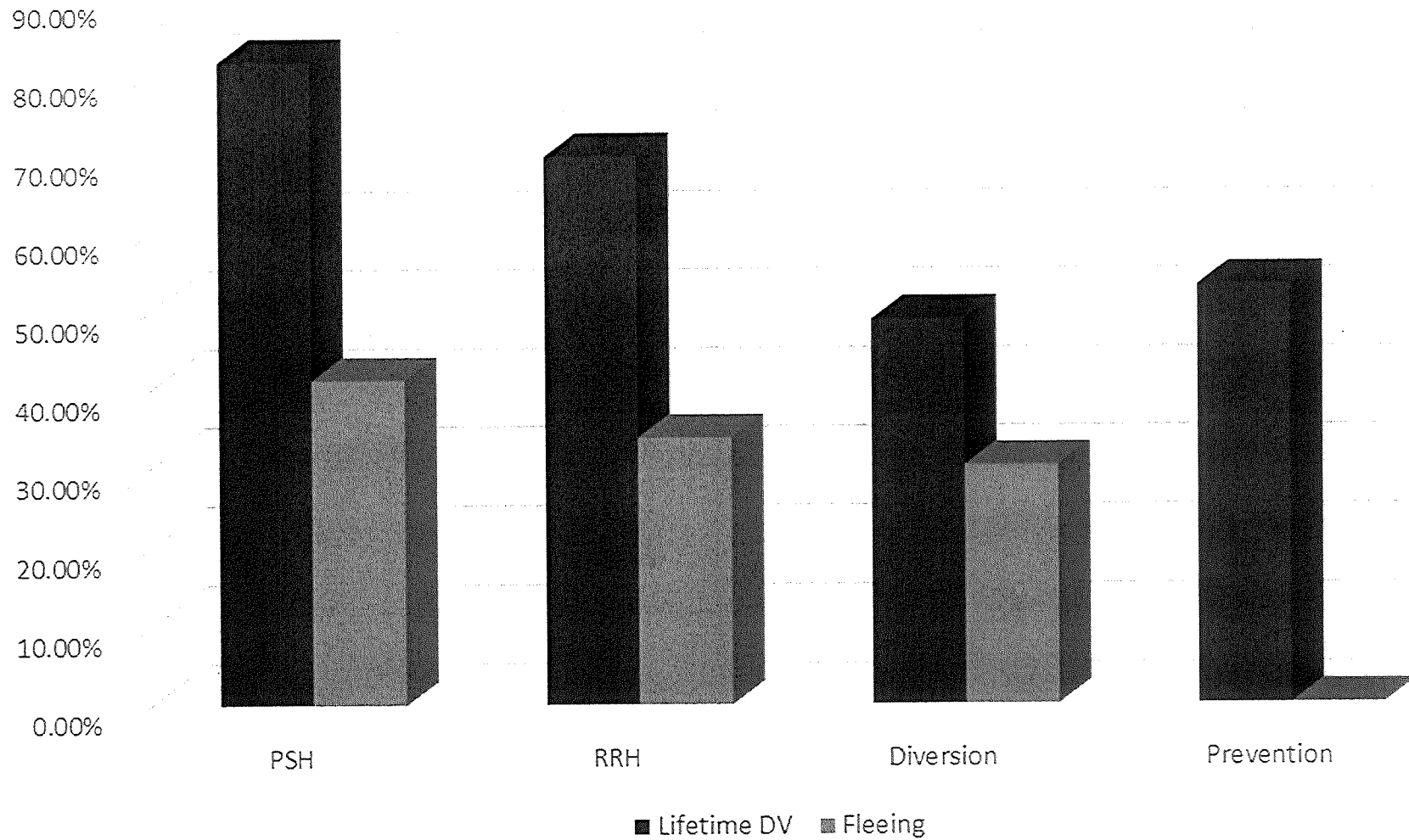


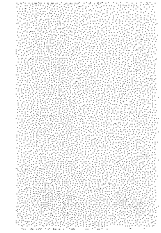
- ▶ Client Households Reporting DV Lifetime:
 - ▶ PSH: 384/682 (56.3%)
 - ▶ TH/RRH: 326/761 (42.8%)
 - ▶ Diversion: 26/86 (30.2%)
 - ▶ Prevention: 114/316 (36.1%)
 - ▶ Homeless Total: 736/1529 (48.1%)
 - ▶ Total ALL: 850/1845 (46.1%)
- ▶ Client Households Currently Fleeing DV:
 - ▶ PSH: 167/682 (24.4%)
 - ▶ TH/RRH: 147/761 (19.3%)
 - ▶ Diversion: 13/86 (15.1%)
 - ▶ Prevention: 0/316 (0%)
 - ▶ Homeless Total: 327/1529 (21.4%)
 - ▶ Total ALL: 327/1845 (17.7%)
- ▶ Female Head of Households Reporting DV Lifetime:
 - ▶ PSH: 275/337 (81.6%)
 - ▶ TH/RRH: 247/355 (69.6%)
 - ▶ Diversion: 21/43 (48.8%)
 - ▶ Prevention: 93/175 (53.1%)
 - ▶ Total Homeless: 543/735 (73.9%)
 - ▶ Total All: 636/910 (69.9%)
- ▶ Female Head of Households Fleeing DV:
 - ▶ PSH: 139/337 (41.2%)
 - ▶ TH/RRH: 120/355 (33.8%)
 - ▶ Diversion: 13/43 (30.2%)
 - ▶ Prevention: 0/175 (0%)
 - ▶ Total Homeless: 272/735 (37%)
 - ▶ Total All: 272/910 (29.9%)

Homeless Barrier Rates



Female Head of Household: Lifetime DV Reports and Currently Fleeing

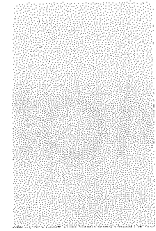




March 2018: Barriers :: Criminal

- ▶ **Felonies Last 7 Years:**
 - ▶ **PSH: 306/682 (44.9%)**
 - ▶ **TH/RRH: 257/761 (33.8%)**
 - ▶ **Diversion: 21/86 (24.4%)**
 - ▶ **Prevention: 85/316 (26.9%)**
 - ▶ **ALL Homeless: 584/1529 (38.2%)**
 - ▶ **ALL Totals: 669/1845 (36.3%)**

March 2018: Barriers :: Criminal



▶ Probation and Parole:

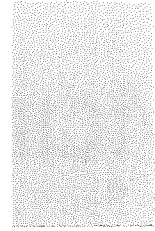
- ▶ PSH: 273/682 (40%)
- ▶ TH/RRH: 220/761 (28.9%)
- ▶ Diversion: 19/86 (22.1%)
- ▶ Prevention: 63/316 (19.9%)
- ▶ ALL Homeless: 512/1529 (33.5%)
- ▶ ALL Totals: 575/1845 (31.2%)

March 2018: Barriers :: Criminal

▶ Sex Offenders:

- ▶ PSH: 42/682 (6.2%)
- ▶ TH/RRH: 28/761 (3.7%)
- ▶ Diversion: 2/86 (2.3%)
- ▶ Prevention: 8/316 (2.5%)
- ▶ ALL Homeless: 72/1529 (4.7%)
- ▶ ALL Totals: 80/1845 (4.3%)

March 2018: Barriers :: Shelter Utilization

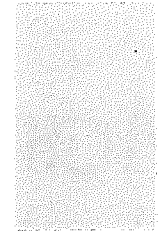


▶ Shelter:

- ▶ PSH: 230/682 (33.7%)
- ▶ TH/RRH: 349/761 (45.9%)
- ▶ Diversion: 60/86 (69.8%)
- ▶ ALL Homeless: 639/1529 (41.8%)*

- ▶ * Constant shelter rate of 42% suggests the PIT COUNT is considerably inaccurate. We should be able to expect 58% unsheltered in Marion/Polk.

March 2018: Barriers :: Evictions



▶ **Evictions:**

- ▶ **PSH: 187/682 (27.4%): 233 Total Evictions.**
- ▶ **TH/RRH: 198/761 (26%): 225 Total Evictions.**
- ▶ **Diversion: 15/86 (17.4%): 15 Total Evictions.**
- ▶ **Prevention: 74/316 (23.4%): 97 Total Evictions.**
- ▶ **ALL Homeless: 400/1529 (26.2%): 473 Total Evictions.**
- ▶ **ALL Totals: 474/1845 (25.7%): 570 Total Evictions.**

March 2018: Income

▶ **PSH: 310/682 (45.5%)**

- ▶ Total Annual Income: \$2,891,783.60.
- ▶ Average: \$4,246.38; Average of HH with Income: \$9,328.33.
- ▶ Median of HH with Income : \$8,820.

▶ **TH/RRH: 405/761 (53.2%)**

- ▶ Total Annual Income: \$3,957,586.04
- ▶ Average: \$5,099.98; Average of HH with Income: \$9,771.82.
- ▶ Median of HH with Income : 8,800.

▶ **Diversion: 53/86 (61.6%)**

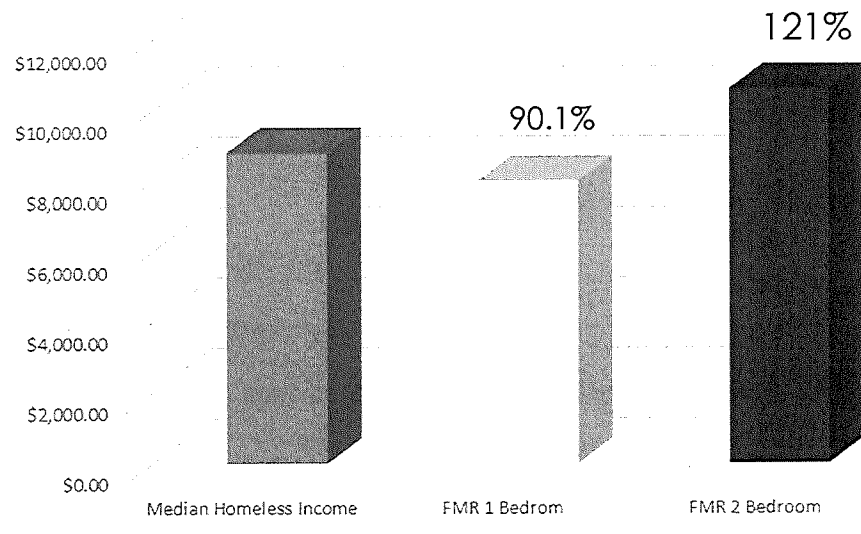
- ▶ Total Annual Income: \$705,735.
- ▶ Average: \$8,206.22; Average of HH with Income: \$13,315.75.
- ▶ Median of HH with Income : \$11,400.

▶ **Prevention: 215/316 (68%)**

- ▶ Total Annual Income: \$2,786,859.22.
- ▶ Average: \$8,791.35; Average of HH with Income: \$12,962.14.
- ▶ Median of HH with Income : \$9,600.

Results: Homeless Income

Marion County Annual Rental Cost
and Fair Market Rates, 2018



- Households with income: 768/1529 (51.4%);
 - Total Homeless Income: \$7,555,104.64.
 - Homeless Household Average Income: \$4,941.21.
 - **Oregon Median Household Income is \$54,148 (2015).**
 - **139.53 Median Family Incomes earn the Homeless Total (1529 HH).**
 - **Ratio: 10.96 Homeless Households to 1 Median Family Income.**
 - Median Homeless Income is \$8,820 (of those who have any).
 - Median Income (All Homeless): \$2, per year.

March 2018: Military Service

- ▶ **136 Households of 1845 (Homeless/Prevention)**
 - ▶ **PSH: 35/1529 (2.29%) 55 Clients in HH; 25 chronic (71.4%)**
 - ▶ **TH/RRH: 54/761 (7.1%) 70 Clients in HH; 19 chronic (35.2%)**
 - ▶ **Diversion: 5/86 (5.8%) 8 Clients in HH; 1 chronic (20%)**
 - ▶ **Prevention: 42/316 (13.3%) 72 clients in HH; 0 chronic**
- **Total Homeless Vets: 94/1529 (6.15%)**
- **Total Vets All Types: 136/1845 (7.37%)**
- **Total Clients in All Vet Households: 205**
- **Chronic Vet Households: 45/94 (47.8%)**

2018 ARCHES Project Priorities and Objectives

- ▶ Expanding and deepening assessment model and culture of assessment.
- ▶ End Veteran Homelessness in Marion/Polk, reaching functional zero.
- ▶ Reduce Chronic Homelessness by 20%.
 - ▶ HRAP – Salem Housing Authority-MWVCAA.
 - ▶ VRAP – Salem Housing Authority-MWVCAA.
 - ▶ Cascade Housing Project.
- ▶ Faster turnaround on ARCHES PH-RRH.
- ▶ More accurate PIT Count.
- ▶ Expand Program Offerings.
- ▶ Extension of ROCC CE Protocols in Region 7.
- ▶ Complete Day Center Renovation.
- ▶ Expand Colocation Model.
- ▶ Push Grants over \$4,000,000.

Kristin Retherford

From: NoReply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of mickivarney@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2018 8:30 PM
To: Kristin Retherford
Subject: Contact Kristin Retherford

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Your Name	Micki Varney
Your Email	mickivarney@gmail.com
Your Phone	971-301-5452
Street	1976 Turnage St
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	<p>Hi Kristin and Kara, Thank you for all that you're doing with the downtown homeless task force. I was really moved by the compassion voiced by so many of the task force members at the last meeting that have a business or live near downtown who encounter the homeless on a daily basis. I know there is no magic pill or easy solution but just coming together and talking about the issues and bringing awareness to a rapidly growing condition In so many of our cities nationwide is so very important. I know the task force is focused on short term, immediate things we can do but I hope the conversation continues. I help serve dinner to the homeless at City Vibe on Friday evenings here in West Salem. After everyone is served I have a chance to grab a bite to eat myself and go sit down at a table and chat with individuals. Tonight Simon was talking to me about how he lives down in South Salem but he rides his bike up to dinner in West Salem every Friday and then rides it back Down south where he spends his evenings afterwards. Wilma was excited to show me a testimonial of her life that it took her four days to write and she was so excited because she was going to posted on her website. Arthur was telling me about some weather contraption up in Alaska had all kinds of weather producing machines the governments In various countries have secretly designed In their militaries to wreck havoc on countries they are at war with. Then there is John who greets me with a smile and a hug every week and often gives me a poem he has written. He encountered some pretty rough times in his life and has turned things around and now tries to be a role model for others and yes he is still homeless. He wrote a little poem about being homeless and gave it to me this evening. He said I could share it with others if I wanted. I took a picture of it and have attached it so you could see it too. I decided to write tonight because at the last task force meeting, when I question was asked about the representation of different groups at the table, someone mentioned that the person who wasn't at the table being represented was the homeless themselves. I wanted to share because they are people Just like us. However because of a turn of the cards somewhere in their lives, they continue to have to deal with some pretty major obstacles on a daily basis. I am hopeful that step-by-step we can do something to help. Thank you for taking the steps you are. Micki</p>

Kristin Retherford

From: NoReply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of verywavygravy@yahoo.com
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Your Name	Peter A Urban
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Your Phone	5035405652
Street	703 Scenic Hts Dr SE
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97306
Message	Hello. I wonder if your homeless task force is familiar with General Assistance Program. http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/SENIORS-DISABILITIES/SPPD/Pages/General-Assistance-Program.aspx If you wish to know additional details, feel welcome to contact me or call the referral number provided. Peter Urban Disability Analyst DHS/PMDDT/GA Program 503 373-1397

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Kristin Retherford

From: totally@totallycreativeconcepts.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 6:54 PM
To: Kristin Retherford
Cc: Kenny Larson
Subject: Homeless issues

Ms. Retherford,

I received your name & e-mail address from Kenny Larson, last week when I visited the Mayor's office to talk about a cleanup of ODOT property just north of SunnyView Rd., on the west embankment of I-5.

I am a school bus driver working for Salem-Keizer school district (24-J,) and drive by the abandoned homeless camp located there, every morning on my way to Waldo Middle School.

In a word, it is a mess.

Mr. Larson was unclear what ODOT's plans were regarding this piece of their property: He stated liaison efforts were still happening. I offered my services for a cleanup of the property, and offered also, to solicit the efforts of some of my friends & colleagues.

I am hoping Mr. Larson will contact me re. this offer, in the very near future.

He also tendered your name as a 'point person' for the larger questions of how to address not only the detritus of unsanctioned camp sites in Salem, but also how to creatively address the root issues of homelessness, and bring to bear the wealth (in terms of goodwill, land/building stock, educational & mental/emotional/physical health efforts and monitoring... a meld of 'carrots & sticks') of our community's citizens. This is in the context of your status as Director of Urban Development for the City of Salem.

Please allow a slight digression.

I have been a resident of Salem since 1980. I've raised 4 children here, operated a couple of small businesses (Totally Creative Concepts & Gregg Dart Construction,) and been an active volunteer in many formats: parent coops, public school classrooms, [Packrat] Community recycling, Pringle Creek Watershed Council, Marion County Solid Waste Advisory Council, and the South Central Area Neighborhood (SCAN) Association board.

I am a few months shy of my retirement from my position as a school bus driver; I will be returning to active participation as a purveyor of vocational services, in July of this year.

For the last 6 years, I have driven [roughly] the same route for each of these years, and though "cogitation" time while driving a school bus is not an every day event, over the course of these years of service, and especially because I have covered the [approximately] same geographic territory, I have come to some 'wild hair' ideas. I'd like to elucidate these for you, and hopefully, in part, if not in the whole, you may find some traction, there in.

(One more critical point, as I, along with millions of others on planet Earth mourn the loss of Stephen Hawking today: This is our only planet, and it must be treated tenderly. Human beings, for better or worse, are dominant enough, as a species, to have dramatic effects on our nest. Hawking, who spent the predominant portion of his life confined to a wheel chair, with ALS disease, had these sage words to his children... 'never stop working; work conveys hope and dignity in each of us, and each of can be contributors toward a better world. And keep your eyes on the stars instead of your feet.')

Here then are some of my ideas:

- \$ can be generated to fund services aimed specifically at changing circumstances, behavior and opportunities for/with those deemed "homeless." This cash can come from a variety of sources, including:
 1. Block Grants.
 2. Lottery funds.
 3. Gas/Liquor/Cigarette/Travel taxes.
 4. Small business start ups operated by participating members of Salem's "homeless" residents.*
 5. Donations & charitable contributions.

- Ample land (and empty buildings) exist to house every single one of Salem's "Homeless" community. I've seen the empty spaces (though I do admit these areas are filling in rapidly... a measure of urban development, and a greater source of [potential] tax revenue.) And I've seen empty domiciles & commercial buildings, up for sale, seemingly abandoned, or somewhere in between. These resources are waiting for utilization, while their fates/status remains hazy.

You might ask, "How can we (the Salem Community) make use of this private property?" And I answer that rhetorical question with this practical answer: \$.

Take funds (from the above suggested list) and funnel them into pragmatic channels of social transformation. "Your house is empty?" "Alright, here are X number of dollars, (and an iron-clad insurance program) to compensate you for the use of your vacant property, and your empty house/building."

And if this doesn't work, there is always good old 'imminent domain' as the "stick" for this section of the community. (If a 'behavior modification' program can be instituted for those with the least, it can also be drafted to serve the greater good of our community, on the backs of those with more.) My hunch though, is enough "volunteers" can be found to cash in on rich offerings of ready cash and unbreakable bonds of compensation for any destruction of property.

I know, These are socialist sentiments, and certainly not very popular in the times we live in (Unless you are under the age of 25 and believe the message Bernie Sanders has been offering most of his adult life!). But frankly, neither is the site of wasted lives, resources and opportunities, I witness on a daily basis.

- Mechanics... how does such a 'pie in the sky' idea work?

First, an accurate census is needed. Do you know how many people we are talking about? I don't, but my guess is somewhere around 10,000. This counts all the people on the edge, sleeping on a friend or relative's couch, or in their driveway, in cars & trucks. Plus, all the people living at the Gospel Mission, and in the bushes all around town. Regardless, even if it is only 2,500, it is 2,500 too many.

Next, mental/physical/emotional & socio-economic assessments are needed, to quantify whom can do what: Hammer nails, paint pictures, take classes, receive (& give!) counseling, baby sit kids, play ping pong (Yes. Play ping pong in the longest "homeless" ping pong tournament ever hosted; generating enormous interest, at least for 15 minutes in this gossip-crazy world, and a flow of \$ to add to the coffers mentioned above.)... you & I both know the list of "needs" far outstrips the list of available (at least at present,) "do's."

The idea is to generate dignity, health, stability, and community "growth" that inspires each of us to do SOMETHING, even if that thing is once a month, for 1 hour of our time, or \$2 (the cost of a cup of coffee in many places in town,) to add up into a better world.

Sure. Right. Interesting fantasies, but who administers, oversees, and in small (& large measures) make it happen? Who's in charge?

Well, Salem happens to be the State capital, the County seat, the home of a city government, and at least some federal presence... surely these bureaucracies have enough wherewithal to cooperate on a trial basis for the costs, organizational structure, over site, coordination and administration of this 'make our world great again' flotilla?

- So. What's holding up this utopia-in-waiting? NOTHING but our own failures to act...

Please feel free to contact me via e-mail or phone: (503) 551-4422. Respectfully, Gregg Dart

* Here are some biz ideas to be started & operated by "homeless" individuals (with appropriate training, supervision & support of professionals & community members):

Community Supported Agricultural (CSA) endeavors; manufacture of "tiny homes" (for residents operating CSA's in niche locations); Building material salvage/processing/preparation (for "tiny home" building purposes; installation of solar/wind/water energy generation arrays; 'barefoot doctor' service providers (also providing basic eye & teeth care services); comedic/dramatic relief team performers; weed pullers; animal waste removers; dog walkers; musical performers; poets & story tellers; child/adult care providers; mural painters; book readers; meal preparers... and on and on!

What are we solving for?

1. Bathrooms/toilets/hygiene
2. Behavioral expectations
3. Safe Downtown for everyone
4. Clean-up garbage/human waste

Potential causes of the problem

1. Substance abuse and mental health
2. Low housing stock over the past 10 years (for low-income persons)
3. Lack of transitional housing
4. Lack of personal resources/toilets/showers

Who is impacted by the problem? How many people/groups does this impact?

- Families of homeless individuals
- Homeless individuals
- Retailers/business/customers/property owners impacted due to safety, cleanliness, especially after dark
- Economic impact
- Put/donate funds towards clean-up
- Visitors (out of town) world-wide problem
- City government - not limited to downtown
- Police- unfairly burdened
- All first responders
- Health care & charity organization
- Residents
- Civil, criminal justice system

Who needs to be involved in solving the problem, who are the players?

- State agencies
- Hospital
- County
- Homeless representative
- Faith organizations – street ministries
- Council
- Business/Retailers
- Service providers
- Higher learning

How do they relate to the problem?

Service Providers & Faith Organizations

- Shelter
- Day space, laundry, showers
- Meals
- Storage
- Relationship building
- Case management

City/County/State

- Funding
- Relationship building
- Policing and emergency response
- Handling complaints
- Clean-up
- Connection to resources

Business and Property Owners

- Clean-up and sanitation
- Economic impacts
- Customer and employee fear
- Property value impacts (Attracting and keeping tenants)
- Relationship building
- Lack of resources (Who do they contact?)

Educational Institutions

- Relationship building
- Skills training
- Fundraising

Statements (Homeless Individuals)

Homeless individuals are overwhelmed with challenges and feelings of hopelessness.

Homeless individuals have sanitation & hygiene needs.

Homeless individuals have safety needs.

Homeless individuals have difficulty navigating processes.

Homeless individuals sometimes trespass on private property and leave messes for others to clean up.

Statements (Service Providers and Faith Organizations)

Service providers do not have enough resources to meet needs.

Service providers experience great demand for access to case management, shelter, food, showers, clothing, and laundry equipment.

Service providers have expertise in relationship building and mentoring.

Statements (Workers and Visitors)

People who work and visit downtown are concerned about safety issues.

People who work and visit downtown experience sanitation issues.

People who work and visit downtown don't know how to help.

Statements (Businesses)

Businesses face sanitation issues such as human waste and trash and have to spend their time cleaning up after homeless individuals.

Businesses have homeless individuals camp and loiter in front of their storefront.

Businesses have homeless individuals trespass on their private property and use facilities intended for customer use.

Businesses have customers who don't want to go into their stores because of behaviors of homeless individuals.

Businesses don't know who to contact to get help with (and for) homeless individuals.

Statements (Property Owners)

Property owners face many of the same issues as business owners, such as sanitation, waste, camping, and loitering.

Property owners have challenges attracting and keeping tenants due to the impacts of homelessness.

Property owners incur costs for security and cleaning related to the impacts of homeless individuals.

Property owners don't know who to contact to get help with (and for) homeless individuals.

Solution ideas from community comments:

Cleanliness, Hygiene and Sanitation

- Provide public restrooms open 24/7 and showers.
- Offer chits to redeem for food, shelter and clothing.
- Post rules for downtown behavior.
- Regularly clean the downtown.
- Pass an ordinance not to allow public defecation and cite people for leaving refuse and for defecation in public.
- Offer lockable storage for belongings.
- Offer jobs to homeless (including health insurance coverage) to build and maintain shelters, bathrooms/showers.
- Mobile showers
- Mobile laundry
- Post resource lists.
- Restore Porta Potties downtown.
- Pay homeless to pick up trash.
- Provide safe space for storage.
- Move the UGM out of the downtown.
- Pay homeless to keep their areas clean.
- Stop having food drops or providing meals outside of shelters, and groups who feed/supply food should be required to pick up the waste and litter.
- Enforce ordinances against human defecation in public.

Solution ideas from community comments:

Camping and loitering

- Make “vagrancy” illegal to get folks into the existing system for treatment.
- Have Police tour downtown and roust campers nightly.
- Pass ordinance to make it an offense to camp in public areas, parks and sidewalks. Impose fines or jail time and make these rather drastic so they can act as a deterrent.
- Empower the city, similar to what is being proposed in Portland, to take action, regardless of who owns a property where a homeless camp is established.
- Empower judges to impose fines and jail sentences without the possibility of appeal, as long as the facts are clear and evidence shows that (a) law(s) were broken
- Empower local law enforcement to act swiftly and caution homeless people or, alternatively arrest them and hold up deadlines, i.e. give for example 24 hours notice.
- Put constant pressure on homeless people and keep them on the move so that they leave Salem and surrounding areas.
- Enforce loitering and panhandling laws and/or ordinances or in absence of such create them in order to remove panhandlers from street corner and campers from parks and downtown.
- Hold people accountable and hold them responsible for their actions or lack thereof.

Solution ideas from community comments:

Public Safety

- Deputize group to enforce downtown rules.
- Increase police patrols.

Solution ideas from community comments:

Broad issues

- Streamline funding for the most impact
- Dry shelters – transitional housing
- Use taxes from marijuana sales for mental health and drug rehab
- Tiny house communities
- Dedicate apartments for homeless families.
- Look at solutions from successful cities.
- Utilize abandoned buildings (i.e. Truitt Bros warehouse, old K-Mart on 25th) near services.
- Rent stabilization.
- Reintegration programs.
- Tent City: Pick one location near services: tents, Porta Potties, and garbage cans.
- Partner with Chamber of Commerce to give jobs to job ready homeless.
- LEAD program – Navigator tracks homeless folks and offers medical treatment and prevention.
- Declare homelessness a public health emergency .
- Sobering center
- Set up “pod” camps under the road overpasses with solar power and central bathrooms /showers – each pod would have a legal address so people could apply for jobs.
- Employ homeless to build pod homes.
- Safe place to receive mail/ fixed address to get a job
- Help homeless individuals start up small businesses.
- More mental health facilities