

**Attendance:** Natasha Adams, Nate Broman-Fulks, Hannah Correll, Christy Croft, Kathleen Ferguson, Jackie Jenks, Megan Johnson, Tara May, Sharon Reese, Corey Root, Beth Schehl, Damon Seils, Diiv Sternman, Emila Sutton, Jerry Villemain, Eric Wolak, Katie Wright

**Sharing /agency updates**

- Kathleen Ferguson has continued conversations with Compass Center on participating in coordinated entry and CoC meetings and committees. She connected them with a domestic violence shelter program operating out of Virginia Beach, Samaritan House, that has their own coordinated entry system and uses a Housing First model.
- Diiv Sternman announced that the people will be able to enroll in health care with trained counselors between November 1 and December 15 at Community Empowerment Fund.

**OCPEH updates**

- The Coordinator is transitioning back from maternity leave.
- The Coordinator will speak at a meeting of the North Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers next month about homelessness in Orange County.

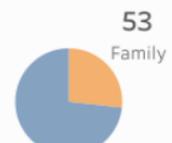
**Minutes**

- A motion was made to approve the minutes from [June 17](#), [August 19](#), and [September 10](#). All were in favor, none opposed.

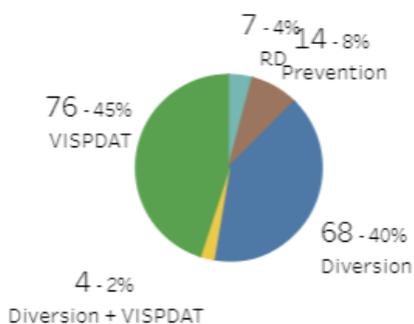
**Review of Homeless System Data Dashboard & Data Dive**  
System Entries

198 households were served by the Orange County homeless service system last quarter (July 1 – September 30, 2019), 145 singles and 53 families. Of those 45% were given the VI-SPDAT and 40% went for diversion, 8% for prevention, 4% were given the resource database and 2% went for both diversion and shelter referral through the VI-SPDAT.

**OC Connect Records: 198**  
 Every record entered into the system (excludes tests).



**Summary of Results**



\*RD: Resource Database available at [occonnect.info](http://occonnect.info)

**Prevention** : The list of churches/orgs that provide financial assistance.

**Diversion**: Exploring mediation/ support/ financial assistance that could help the individual/family remain housed.

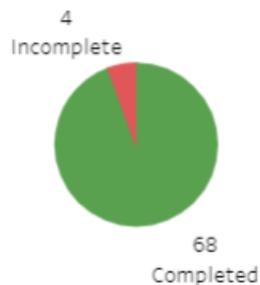
**VI-SPDAT** A vulnerability assessment to prioritize individuals for housing resources & support.

\*All users are pointed towards the RD, values in RD were not directed towards any other tools/resources other than the RD

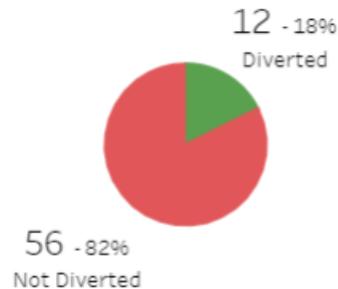
63 households presented in July, 44 in August, and 62 in September. Community Empowerment Fund was closed for a week in August, which explains the decrease of households presenting in August. This does indicate a decrease in community need.

Staff at homeless service agencies completed 68 diversions from homelessness; of those 18% was successful.

### DIVERSION



### DIVERSION RESULT



Service providers diverted 12 of the 68 household (18%) who were seeking shelter to another safe place to stay during the past quarter.

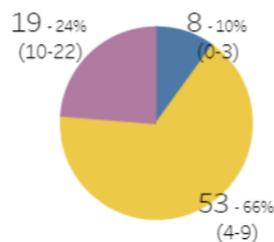
80 VI-SPDATs were completed last quarter. 12% scored in the low service need range, 66% in mid need range, and 24% in high need range. The Coordinator indicated the amount in the high need range is a little higher than normal. Of those who scored in mid and high need ranges, 69 households gave consent to be added to HOME Committee list.

### VI-SPDATS

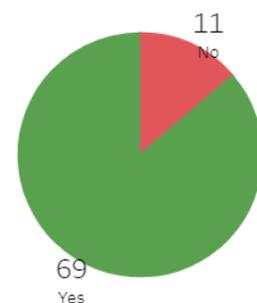


### VI-SPDAT Scores

0-3 is not referred to HOME Committee  
 4-9 referred to HOME & prioritized for Rapid Rehousing  
 10-22 referred to HOME & prioritized for PSH



### HOME Consent



Kathleen Ferguson asked about a particular individual fleeing domestic violence and if those statistics are included above. Diiv Sternman indicated that in cases like that, staff would typically do a VI-SPDAT, assess needs, and make a program referral to appropriate out-of-county shelter. This individual is currently living far away from services and medical treatment because they are not able to keep pets if they enter shelter here. Kathleen Ferguson and Christy Croft discussed that it is a continuing issue of people experiencing homelessness with pets. This situation also highlights the need for medical respite, as well as a fully funded rapid rehousing program, which are both current gaps. OCEPH worked with Orange County Animal Services for a couple of years and came up with some resources for people experiencing homelessness with pets.

System Exits

Month	Beginning count	Returned from Inactive	Returned from housed	Newly ID'ed	Exited to housing	Moved to Inactive	Ending count	Housed YTD
Aug-18	76	0	0	7	4	1	71	32
Sep-18	79	0	0	8	5*	1	73	36
Oct-18	82	1	0	8	2	4	76	38
Dec-18	101	3	0	22	9	8	84	47
Jan-19	105	0	1	20	4	6	95	4
Jan-19	112	0	1	16	3	2	107	7
Feb-19	128	0	1	20	2	9	117	9
Mar-19	128	1	2	8	9	9	110	18
Apr-19	118	1	0	7	9	10	99	27
May-19	111	1	0	11	5	7	99	32
Jun-19	107	1	0	7	12	9	86	44
Jul-19	100	0	3	11	5	4	91	49
Aug-19	104	1	1	12	5	8	91	54
Oct-19	107	0	0	15	7	2	97	60

\* The Coordinator will confirm and correct potentially inaccurate numbers in red for November meeting

**Project Connect**

Intern Harrison Pierce resigned effective October 11, 2019. In light of this and understanding that there is still a lot of work to be done on Project Connect, the Coordinator proposed Project Connect move to coincide with 2020 Point-in-Time count on January 29, 2020. This is a model used in other communities, including Durham, and would allow time for a new OCPEH Temp Employee to come on board to event plan.

Leadership Team members discussed some pros and cons of this proposal. Jerry Villemain mentioned that winter clothes would not get out prior to the beginning of winter, and the Coordinator added the same was true of flu shots. Damon Seils reminded the Leadership Team that the future of Project Connect still needs to be discussed as part of the Plan to End Homelessness, as far as what entity should plan it.

**Continuum of Care (CoC) Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Update**

The CoC grant application was submitted to HUD on September 30 for \$730,285, which was \$34,014 short of total available funding.

The ESG was submitted to the State ESG Office on October 11 for \$100,000. The Written Standards will be updated to include all required elements at the November 18 Leadership Team meeting.

### **Board Development**

The Board Development Committee led a discussion on potential changes to the [application](#) and membership of the Leadership Team, including adding ethnicity options on the application, and potentially designating seats for particular categories and demographics identified as priorities for representation. Leadership Team members discussed particularly adding more seats for people with lived experience, and to come up with their definition of lived experience to include on the application. The Committee would also like to explore compensation for people on the board with lived experience of homelessness, and ask all applicants to identify accommodations they may need in order to be able to retain members once they are appointed.

Leadership Team members expressed their dedication to changing their own board policies, practices, and purpose, including meeting times and format, attendance policies, etc. in order to attract and retain board members who are more reflective of those experiencing homelessness. Members agreed that focusing on the demographic makeup of the board was not mutually exclusive with also keeping compliance with HUD membership requirements. The Coordinator mentioned that OCPEH is starting a contract with Tina Vasquez who will help incorporate racial equity practices into operations of the Partnerships. Members agreed that the Board Development Committee would work on a proposal of priorities and plan for recruitment and retention to bring back before the Leadership Team at the next meeting.

### **Next Meeting: Monday, November 18**

*Remaining 2019 Meetings: Nov. 18, Dec. 16*