

**STRATEGIES FOR
REACHING
FUNCTIONAL ZERO**

LEE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE

PRESENTERS

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- Eric Pateidl
 - HMIS Program Manager, Lee County Human and Veteran Services
- Jeannie Sutton
 - Grants Coordinator, Lee County Human and Veteran Services

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

CoC Structure

Mayors Challenge

Coordinated Entry

Bob Janes Triage

Achieving, Announcing and
Sustaining Functional Zero

Challenges to Sustaining

CONTINUUM OF CARE STRUCTURE

- Human and Veteran Services
 - CoC Lead Agency
 - Mayors Challenge Lead
 - Service Provider
 - Contracts Management
- Homeless Coalition
 - Coordination of Community Service Providers

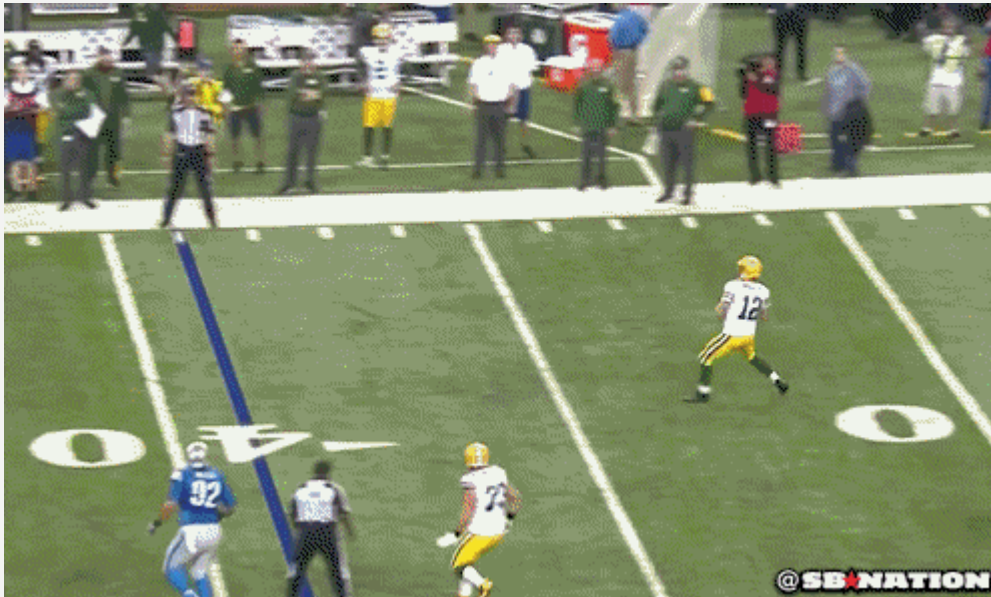


MAYORS CHALLENGE

- Mayors Challenge (2014)
 - Kick-Off Meeting
- Zero:2016 (Jan 2015)
 - Built for Zero (BFZ)
- Challenges to defining “Functional Zero”, veteran status, and building community momentum



COORDINATED ENTRY



- Began with 14 providers in 2015
 - Current have 26 providers
- Building a Team of Receivers
 - No Wrong Door
- Pre-Assessment
 - Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT)
- Challenges to implementation

BOB JANES TRIAGE

- Goal
 - Reduce the number individuals with known mental illness or substance abuse issues who are at risk for committing minor non-violent crimes.
- Referrals
- Role in Reaching Zero



Community Partners

Lee Health
SalusCare, Inc.
United Way of Lee County
The Salvation Army
Lee County Board of County Commissioners
Lee County Human and Veteran Services
Local Law Enforcement
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
Lee County

ACHIEVING ZERO

- Leveraging Funds
 - Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)
 - HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)
 - Other Funding and Project Challenges
- Development of the By-Name List (BNL)
- By-Name List Committee
 - Originally bi-monthly, shifted to monthly
 - Made a condition of funding

CURRENT MEASURES

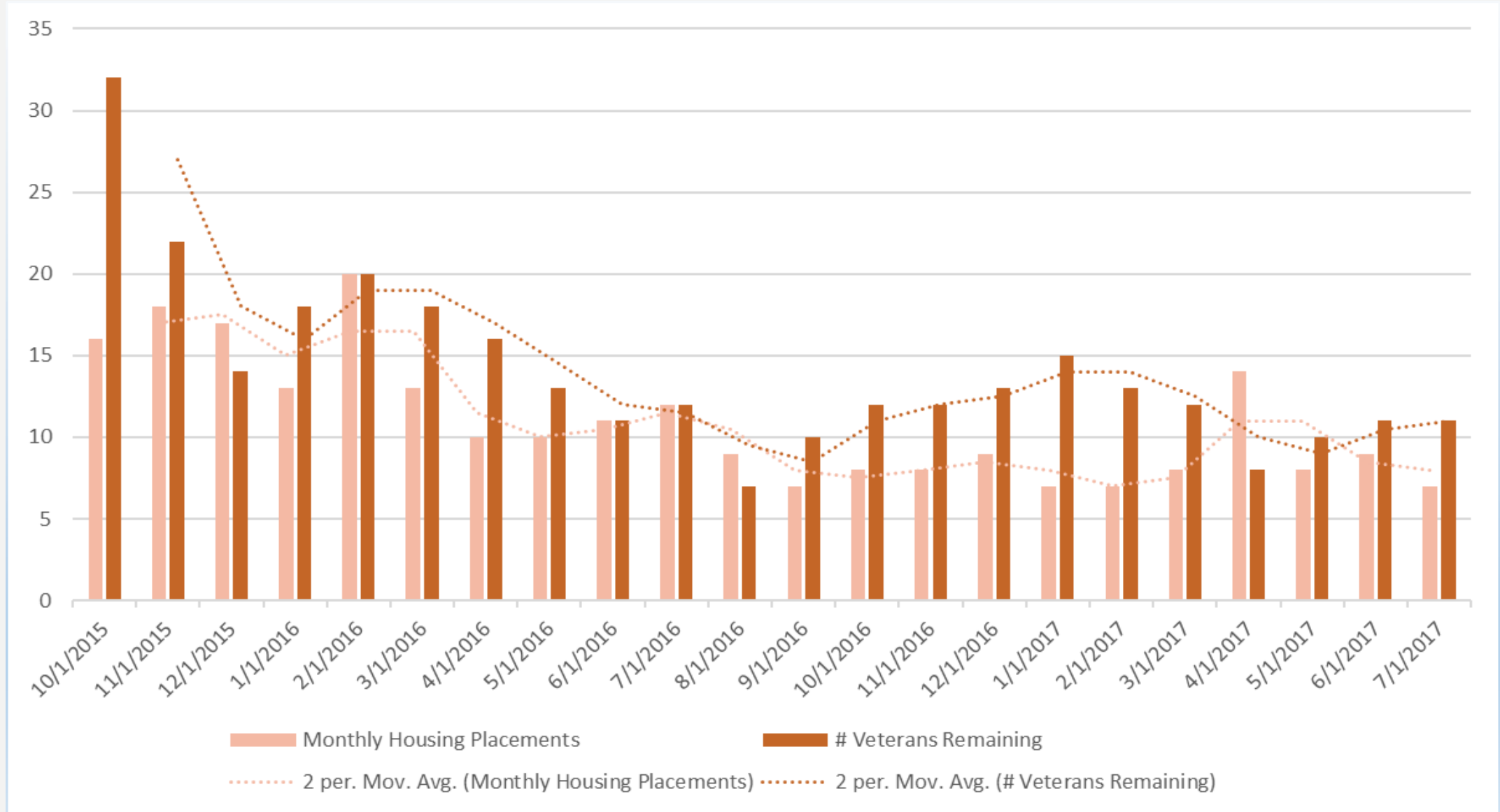
HOMELESS VETERANS

Veteran Status	2014		2015		2016		2017	
Yes	120	13.8%	62	9.9%	18	4.1%	14	3.2%
No	751	86.2%	562	90.1%	421	95.9%	417	96.8%
Total	871	100%	624	100%	439	100%	431	100%

RESOURCES FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

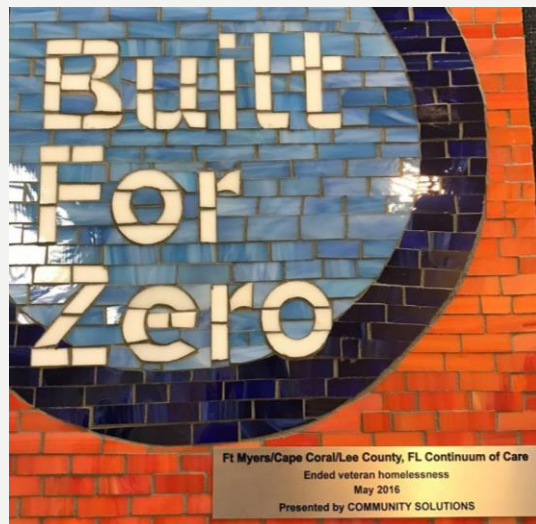
Resource Type	2014	2015	2016	2017
PH Beds	134	170	107	109
ES Beds	283	254	249	231
HUD-VASH	195	285	324	278
SSVF	0	28	37	27
RRH	5	26	237	311

PLACEMENTS AND HOMELESS VETERANS



ANNOUNCING ZERO

- Visit from HUD Secretary Julián Castro
- Press Releases
- BFZ Mosaic
- Challenges to announcing zero



CHALLENGES TO SUSTAINING ZERO



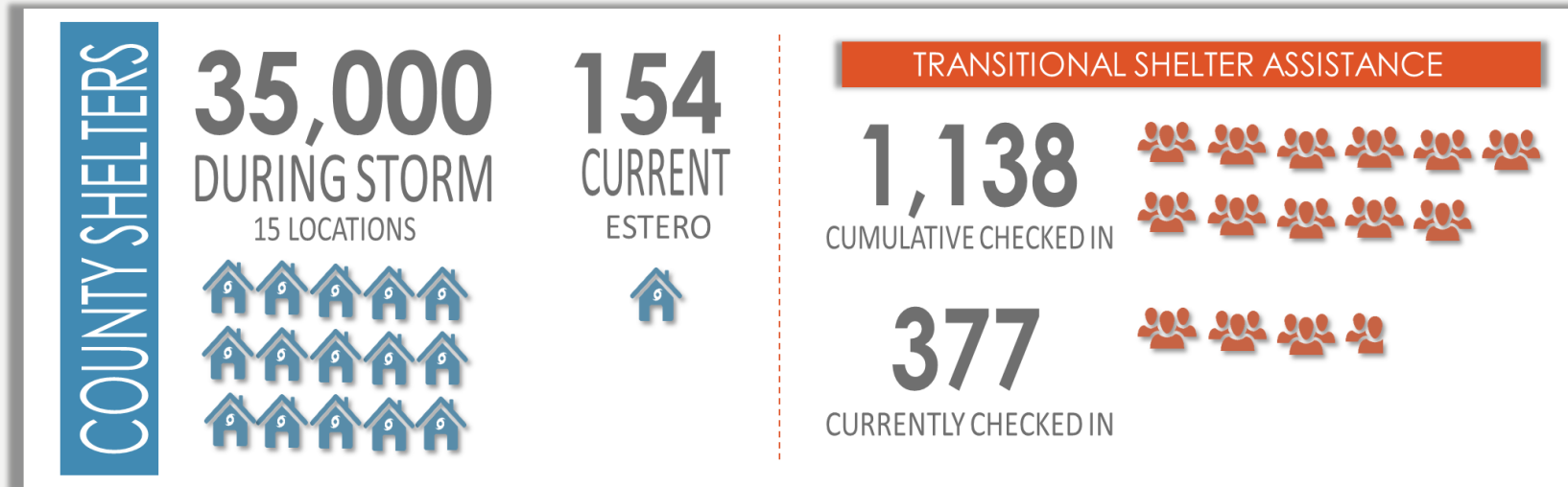
- Lack of Affordable Housing
 - Median Gross Rent in Lee County is \$939 per month;
 - Fair Market Rent is \$911 for a 2-bed room
 - Nearly 29% of the renting population pay more than \$1,000 per month
 - In 2015, 104,709 Lee County households (39%) pay more than 30% of income for housing.
- Change of SSVF provider
- Phasing out of Veteran specific funding

SUSTAINING ZERO

- Leveraging Funding
 - HOME funds used to create affordable rental housing through Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) set aside and Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds used to rehabilitate Permanent Supportive Housing Units
 - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds used for Rapid Re-Housing and Triage Operations
 - State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) funds to be used for TBRA
- Evaluating Project & System Performance
 - Reallocation of CoC funds to create new projects
 - Point-in-Time Counts, By-Name List Maintenance, Reporting to Community Solutions



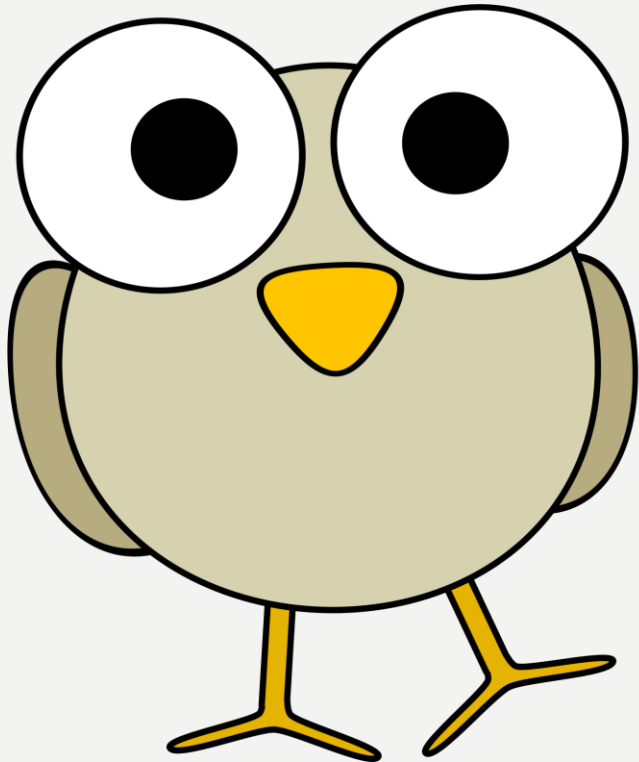
SUSTAINING ZERO THROUGH IRMA



Estero shelter closed October 21, 2017

- 7 Veterans Presented at Emergency Disaster Shelter
 - 5 were in HMIS
 - 4 were had previously been homeless
 - 2 were confirmed homeless at the time of the storm
- Engaged 35 Previously Homeless Clients
- Placed Households into Emergency Shelter or Permanent Housing

Questions?



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