

The Mendocino County Point-In-Time Count



Census and Survey of Homelessness
June 20, 2017

Sheltered or Unsheltered

☐ What is the Point-In-Time Count?

■ Sheltered Count

- ☐ Emergency Shelters
- ☐ Transitional Housing

■ Unsheltered Count

- ☐ Those having a primary night time residence not meant for human habitation



How it Works

- ❑ Local “Warming Stations”
- ❑ Observation Tool
- ❑ Fewer Survey Questions
- ❑ \$5 Gift Card Incentives



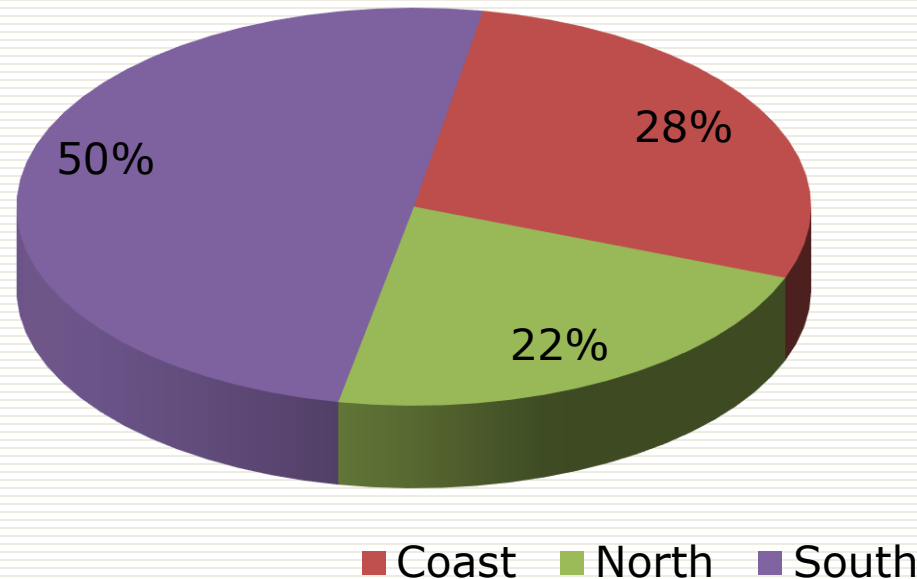
Why We Participate

- ❑ U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- ❑ HEARTH Act of 2009
- ❑ CoC Grant Recipients
 - Total CoC Grants Awarded: \$1,807,940
 - ❑ Community Development Commission of Mendocino County
 - ❑ HHSA
- ❑ Tracking trends / Informed decision-making

Geographic Division of County

Count of Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness

- 28% Coast
- 22% Inland North
- 50% Inland South



Survey and Data Points

- ☐ One-on-one interviews conducted by homeless workers and volunteers
 - Example of 21 HUD mandated questions asked
 - ☐ Length of Time of Experiencing Homeless
 - ☐ Military Service
 - ☐ Age, Ethnicity and Race
 - ☐ Physical, Mental and Emotional Health Conditions
 - ☐ Specific Medical Needs

Incentives and Compensation

☐ Compensation:

- Paid only to workers who were currently experiencing or that had formerly experienced homelessness.
 - ☐ \$10/hour on day of count
 - ☐ \$5 Safeway's Healthy Heart gift card for each completed survey turned in during the following 6 days of the count

☐ Incentives:

- Survey Respondents received a \$5 Safeway Healthy Heart Gift Card gift card for completing the survey

Before the Count

- Planning Meetings
- Create New/Update forms
 - Surveys
 - Observational Tool
 - Budget tracking
 - Incentive Disbursement
- Volunteer trainings



Coast Specifics

- ❑ 15 volunteers and individuals experiencing homelessness participated in the count
- ❑ Westport to Boonville and Gualala and inland to Parlin Fork
- ❑ 89 Surveys Completed
- ❑ Evidence of recent activity in many locations but not many people found

Inland Specifics (North & South)

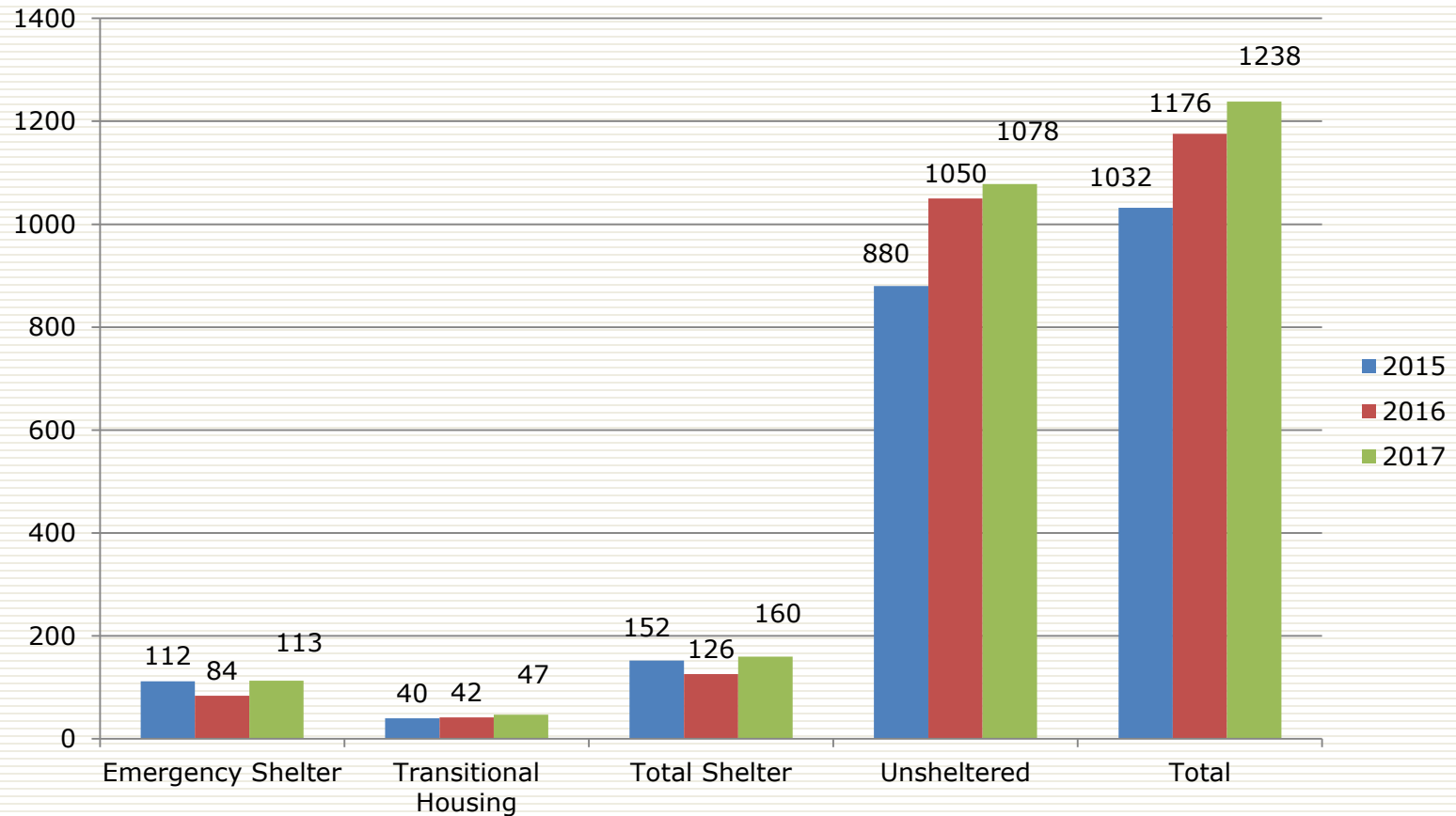
- ☐ 48 volunteers and individuals experiencing homelessness participated in the count
- ☐ Piercy to Hopland and Potter Valley west to Reeves Canyon Road
- ☐ 176 Surveys Completed
- ☐ Need more homeless workers participating in the count

Observations

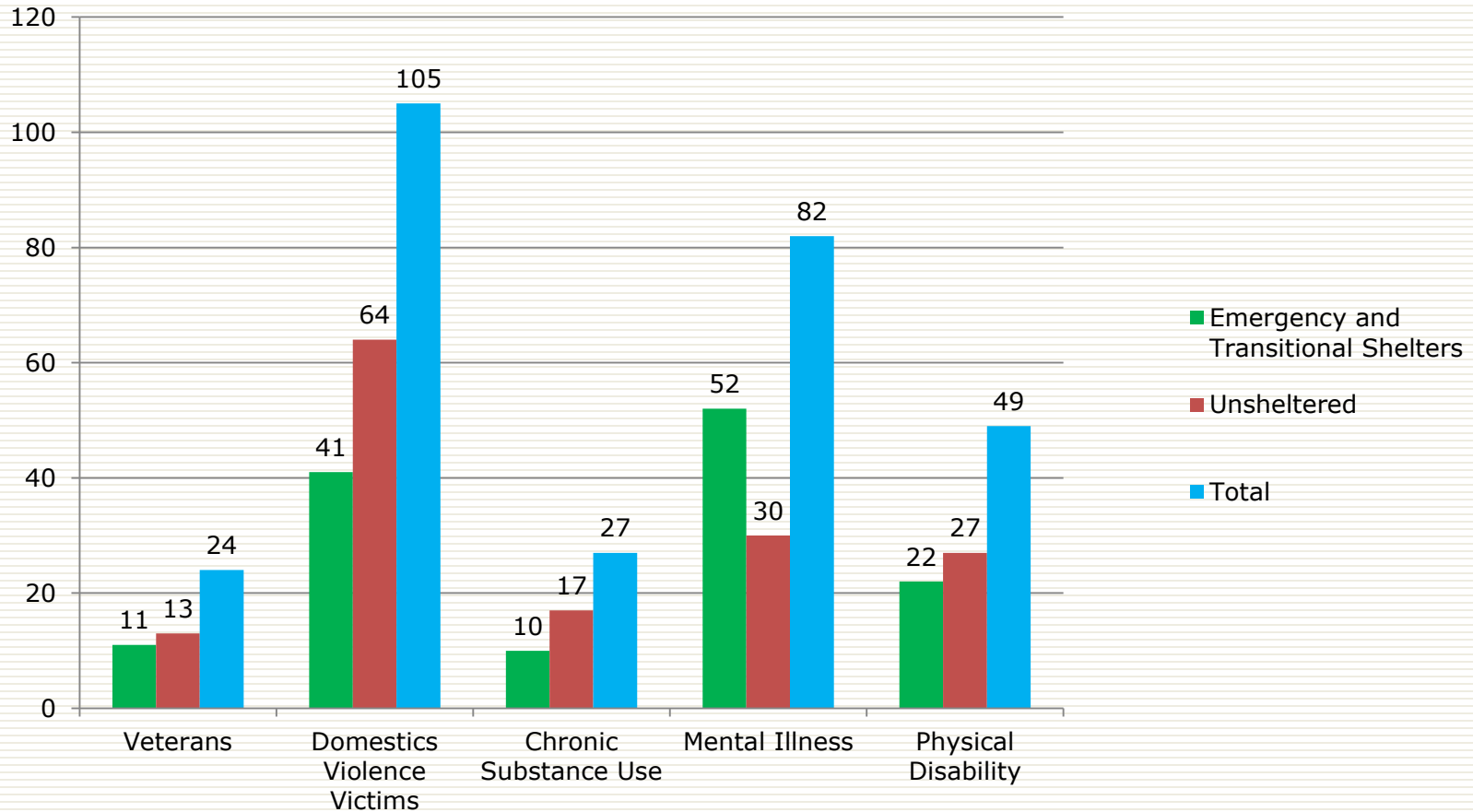
- ☐ Warming Centers were Effective
- ☐ Fences Limited Access
- ☐ Increased Encampment
- ☐ Volunteers are Essential



2015-2016-2017 Comparison



2017 Sub-Populations (Self Reporting)



Chronically Homeless

HUD's DEFINITION: A person who is "chronically homeless" is an unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition and who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more OR has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years.

Self reporting survey count for 2017 is 110 Individuals.

Participating Organizations

- ☐ The Arbor Youth Resource Center - RCS
- ☐ City of Fort Bragg
- ☐ Community Development Commission
- ☐ First Presbyterian Church of Ukiah
- ☐ Ford Street Project
- ☐ Homeless Services Action Group
- ☐ Manzanita Services
- ☐ Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center
- ☐ Mendocino County AIDS/Viral Hepatitis Network (MCAVHN)
- ☐ Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency
- ☐ Mendocino County Youth Project

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Participating Organizations

- ☐ Plowshares
- ☐ Project Sanctuary
- ☐ Redwood Community Services
- ☐ Veteran's Administration
- ☐ Willits Community Services
- ☐ Willits United Methodist Church

Point-In-Time Committee

- Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center
 - Paul Davis, **Operations Manager**
- Redwood Community Services
 - Christine Hawley, **Arbor Program Supervisor**
- Mendocino County Youth Project
 - Amanda Archer, **Levine House Manager**
- Ford Street Project
 - Drew Iacomini, **Community Support and Housing Programs Director**
- Community Development Commission
 - Heather Blough, **Housing Manager**
- Plowshares
 - Marlene Kurowski, **Executive Director**
- HHSA Adult and Aging Services
 - Garry Colson, **HHSA Program Specialist and Committee Chair**

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