

Homeward Board Meeting
March 4, 2024 / 12:00 PM-1:00 PM
RiverPlace – 2309 Euclid Avenue, Room 1A
IN PERSON

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Approve Agenda***
- 3. Consent Items***
 - 3.1. Homeward February 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - 3.2. Homeward January 2024 Financials
 - 3.3. Director Advisory Council Minutes
 - 3.4. Coordinated Services Committee Minutes
 - 3.5. Performance Measures Committee Minutes
 - 3.6. Greater Des Moines Supportive Housing – Letter of Support HOME funds (approved by email vote)
- 4. Nominating Committee** – Nathan Simpson
- 5. Equity Committee** – Manisha Paudel
- 6. Grant Committee** – Angie Dethlefs-Trettin
 - 6.1. Continuum of Care Pre-NOFO Timeline
- 7. Gap Analysis** – Angie Arthur
- 8. Executive Director’s Report** – Angie Arthur
- 9. Business**
 - 9.1. Youth/Young Adults – Amy Croll
 - 9.2. Analysis of Aging – Kasper Kitteridge
 - 9.3. Homelessness is a Housing Problem (Co-Author – Gregg Colburn)
- 10. Public Comment/Announcements**
- 11. Adjournment**

Next Meeting is April 8, 2024

Homeward Board Meeting

February 12, 2024 / 12:00 PM-1:00 PM
RiverPlace – 2309 Euclid Avenue, Room 1A
IN PERSON

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Angie Dethlefs-Trettin, Katie Snell, Tony Montgomery, Lori Jensen, Amanda Wanke, Alyson Simmons, Dennis Henderson, Lyn Wilson, Tami Nielsen, David Weidt, Rebecca Foster, Amber Lewis, Lorna Garcia

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Brett Burk, Frederick Gaddy, Charles Hill, Jennifer Miner, Jill Padgett, Manisha Paudel, Nathan Simpson, Ehren Stover Wright, Annie Uetz, Whitney Warnke

GUESTS

Emily Osweiler, Cynthia Latcham, Randy Jansen, Jeremy Orcutt, Pat Schacherer

STAFF

Angie Arthur, Amy Croll, James McKee

APPROVE OF AGENDA

Amanda Wanke moved to approve the agenda. Rebecca Foster seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Alyson Simmons moved to approve the consent agenda. Amanda Wanke seconded. Carried

PERFORMANCE MEASURES COMMITTEE

Pat Schacherer reviewed that performance measures have not been set in the past due to unfunded nature of street outreach, however, with additional funding and interest in street outreach, a performance measure was developed. This data will help with the documentation of chronicity.

These measure include the following:

- 7 days to enter data from the point of contact, positive exits
- 20% will exit to shelter, including emergency shelter (90 days or more), destination error rate
- 50% (this is a challenge due to not all street outreach being conducted by HUD providers and the largest provider is not HUD funded, it would be helpful to have all providers using HMIS,
- data quality (what percentage of data completeness exists in the client record?),



- client inactivity (have you had contact with a client in the last 90 days as they need to have contact with each person within 90 days)

Recommendation does not need a second. Vote to include the performance measure. Motion passes.

EQUITY COMMITTEE – Manisha Paudel

Tabled to the March 4, 2024 meeting.

GAP ANALYSIS ASSESSMENT – Angie Arthur

The gap analysis report has been released. Nationwide Foundation was the only sponsor of the analysis. The full report and the summary report is currently housed on the website. Immediate action: Family emergency shelter of at least 29 beds, significant increase in RRH and PSH for single adults, and focus on Housing Case Management across all programs and enhance Centralized Intake.

The annual funding amount is estimated to be \$19.6M to optimize the system. This was presented to the Iowa Finance Authority to complete a state-wide gap analysis study on behalf of the Balance of State.

Media coverage: KCCI and Des Moines Register.

Communications committee to consider infographics and nuggets out of the gap analysis for public consumption.

GRANT UPDATES

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT

This grant is due on Feb. 15th. The focus of the grant includes youth leadership, system alignment, and gender and racial equity training. The start date would be July 1, 2024. Balance of State is the lead and applicant, however, the grant will incorporate both Homeward and Balance of State providers.

2023 HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE COMPETITION – AWARDS

HUD application was fully funded, including all tier 1 and 2, including a new award for Children and Families of Iowa for domestic violence funding. Balance of State also had both of their tiers fully funded, allowing for two new programs.

ADVOCACY – IOWA HOMELESS COALITION DAY ON THE HILL – FEBRUARY 21ST 10 AM. TO NOON

There will be a smaller Day on the Hill with a registration link as a follow-up to the snowed out Day on the Hill. There has been some positive movement on eviction expungement. Because the legislation has been passed by the House, it does not have to make it through the first funnel date. There have been some language changes that has also been added.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Angie Arthur

Angie reviewed the Executive Director's report. Cicero now has a paid lobbyist in the state of Iowa and they are known for criminalization of homelessness actions. Homelessness is a Housing Problem by Greg Colburn book club met on January 31st. There's a potential to bring Gregg Colburn to Des Moines in partnership with ISU.

BUSINESS**TRAINING SURVEY AND YOUTH UPDATES – Amy Croll**

Amy reported on the training survey data. Eighteen agencies participated in the survey including HUD and non-HUD funded agencies. There is an overlap of the top needs of knowledge based trainings, regardless of if they're working with youth or not. The service council will meet March 20, 8:30-10 am to review and prioritize trainings.

POINT IN TIME COUNT – Pat Schacherer

The winter Point-in-Time Count occurred on January 24 2024. Pat Schacherer updated on data cleaning to eliminate duplicate entries. More updates will be available in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Homeless Coordinating Council meets on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at noon.
- Gazette week-long conference on homelessness is this week.
- Cynthia Latcham provided a Monarch Apartments update. They are currently in the construction phase. They hope to have open 40 new PSH units by December 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Amanda Wanke moved to adjourn. Dennis Henderson seconded. Motion carried.

*Next Meeting is March 4, 2024
Note: Meeting is moved up a week due to Spring Break*

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Accountants' Compilation Report

To the Board of Directors of:

Homeward Iowa
505 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1010
Des Moines, IA 50309

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Homeward Iowa which comprise the Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets- Modified Cash Basis as of January 31, 2024, and the related Statement of Revenues and Expenses- Modified Cash Basis for the seven months ended January 31, 2024, in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable financial reporting framework. We have performed compilation engagements in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management has elected to omit substantially all the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements prepared in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Company's Assets, Liabilities, Net Assets, Revenues, and Expenses. Accordingly, the financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

The supplementary information contained in the Statement of Revenues and Expenses – Budget vs Actual for the one and seven months ended January 31, 2024 is presented for purposed of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management. The supplementary information was subject to our compilation engagement. We have not audited or reviewed the supplementary information and do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on such information.

We are not independent with respect to Homeward Iowa.

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Homeward Iowa
Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets
Modified Cash Basis

	Jan 31, 24
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
102 · Operational checking account	23,736.95
104 · Business primary share savings	100.00
106 · Ultra business money market	153,084.10
108 · Youth action council checking	3,544.02
110 · Online app checking	124.51
Total Checking/Savings	180,589.58
Other Current Assets	
111 · CCCU CD- 2109	254,933.65
112 · CCCU CD- 2321	101,553.66
Total Other Current Assets	356,487.31
Total Current Assets	537,076.89
TOTAL ASSETS	537,076.89
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
235 · ARPA Deferred Revenue	300,000.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	300,000.00
Total Current Liabilities	300,000.00
Total Liabilities	300,000.00
Equity	
290 · Unrestricted Net Assets	265,897.80
Net Income	-28,820.91
Total Equity	237,076.89
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	537,076.89

Homeward Iowa
Statement of Revenues and Expenses
Modified Cash Basis

	Jul '23 - Jan 24
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
301 · Polk County investment	75,000.00
306 · Investment interest income	10,592.37
312 · City of Des Moines	75,000.00
313 · HUD Planning Grant	73,018.97
376 · Unrestricted funding	1,950.00
377 · Individual donations	3,127.28
378 · Restricted funding	17,484.78
	256,173.40
Total Income	
Expense	
Program Commitments	
410 · Point in Time	316.10
417 · Intergenerational Homeless Stud	12,500.00
418 · Community Case Manager Pilot	37,500.00
419 · Prevention	867.76
491 · Youth Action Council	5,549.64
590 · Centralized Intake	29,166.69
591 · CoC Training	33.00
	85,933.19
Total Program Commitments	
Professional Fees	
502 · Accounting services	3,000.00
	3,000.00
Total Professional Fees	
Staff Costs	
511 · Salaries	137,529.49
512 · Employee benefits	5,132.09
514 · Payroll taxes	12,045.88
515 · Retirement plan	4,585.17
522 · PEO	3,561.49
589 · Mileage	274.03
	163,128.15
Total Staff Costs	
Insurances	
523 · D & O	871.00
524 · General liability and rental	250.00
525 · Workers compensation	34.59
	1,155.59
Total Insurances	
Office Expenses	
530 · Parking	1,539.60
531 · Office material and supplies	910.51
532 · Office rent	12,000.00
534 · Telephone/internet	612.82
535 · Filing fees	62.50
536 · Postage	66.00
	15,191.43
Total Office Expenses	
Technology	
541 · Equipment maintenance	3,421.28
543 · Equipment replacement/software	4,591.70
	8,012.98
Total Technology	
Education/Advocacy	
573 · Advertising/marketing	213.41
575 · Electronic media	424.65
	638.06
Total Education/Advocacy	

Homeward Iowa
Statement of Revenues and Expenses
Modified Cash Basis

	<u>Jul '23 - Jan 24</u>
Staff and Board Development	
581 · Dues/subscriptions/memberships	58.82
582 · Continuing education	2,080.88
583 · Board and committee meetings	3,283.39
585 · Strategic Plan/Project Management	2,511.82
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Total Staff and Board Development	7,934.91
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Total Expense	284,994.31
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Net Ordinary Income	-28,820.91
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Homeward Iowa
Statement of Revenues and Expenses - Budget vs Actual
Modified Cash Basis

	Jan 24	Budget	Jul '23 - Jan 24	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
301 · Polk County investment	0.00	6,250.00	75,000.00	43,750.00	75,000.00
306 · Investment interest income	258.49	0.00	10,592.37	0.00	0.00
312 · City of Des Moines	0.00	12,500.00	75,000.00	87,500.00	150,000.00
313 · HUD Planning Grant	0.00	10,978.75	73,018.97	76,851.25	131,745.00
376 · Unrestricted funding	0.00	6,250.00	1,950.00	43,750.00	75,000.00
377 · Individual donations	0.00	250.00	3,127.28	1,750.00	3,000.00
378 · Restricted funding	0.00	1,250.00	17,484.78	8,750.00	15,000.00
Total Income	258.49	37,478.75	256,173.40	262,351.25	449,745.00
Expense					
Program Commitments					
410 · Point in Time	316.10	166.67	316.10	1,166.66	2,000.00
417 · Intergenerational Homeless Stud	0.00	1,870.25	12,500.00	13,091.75	22,443.00
418 · Community Case Manager Pilot	0.00	6,250.00	37,500.00	43,750.00	75,000.00
419 · Prevention	0.00		867.76		
491 · Youth Action Council	555.00	500.00	5,549.64	3,500.00	6,000.00
590 · Centralized Intake	4,166.67	4,166.66	29,166.69	29,166.66	50,000.00
591 · CoC Training	33.00	250.00	33.00	1,750.00	3,000.00
Total Program Commitments	5,070.77	13,203.58	85,933.19	92,425.07	158,443.00
Professional Fees					
501 · Misc professional fees	0.00	833.33	0.00	5,833.33	10,000.00
502 · Accounting services	500.00	600.00	3,000.00	4,200.00	7,200.00
503 · Audit fees	0.00	833.34	0.00	5,833.34	10,000.00
Total Professional Fees	500.00	2,266.67	3,000.00	15,866.67	27,200.00
Staff Costs					
511 · Salaries	19,190.19	20,087.15	137,529.49	140,610.00	241,045.70
512 · Employee benefits	777.74	1,666.67	5,132.09	11,666.67	20,000.00
514 · Payroll taxes	1,746.33	1,536.67	12,045.88	10,756.67	18,440.00
515 · Retirement plan	930.44	1,004.36	4,585.17	7,030.50	12,052.29
522 · PEO	253.38	575.00	3,561.49	4,025.00	6,900.00
589 · Mileage	0.00	41.66	274.03	291.66	500.00
Total Staff Costs	22,898.08	24,911.51	163,128.15	174,380.50	298,937.99
Insurances					
523 · D & O	0.00	116.66	871.00	816.66	1,400.00
524 · General liability and rental	0.00	20.83	250.00	145.84	250.00
525 · Workers compensation	0.00	63.33	34.59	443.34	760.00
Total Insurances	0.00	200.82	1,155.59	1,405.84	2,410.00

Homeward Iowa
Statement of Revenues and Expenses - Budget vs Actual
Modified Cash Basis

	Jan 24	Budget	Jul '23 - Jan 24	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Office Expenses					
530 · Parking	363.80	255.00	1,539.60	1,785.00	3,060.00
531 · Office material and supplies	0.00	58.33	910.51	408.33	700.00
532 · Office rent	1,500.00	1,500.00	12,000.00	10,500.00	18,000.00
534 · Telephone/internet	82.77	125.00	612.82	875.00	1,500.00
535 · Filing fees	0.00	16.67	62.50	116.67	200.00
536 · Postage	0.00	16.66	66.00	116.66	200.00
537 · Printing expense	0.00	41.67	0.00	291.67	500.00
Total Office Expenses	1,946.57	2,013.33	15,191.43	14,093.33	24,160.00
Technology					
541 · Equipment maintenance	359.60	450.00	3,421.28	3,150.00	5,400.00
543 · Equipment replacement/software	0.00	250.00	4,591.70	1,750.00	3,000.00
544 · Data for HMIS	0.00	666.67	0.00	4,666.67	8,000.00
Total Technology	359.60	1,366.67	8,012.98	9,566.67	16,400.00
Education/Advocacy					
573 · Advertising/marketing	0.00	416.67	213.41	2,916.66	5,000.00
575 · Electronic media	0.00	83.34	424.65	583.34	1,000.00
580 · Tickets	0.00	166.67	0.00	1,166.66	2,000.00
593 · eNewsletter	0.00	20.84	0.00	145.84	250.00
Total Education/Advocacy	0.00	687.52	638.06	4,812.50	8,250.00
Staff and Board Development					
581 · Dues/subscriptions/memberships	21.39	50.00	58.82	350.00	600.00
582 · Continuing education	0.00	666.67	2,080.88	4,666.67	8,000.00
583 · Board and committee meetings	26.78	166.67	3,283.39	1,166.67	2,000.00
585 · Strategic Plan/Project Managemen	175.06	416.67	2,511.82	2,916.67	5,000.00
Total Staff and Board Development	223.23	1,300.01	7,934.91	9,100.01	15,600.00
Total Expense	30,998.25	45,950.11	284,994.31	321,650.59	551,400.99
Net Ordinary Income	-30,739.76	-8,471.36	-28,820.91	-59,299.34	-101,655.99
Net Income	-30,739.76	-8,471.36	-28,820.91	-59,299.34	-101,655.99

Homeward's Director Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2023 11am-Noon
River Place, Room 3

In Attendance: Emily Osweiler, Lori Rinehart, Angie Arthur, Randy Jansen, Kim Jones, Melissa O'Neil, Cole Lindholm, Pat Schacherer, Jim Cain, Kiana Hines, Ashlan Lippert, Jennifer Miner, Tim Shanahan, Deirdre Henriquez, Caroline Gathright

- I. The meeting was called to order at 11:03am.
- II. The minutes from October were approved; Lori Rinehart motioned and Angie Arthur seconded. (There were no minutes from November as it was the Matt White presentation and those PPT slides were shared.)
- III. Discussion/Updates
 - A. Systems Steamline Committee
 1. Jim Cain shared that we had our first meeting with another "system." Jim, Shelby Ridley, Dee Henriquez, and Emily Osweiler met with colleagues from CSA, BMC, Eyerly Ball, Stepping Stones, and Polk County to discuss Outpatient Mental Health and how it overlaps with the Homeless provider space.
 2. It was a great meeting with interaction amongst everyone. The questions were sent ahead of time and then Shelby took notes. The notes will be sent out to the DAC once everyone in the meeting has had a chance to review them.
 3. The next system is Inpatient Mental Health
 - B. Matt White presentation discussion
 1. There was discussion regarding the first presentation. The group was not surprised by the findings and we look forward to his final assessment on December 14.
 - C. Community Book Club Announcement
 1. Everyone is invited to read Homelessness is a Housing Problem: How Structural Factors Explain U.S. Patterns and discuss it as a group on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at Smokey Row Cottage Grove from noon-1pm.
 - D. Next meeting decision: Jan 2 or Feb 6
 1. The DAC decided to skip our regularly scheduled meeting in January and convene the group on Feb 6th due to the New Year schedules.
- IV. Community Updates
 - A. CISS got new cots so that shelter clients will be able to use those instead of the tables and chairs when they are full. They hit a new high serving 263 people one night in November.
 - B. The Central Library will offer outreach on Fridays. They are also collecting and giving out winter gear.
 - C. PIT will be January 24th at Noon to January 25th at Noon with 4 hour shifts that volunteers can help with. There will be two volunteer trainings on January 18th at 8:30am and 4pm at PHC.
- V. Meeting was adjourned at noon.

THE NEXT DIRECTOR ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024 FROM 11-NOON AT RIVER PLACE.

Service Council Minutes

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

10:00am – 11:00am – In Person Meeting

1. Introductions
2. Director's report –
 - a. Iowa Homeless Coordination will have a Day on the Hill on 01/09/2023. Soon Angie will send out more information with a link to register if you would like to participate in the Day on the Hill.
 - i. Topics are Eviction Expungement and
 - ii. Additional money needed
 - b. Homeward has a new MSW intern
 - c. Youth Action Group is doing well and is looking to do some re-organization.
 - d. Youth Prevention will be doing a workshop on lobbying. More information about this will come out soon.
 - e. Homeward is working on outreaching to service providers within our community to see what information and/or training Homeward can provide to our community service providers.
3. Gap Analysis-
 - a. On 12/14 @ 4pm Matt White will present the finalized numbers.
 - b. The final report will be released after the first of the year.
4. Reminder: Book Club Meeting: (Homelessness is a Housing Problem) will meet at Smokey Row on 19th St. on 01/31/23 @ noon.
5. United Way and Anawim will be hosting a resource Fair on 01/21/24. More information will be coming soon.
6. Agency Updates
7. Closing

Next Meeting: February 28, 2024

10:00am – 11:00am

- This meeting will be in person at:
 - River Place
 - 2300 Euclid Ave.



**Performance Measures Committee Meeting
Minutes – January 25, 2024
Teams Meeting Online 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

Attendees: Ehren Stover-Wright, Jeremy Orcutt, Jim Cain, Kasper Kittredge, Patrick Schacherer, Shelby Ridley, Jenna Schuck, KarLee Kearns, Melissa O’Neil, Amber Tompkins, Ryan Schweitzer, Sarah Martin, Tammy Weir

Approval of December Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Ehren Stover-Wright to approve the agenda. Seconded by Shelby Ridley. Carried.

Street Outreach Metrics

Proposed Metrics

1. Days to Data Entry – 7 days or under
2. Positive Exits (including to emergency shelter) – 20%
3. Destination Error Rate – 50%
4. Data Quality – Measured by the CoC Monitoring report (categorized into 0-2%, 2-5%, over 5%)
5. Client inactivity – Client has no “Current Living Situation entry in last 90 days” – under 10% (available in ESG CAPER)

Discussion:

Melissa mentioned that CISS keeps clients on street outreach list for six months. This is because loss of contact may be due to some going to jail, entering the hospital or a treatment center and not disengagement by the client or street outreach staff. Jim mentioned that there is no set timeframe for keeping folks on the unsheltered by-name list used in the monthly By-Name Street Outreach meeting.

Pat responded that having the 90-day no contact limit allows for the data in HMIS to be cleaned up providing a more accurate picture of clients engaged in street outreach. Better data can also be gotten because when street outreach workers reengage the client, they will find out where the client has been.

Discussion also touched on how to handle unsheltered clients who enter shelter during an extreme weather event and then leave immediately after the event has passed. Pat clarified that the client should be exited to “Unknown destination” and the first time street outreach staff engages the client in an unsheltered setting, the engagement would be recorded as a new street outreach entry. He added there are no negative consequences for this, it’s just what happens around an extreme weather event. When reviewing data, an increase in an agency’s street outreach destination error rate could be explained by looking at the month it occurred in and tying it to an extreme weather event in that month.

A motion was made by Meliss O’Neil to approve the street outreach metrics. Seconded by Jeremy Orcutt. Carried.

Jim mentioned the committee’s recommendation will go before the Homeward Board of Directors for approval at their February meeting.

Aging Population Data

Kasper reviewed several graphs capturing data about the population of people served ages 65+ years old. Graphs included number of clients enrolled each quarter; clients 65+ enrolled by project type; prior living situations; number of stays in ES, SO, SH in the past 3 years; primary reason for homelessness and top 5 reason over time; and exit destinations in 2023. Graphs are attached as part of the minutes.

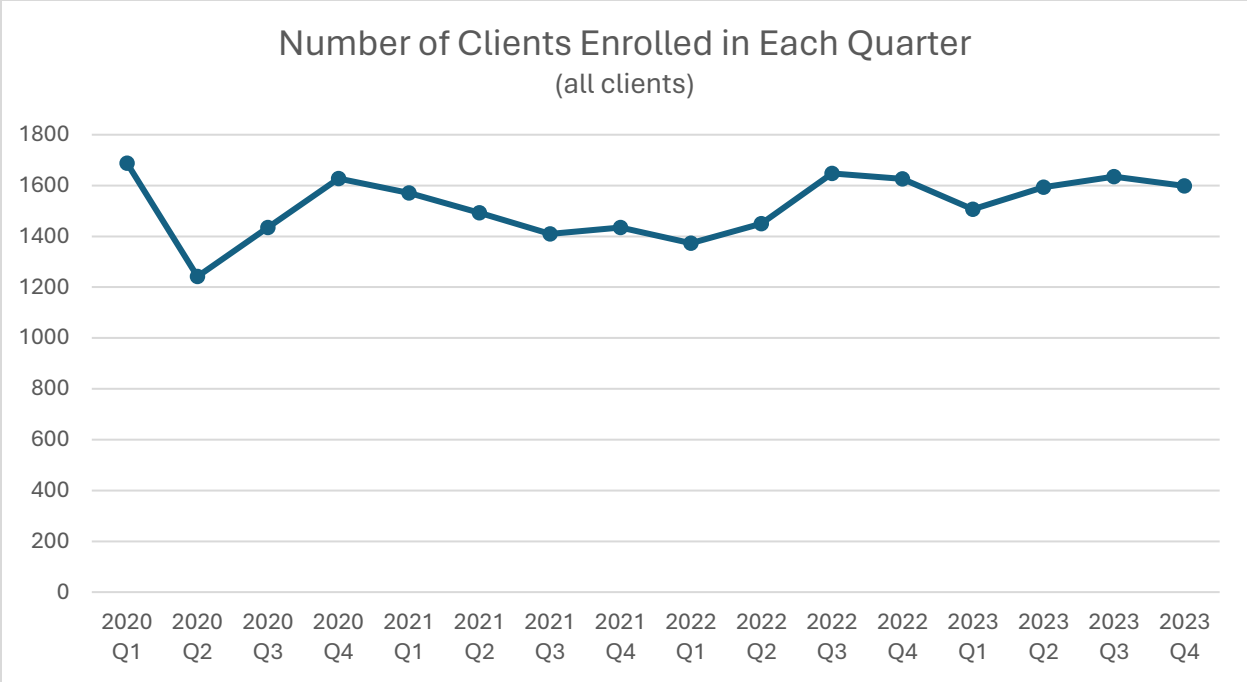
APRs Update

- CAPER and APR are now functional and are aligned with HUD’s 2024 data standards. They can be completed and submitted to HUD.
- CI still delayed to February 15th

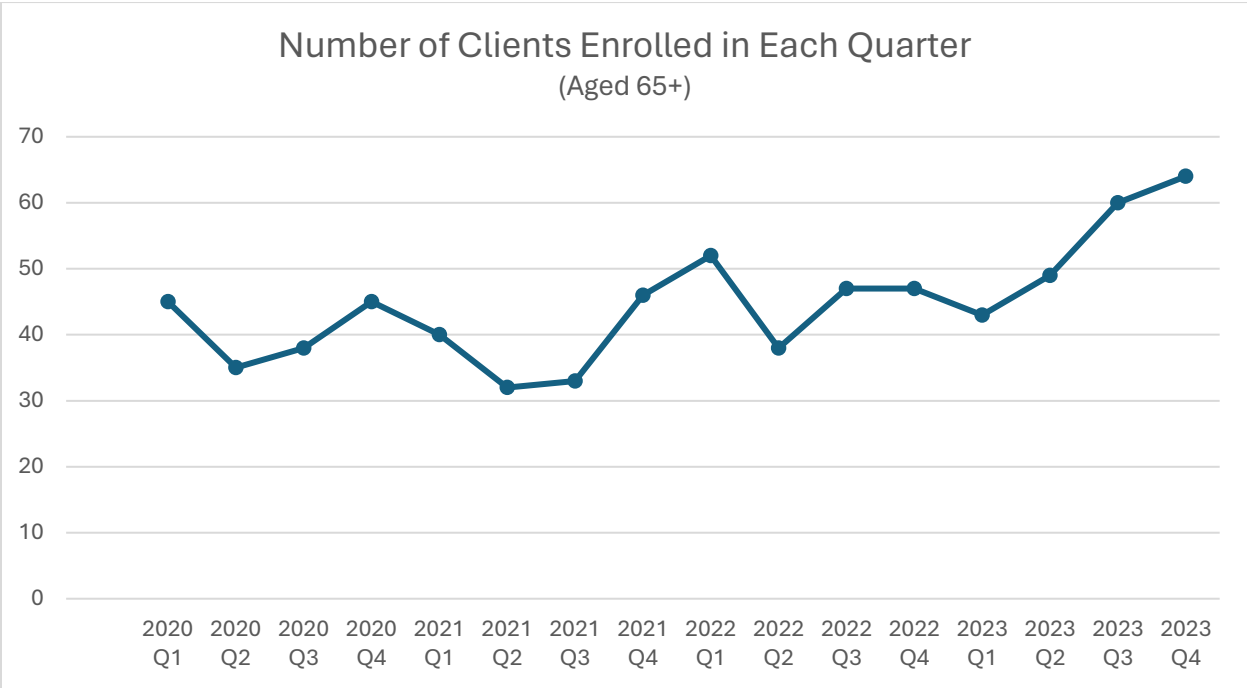
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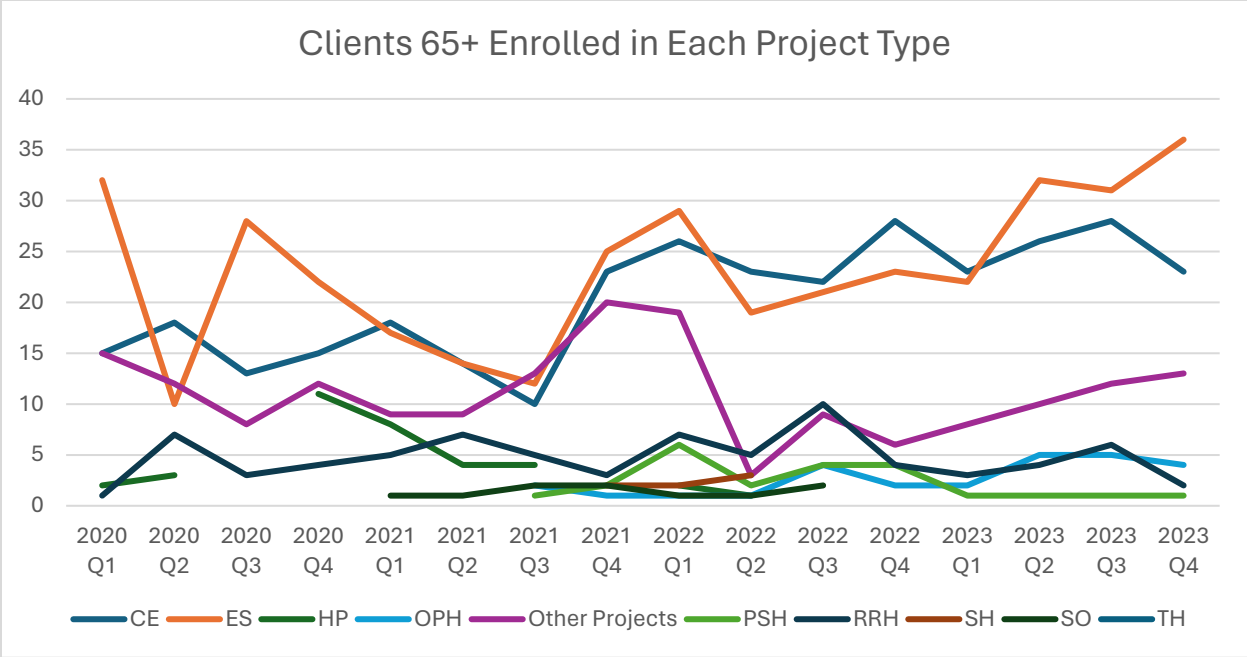
- Aging Population Outcomes Data
- Initial Winter PIT Data

Next meeting: 2/22/2024, 10:00-11:30



Above is a graph of the number of clients enrolled in HMIS from 2020 through 2023. This is so that we can directly compare HMIS utilization to the aging population, which we can see in the graph below. Compared to the general population, there's a clear increase in the aging population in 2023.

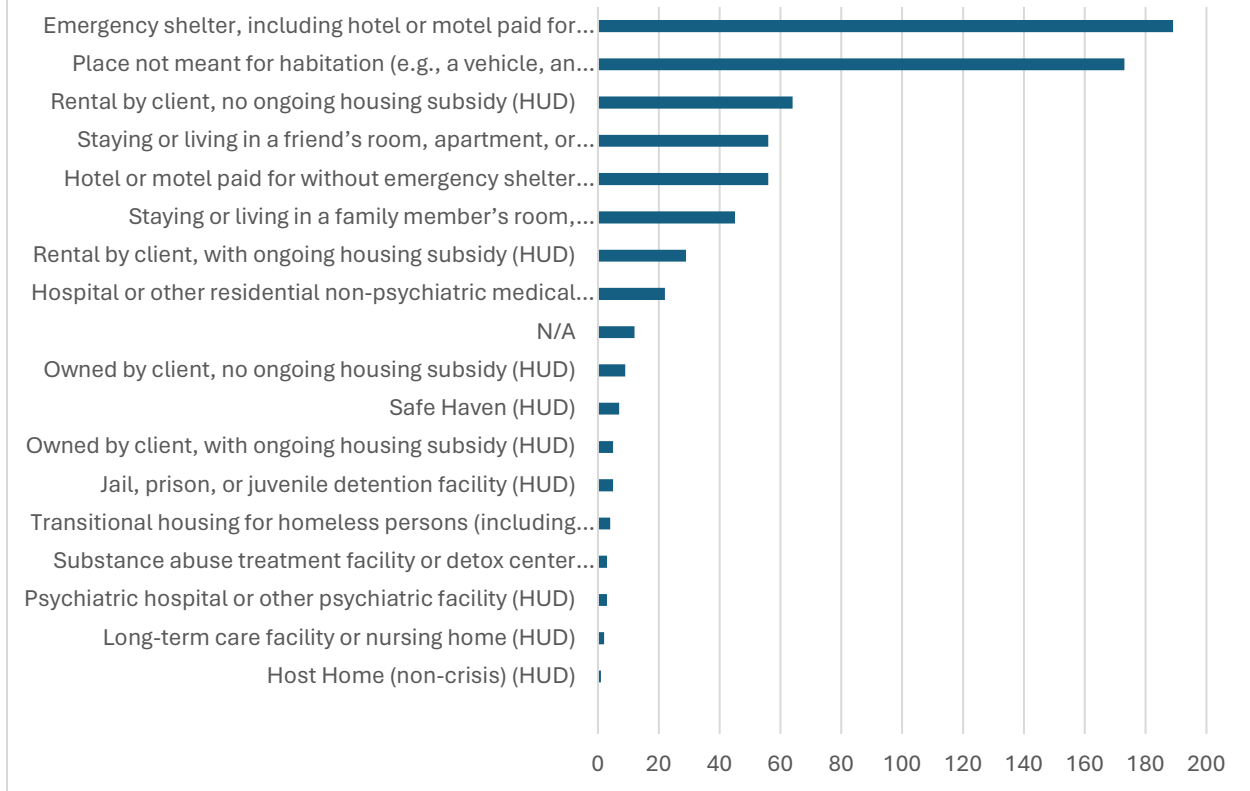




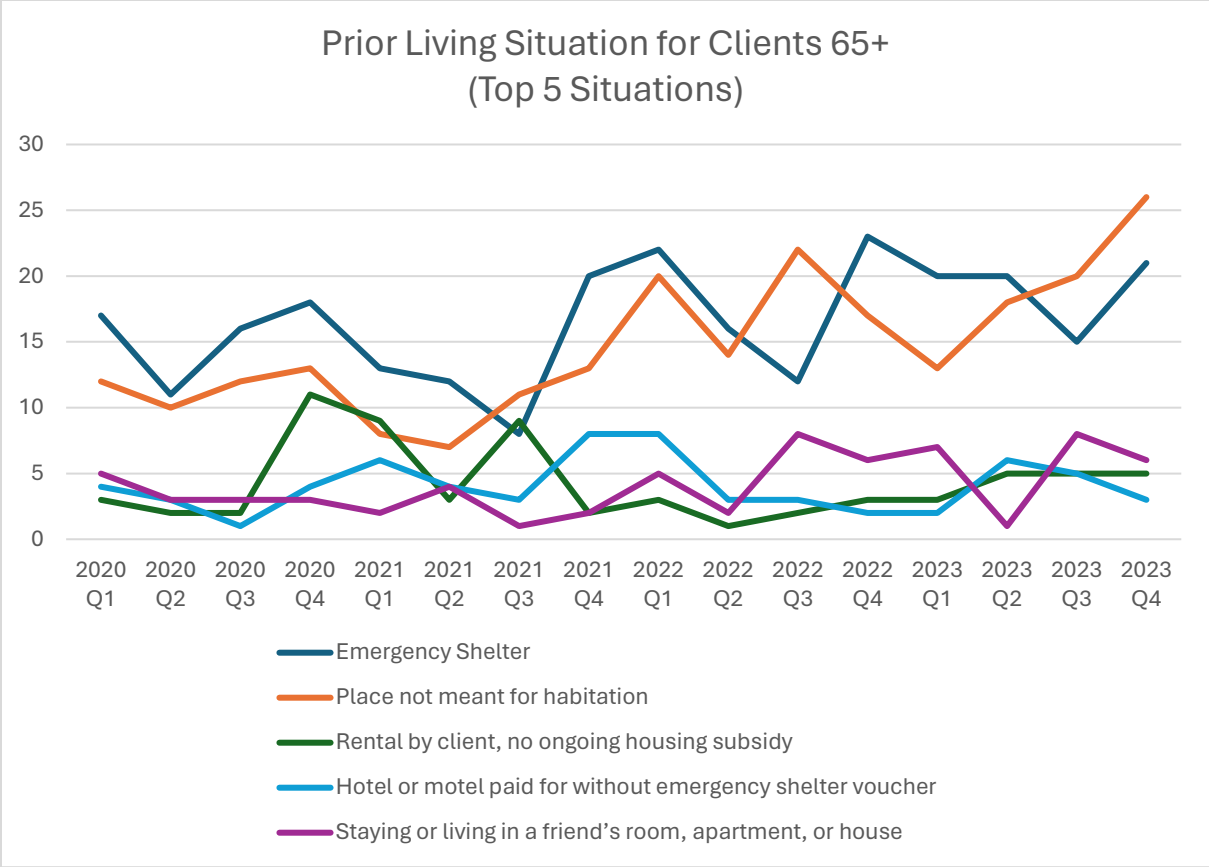
Breaking down the older population to look at who's entering which project types- it's clear that we see this increased enrollment most prominently in the emergency shelter, with a little bit of representation and slight upticks in CE, OPH, and Other projects (which could be things like Case Management projects, food pantries, etc.).

Overall, these clients are entering projects from literally homeless situations, at least according to their Prior Living Situation.

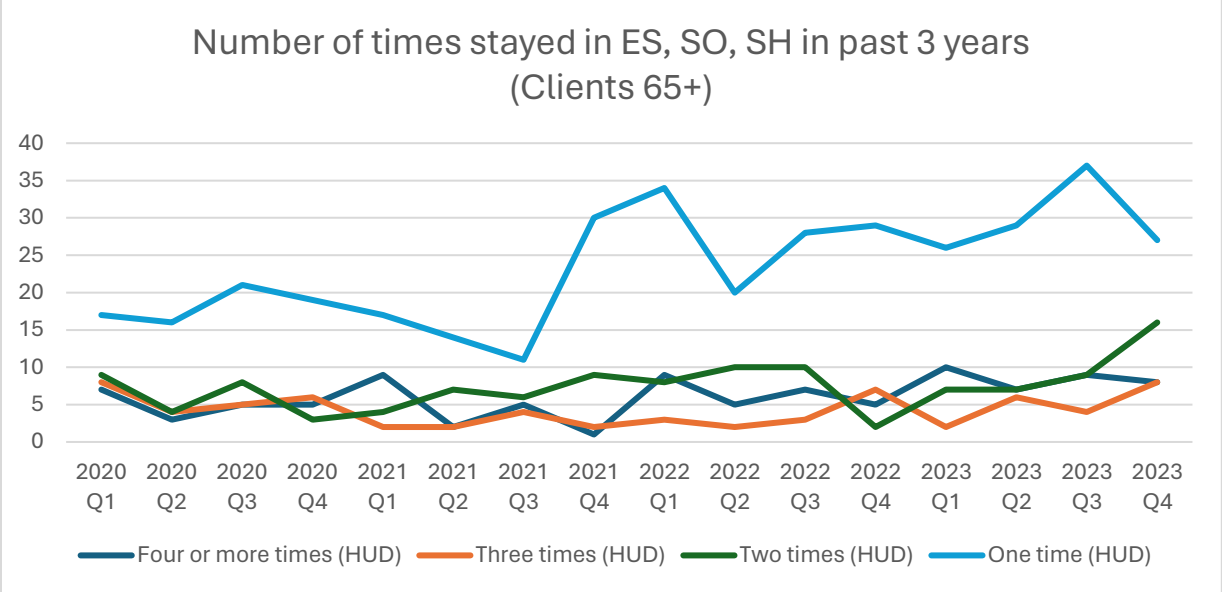
Prior Living Situations for Clients 65+



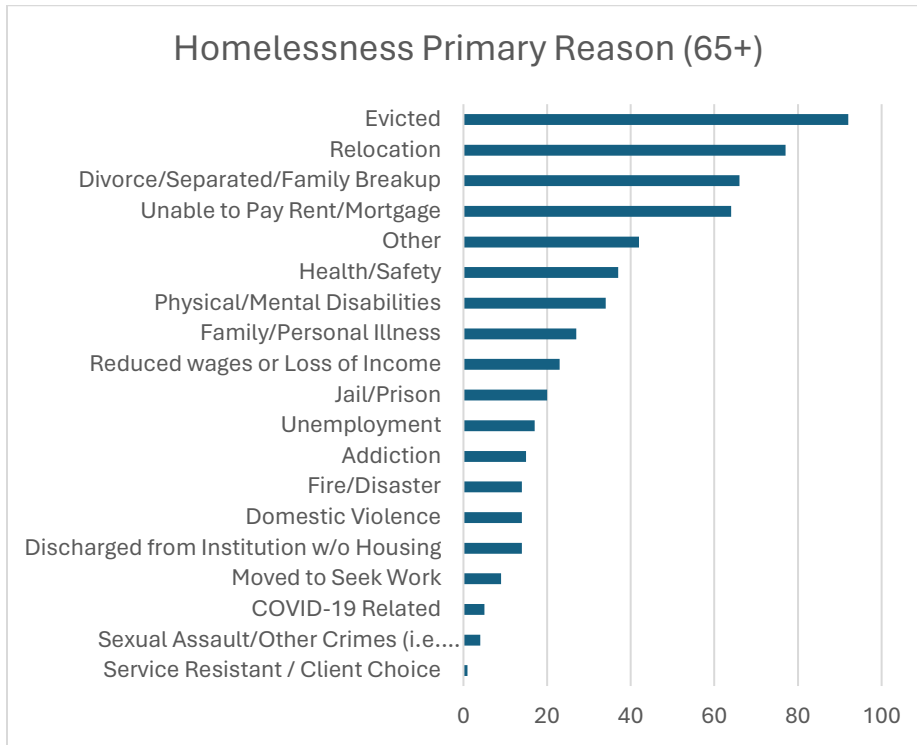
Looking at whether or not the Prior Living Situations have changed significantly over the past few years, we can look at the top 5 situations below. We see that literally homeless situations are definitely modes across the entire past 4 years, but we did see an increase in 'Place not meant for human habitation' over 2023, especially.



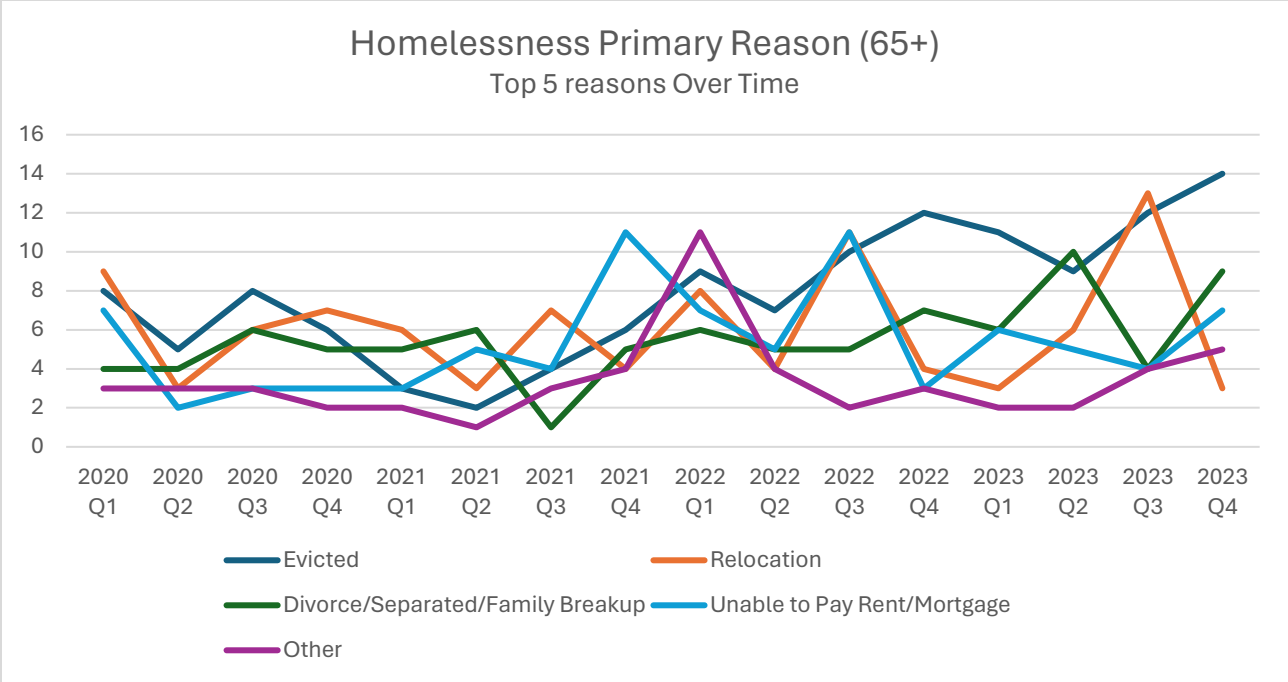
And, in an effort to see whether or not these clients are new to our HMIS system or not, we look at the number of times that folks have stayed in unsheltered, emergency shelter, or safe haven situations over the past 3 years. Do keep in mind that this metric **is** self-reported, so this may not be fully accurate, but it does give us an indication as to how many folks are new (or at least new-ish) to the system.



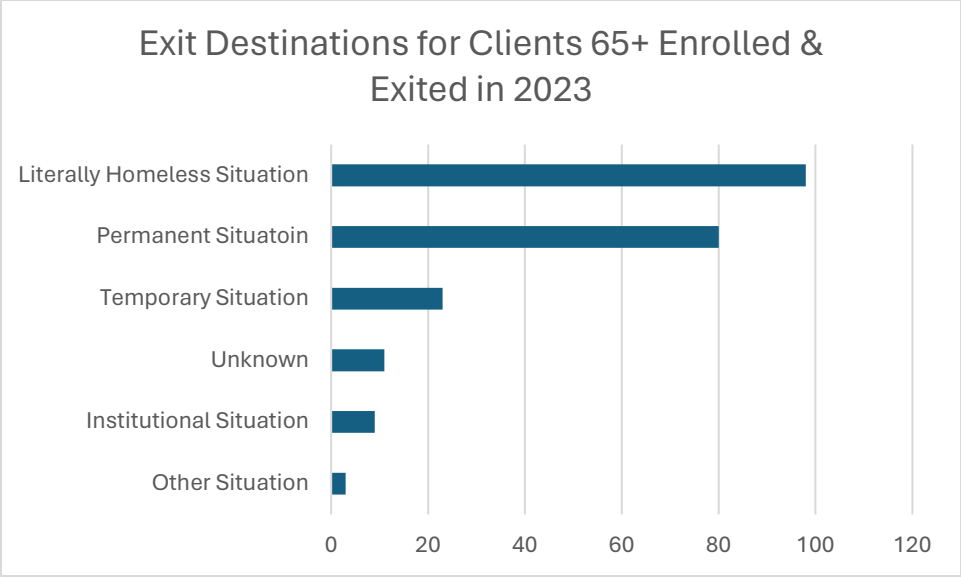
Additionally, looking at a client’s primary reason for them experiencing homelessness, we see that “Evicted”, “Relocation”, “Divorce/Separated/Family Breakup”, “Unable to Pay Rent/Mortgage”, and “Other” are the most common reasons selected over the past few years.



Looking to see if there’s any pattern for this over time, we see that there has been a large spike in ‘Relocation’ for a reason for most of 2023, peaking in the third quarter. There does seem to be a pattern of these spikes in ‘Relocation’ over the past several years, all spiking in the third quarters, though this most recent quarter is the most prominent. Eviction is the most prevalent in the last quarter of 2023.



Finally, a mode of clients who have exited projects in 2023 (reduced to look at the clients who had both an enrollment and an exit in 2023, since we want to look at where ‘New Enrollments’ of clients are going) exited to literally homeless situations, with the 2nd most common exit destination being permanent situations.





February 20, 2024

Emily Osweiler, CEO
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Dear Emily,

I am writing in support of the Greater Des Moines Supportive Housing (GDMSH) organization's intention to construct a new supportive housing campus in the Greater Des Moines area. GDMSH's plan will develop approximately 101 new units to support the housing needs of some of our most vulnerable community members. The HOME-ARP funding opportunity is essential to this project's success and provides significant leverage support necessary to obtain additional funding.

Homeward serves as Polk County's homelessness planning organization, forging strategic partnerships between homelessness organizations, community partners, government officials, and people experiencing homelessness. Our work is to ensure that Polk County residents rarely experience homelessness at all and that their stay in homelessness is a brief, one-time experience when it does occur. The project to create permanent supportive housing helps address a significant gap of 533 permanent supportive housing units identified in the January 2024 Gap Analysis of the homeless system in Polk County.

GDMSH's approach will help our community add needed permanent housing plus supportive services for some of our most vulnerable, including those experiencing homelessness and those who are extremely low income. The program is prioritizing approximately 25% of total units to serve Centralized Intake clients—this means vital housing for some of our most chronically homeless as recent studies confirm the dire need for more affordable and supportive housing units in our community. GDMSH has developed a comprehensive slate of supportive services based upon evidence-based practices to assist the residents in becoming housing stable.

Although a new organization, this team has extensive knowledge of homelessness issues, affordable housing needs, financing strategies, and the necessary supportive services to assist vulnerable individuals to become housing stable. This new housing model promises to foster innovation and strengthen our community's housing network.

Sincerely,

Angie Arthur, Executive Director
Homeward

2024 Pre-NOFO Timeline

Date	Item
March 26, 2024	Recommend to the Grant Committee for adoption any policy changes to CoC application related policies
April 8, 2024	Grant Committee recommended policy changes presented to Homeward Board
April 23, 2024	2024 Priorities and Ranking and Letter of Interest for Renewal and New projects presented to Grant Committee
May 13, 2024	Grant Committee recommendations for 2023 Priorities and Ranking and Letter of Interest for Renewal and New Projects presented to Homeward Board
May 15, 2024	LOI for Renewal and New Projects released
May 29, 2024	LOI for Renewal and New Projects due to Homeward
June 5, 2024	Review of LOIs completed. Follow up questions emailed to submitting agencies
June 12, 2024	Responses to LOI questions due to Homeward

