

EMS' Role in Addressing Homelessness

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Presentation Objectives

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The role of EMS in addressing homelessness

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The effects of homelessness in the aging population

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The effects of homelessness on health equity

- Population: 412,703
- White (70.3%), Hispanic (17.1%), Black or African American (9.2%), Other (3.4%)
- Persons 65 and over 28.4%
- Persons without health insurance 15.7%
- 1,138 unhoused people



Manatee County Community Paramedicine Program



Manatee County Community Paramedicine Program

- 5 target groups
 - Frequent Falls
 - Diabetic Patients
 - Congestive Heart Failure / Chronic Respiratory Conditions
 - High System Utilizers
 - Mental Health / Substance Abuse
 - *Homelessness- Housing is a key SDOH*
 - *14% of CP clients are homeless*



Homeless Outreach



Community Partnerships





Statistics

- Manatee County PIT Count
 - 1,138 homeless people
 - 22.4% of homeless population is chronically homeless
- Manatee County Jail
 - 20% of our jail is homeless





Aging

- Half CP homeless clients are over 55
 - Most are underinsured
 - Many don't understand benefits they are entitled to
 - Limited income
- Homelessness creates new health problems and exacerbates existing ones
- Homeless people in their 50's generally display the geriatric difficulties of housed people age 75 or 80.





Housing is Healthcare

- No amount of healthcare can replace stable housing
- Health compromised by homelessness
 - Cleanliness
 - Recovery time
- Living in a shelter
 - COVID
 - Other communicable diseases
 - Maintaining healthy diet



Successes and Challenges



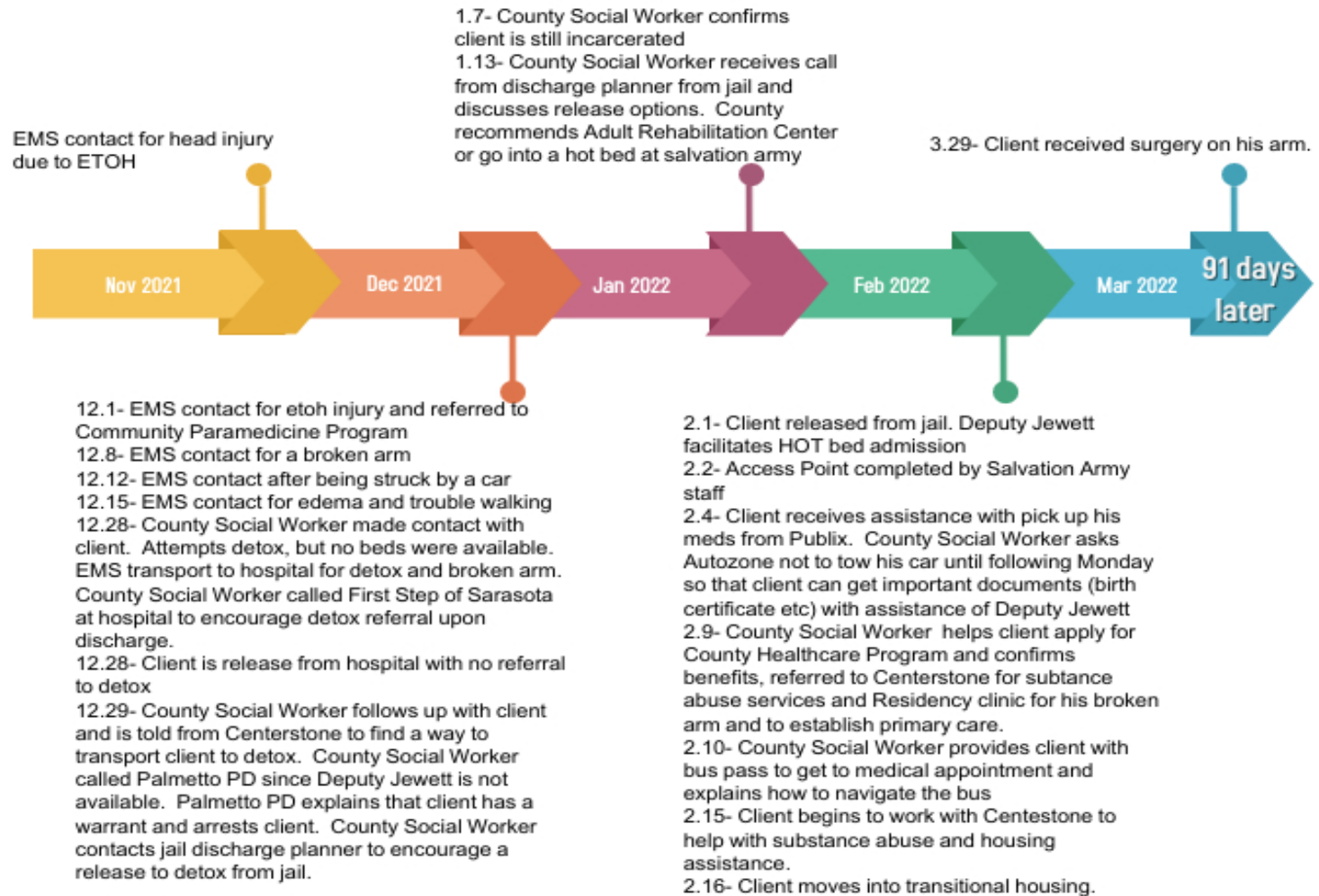
HOT Program



- Partnership with Manatee County Sherriff's Office and The Salvation Army
- Started in March 2022
- 10 beds

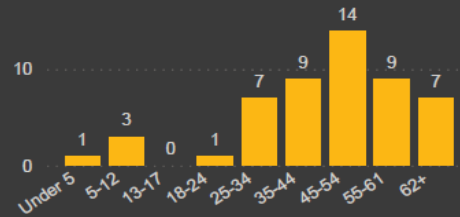


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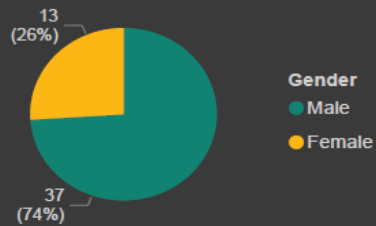


HOT Bed Dashboard

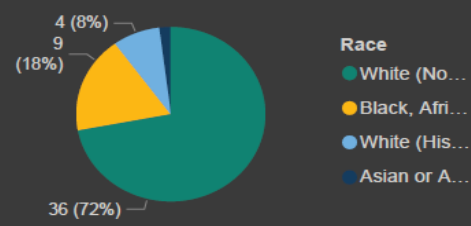
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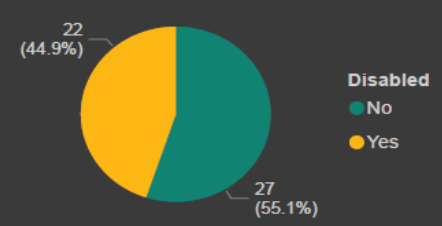
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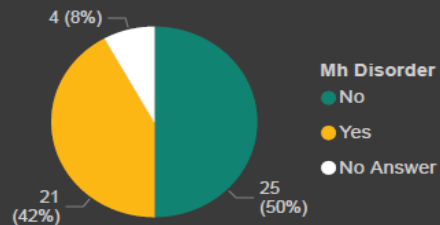
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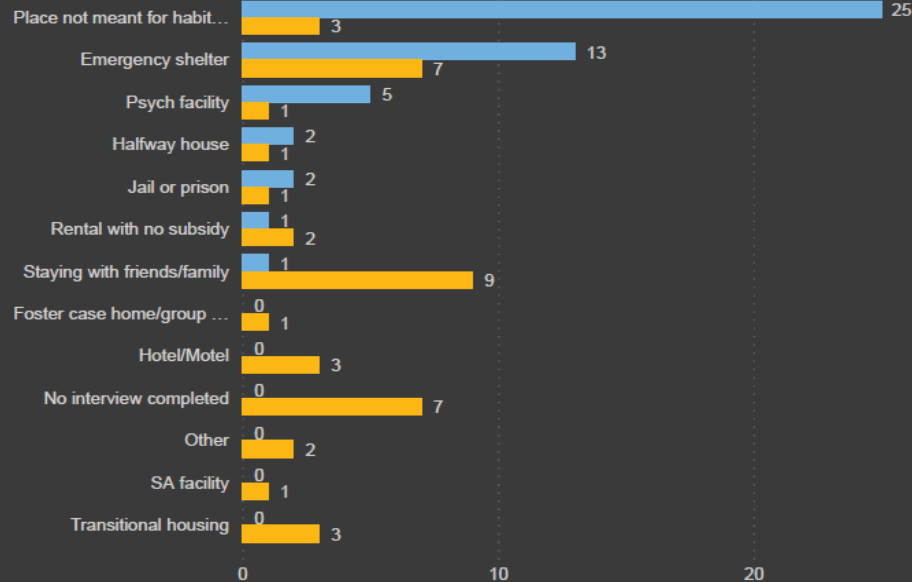


Mental Health Disorder

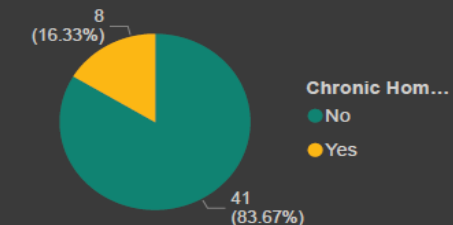


HOT Bed Outcomes

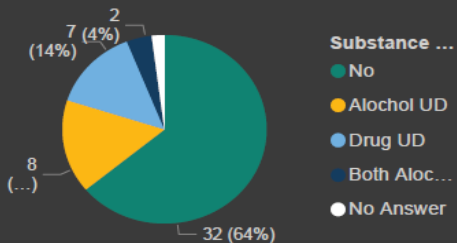
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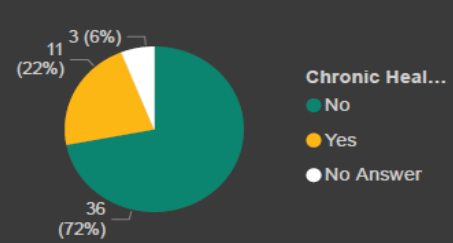
Chronic Homelessness



Substance Use Disorder



Chronic Health Condition



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