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NC BoS CoC Steering Committee Meeting

October 9, 2018 Minutes

Regional Leads Present: Marilyn Chamberlin (1), Trina Hill (2), Teena Willis (3 and 4), Nicole Dewitt (5), Ellery Blackstock (6), Marie Watson (7), Emily Locklear (8), Joel Rice (9), LaTasha McNair (10), Jim Cox (12)

At-Large Members Present: Angela Harper-King, Eric Edwards, Thea Craft

SC Members Absent: Nicole Boone, Juliet Rogers

Interested Parties Present: Talaika Williams, Linda Golden, Paullett Wall, Kristen Martin, Brian Fike, Melissa McKeown, Danette Garner, Monica Frizzell, Tujuanda Sanders, Amy Modlin, Andrea Merriman, Melissa Eastwood, Joshua Edwards, Ashley Gray, Alison Azbell, Leila McMichael, Gail Henson, Leonard Tillery

NCCEH Staff Present: Brian Alexander, Denise Neunaber, Tia Sanders-Rice, Bagé Shade, Jenn Von Egidy

Approval of Consent Agenda

- The Steering Committee restructuring proposal included changes to the topics that are covered during Steering Committee meetings. The proposal recommended that standard updates and voting items that do not require in-depth discussion be put in a “board packet” that is sent to Steering Committee members for review prior to the meeting. The voting items are included in this packet as a “consent agenda.” The consent agenda will be voted on as a whole at the beginning of each meeting. Steering Committee members may request to move an item from the consent agenda to the regular agenda, if they feel it requires additional discussion.
- The consent agenda was sent out prior to the meeting and is posted at: <https://www.ncceh.org/files/9465/>
- There being no changes needed, the consent agenda was approved by common consent.

ESG Application

ESG Timeline

September 28, 2018	Submit Regional and Project applications to NCCEH for review & feedback
October 1-12, 2018	NC BoS CoC Staff Review of Applications and Calls to Funding Process Leads
October 26, 2018	Regional Application Due
October 29- November 9, 2018	Application Review

November 26, 2018	Funding Decisions Announced
December 7, 2018	Agency's intent to appeal Due
December 14, 2018	Appeals & Special Consideration Materials Due
December 21, 2018	Fiscal Sponsor Contracts
January 4, 2019	Appeals Answered
January 4, 2019	Contracts Sent Out

Benchmarks by Region

The following regions have not submitted their Regional and Project Applications to NCCEH for review

- Region 7
- Region 8, 10, and 13 have Hurricane Florence related extensions. NCCEH review deadline is October 12 and ESG final deadline is November 9.

ESG Office Submission

Please note that each Local Planning Area should submit the following in a 3-ring binder(s) no larger than 2 inches each tabbed according to the checklist:

- One Regional Application (with attachments)
- One Project Application for each of the agencies recommended for funding (with attachments)
- One soft (electronic) copy on a flash drive of the complete application.
 - Please be sure to write your LPA name on the flash drive
 - Make sure the applications are submitted electronically in both Word and signed version in PDF
 - Budgets should be submitted in Excel format
 - QPR should be submitted in Excel format

Resources

- NC BoS CoC ESG Funding documents are posted at: www.ncceh.org/bos/esg/
- ESG RFA and Application: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/grant-opportunities/aging-and-adult-services-grant-opportunities>
- Staff solicited questions or feedback. None expressed.

Back@Home

- Back@Home is administered by DHHS, HFA, NCCEH, and 5 program agencies, using a rapid re-housing approach to administer a disaster rehousing program.
 - For families and individuals who are in disaster shelter and have no other path out of that shelter.
- 22,000 people entered disaster shelters and about 600 are left. Many have no other resources to help them out of this situation. They may have been precariously housed or pre-disaster homeless.



- Deposits, short-term rental assistance, and other similar RRH activities deployed by Trillium, VOA, Southeastern Family Violence Center, Eastpointe, and First Fruit Ministries.
- Last week, assessors went into disaster shelters to assess everyone. Homeowners and renters (with lease) are eligible for IA (FEMA individual assistance), but Back@Home focuses on those who do not fall into this category. Governor Cooper has launched the program with \$3 million. Additional populations may be added later, but we do not know yet.
- The program is not ready to take referrals from other places but working with 211 to set up an assessment screen to ensure appropriate referrals.
- \$12 million has been asked for and will go to the NC General Assembly for a vote next week.
- Staff solicited questions or feedback. None expressed.

Hurricane Florence Resources

- Resources are posted on: <https://www.ncceh.org/hurricaneflorence/>
- HMIS
 - New intake questions have been added to help us gauge the impact of Hurricane Florence on our system and to connect clients to resources.
 - New intake forms: https://www.mihomeless.org/jdownloads/HMIS/North%20Carolina/Assessment%20Forms/Street_and_Shelter%20Intake_Form_3.917A_NC_Hurricane_September_2018.pdf
- Registration for FEMA
 - All households in the counties that are declared disaster areas (this list is [here](#)) should register with FEMA.
 - Households can register here: www.disasterassistance.gov
- People impacted by the storm are also eligible for other resources and new flexibilities with programs such as [Food and Nutrition Services \(EBT cards\)](#); [Women, Infants & Children \(WIC\)](#); and [Medicaid](#).
- Questions?
 - You can email us at disaster.response@ncceh.org or call 919-755-4393 and ask for Denise Neunaber.

HMIS Transition

- Mediware is now called WellSky, and they're continuing to work through identified global visibility issues which are contributing to a delay in the transition. HUD TA is involved to assist with this process.
- No timeline is available for the transition until we know the full scope of the global visibility issues.
- A new MOU has been signed with the NCHMIS Governance Committee to extend NCHMIS access through end of calendar year.
- Staff solicited questions or feedback. None expressed.

Point-in-Time Count

- NC BoS CoC and Data Center staff reviewed the trends in the 2018 Point-in-Time and Housing Inventory Counts, comparing to recent years.



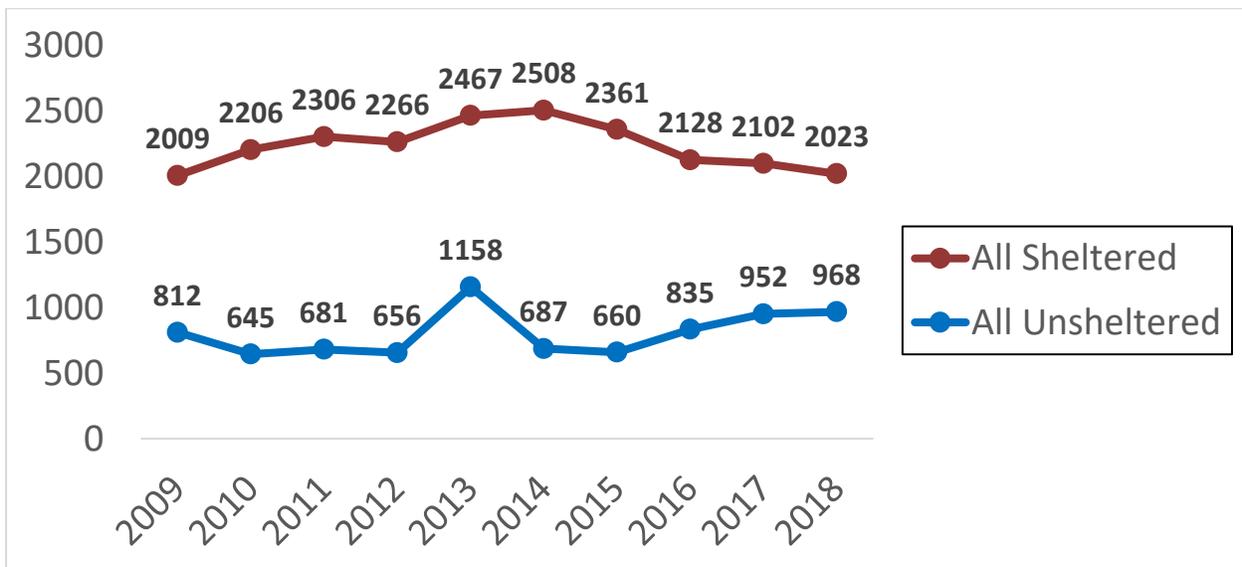


Figure 1: Sheltered & Unsheltered People on PIT, 2009-2018

- Tia reviewed sheltered and unsheltered counts over time from 2009 through 2018. She noted the increase in the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. The fluctuation is impacted by what counties decide to count and how they decide to count.
- Brian stated the unsheltered count is increasing; noted this trend across the country. He noted an upswelling of efforts in a lot of communities to help figure out how the sheltered programs/providers can increase their access for those who may be unsheltered due to their barriers that prevent them from entering the shelter. He stated the challenges to low-barrier shifts include board involvement and staff training. He mentioned low utilization rates in shelters, which might suggest barriers that exist to get into shelters. Something to consider: does that mean there are beds because no one needs them or because the barriers keep them from going to the shelter?
- Brian mentioned how street outreach services are not widely available in the NC BoS CoC. When people access shelter, they're more likely to gain access to permanent housing options. Very few unsheltered folks are coming through the current coordinated entry system.



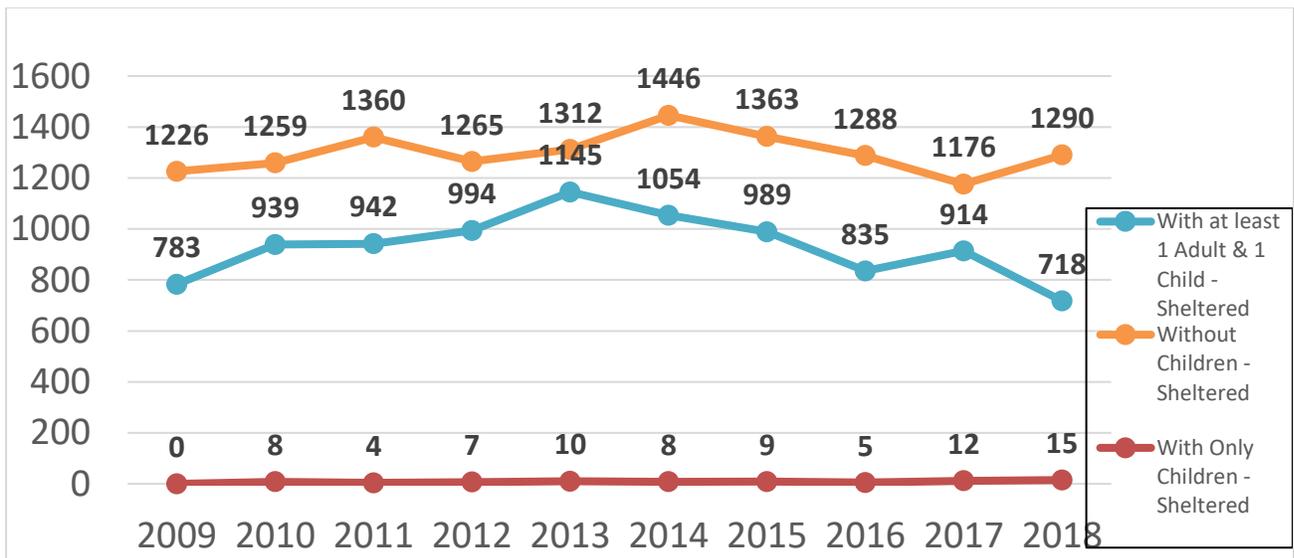


Figure 2: Sheltered People by Household Type, 2009-2018

- Tia reviewed sheltered people with at least 1 adult and 1 child, people without children, and households with only children.
- The highest count in this category is for people without children.
- We will likely see more programs and funding targeted for adults without children experiencing homelessness based on past trends for subpopulations.

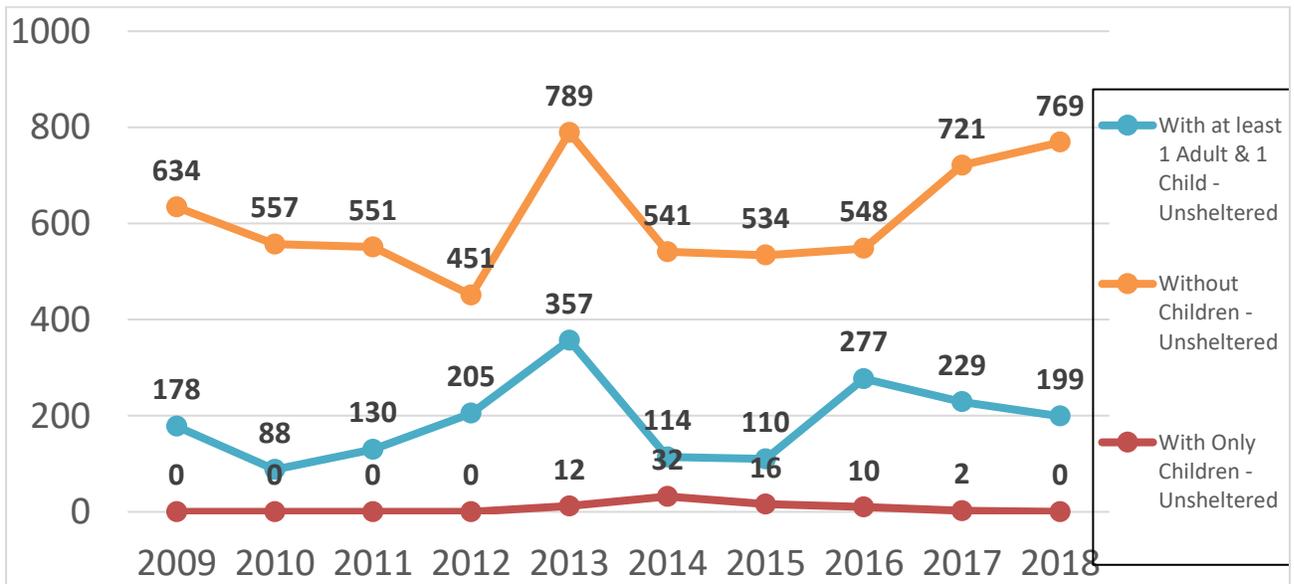


Figure 3: Unsheltered People by Household Type, 2009-2018

- Tia reviewed unsheltered people with at least 1 adult and 1 child, people without children, and households with only children.
- Households without children have increased. Beds for families outweighs number of beds we have for single individuals. Mainstream services also focus on resources for families.



- Shelters with rooms that have more beds than the size of the family needing assistance show low utilization in HMIS. If this is happening, contact the Data Center to work on how to show more accurate utilization rates.
- Teena Willis asked if the increase in certain areas could be because regions have improved their strategies for doing the PIT count.
 - Brian stated 18 out of 79 counties did not do unsheltered count, and 8 other counties submitted a zero count.
 - Tia made a point about how this may not have been a factor because the methodology information from across the NC BoS CoC did not suggest that those activities to build stronger activities were taking place outside of Region 3.
- Dana Mangum asked how much of the data may overlap with other populations, such as domestic violence sub-populations.
 - Tia responded the next graph will go into detail about sub-populations in the PIT count.

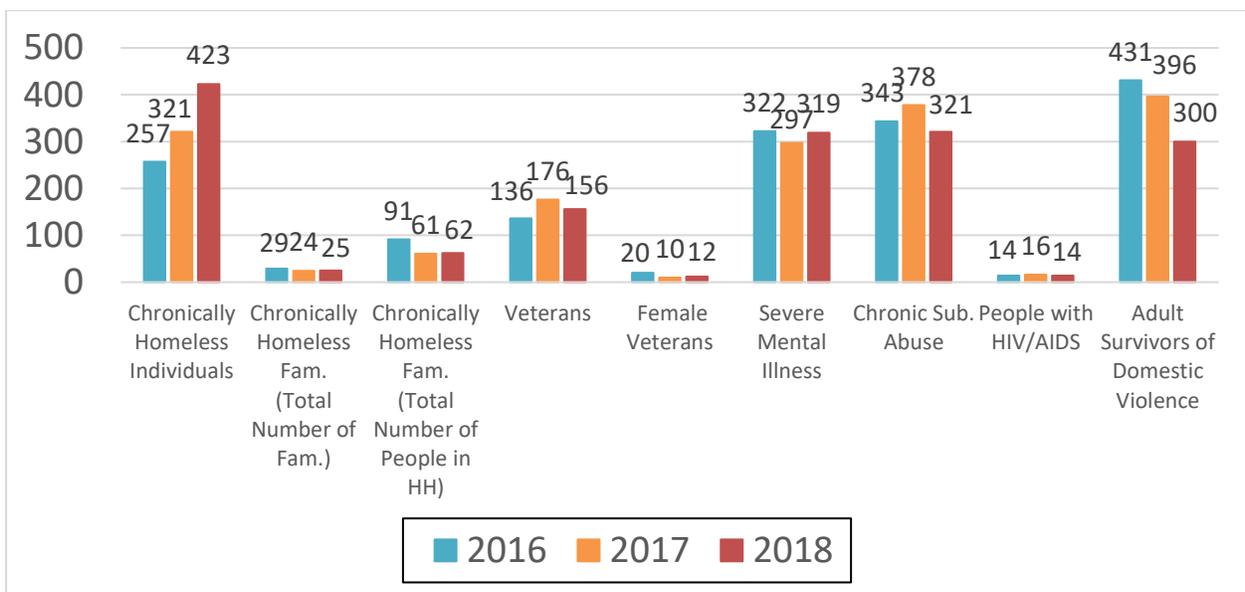


Figure 4: All PIT Subpopulations, 2016-2018

- Tia reviewed PIT subpopulations and highlighted an increase in the number of chronically homeless individuals:
 - She noted that not only do we lack the access to shelter for those who are in households without children, but that they're remaining homeless for a longer time.
 - Brian mentioned that PSH programs do not have a lot of turnover, so beds are not opening as quickly to allow for more access to those experiencing chronic homelessness. Therefore, programs are shifting their focus to move-on strategies to allow for continued assessment of needs for those who have been in PSH for a longer period. Also, education about the definition of chronic homelessness is improving, so those identifiers are clearer and better captured in the data.



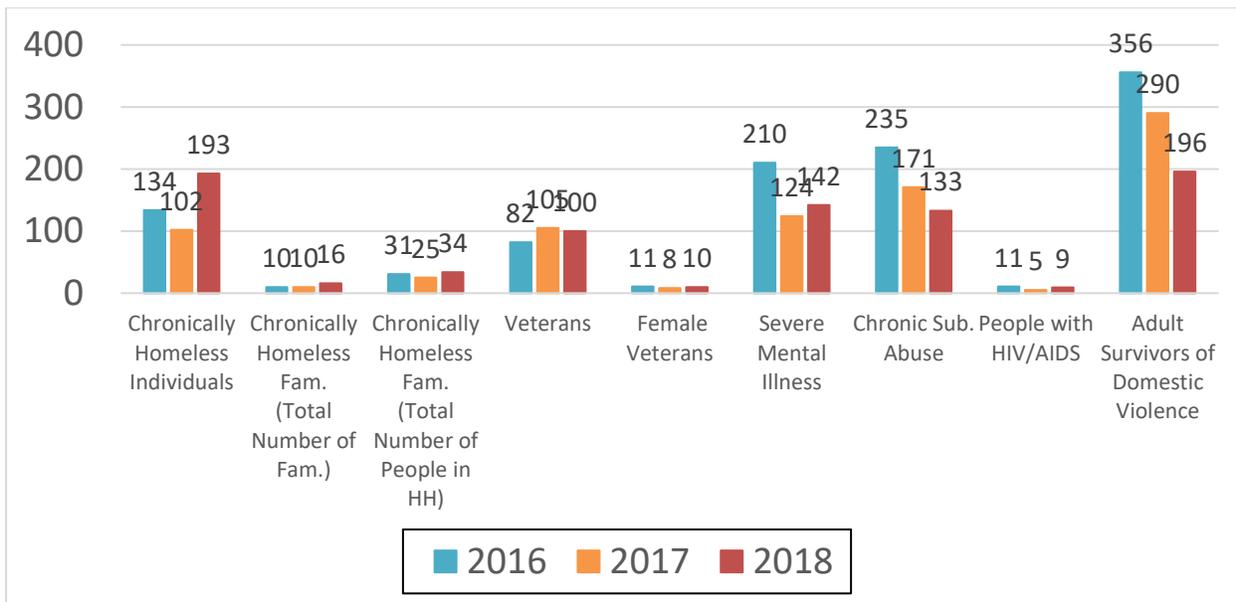


Figure 5: Sheltered PIT Subpopulations, 2016-2018

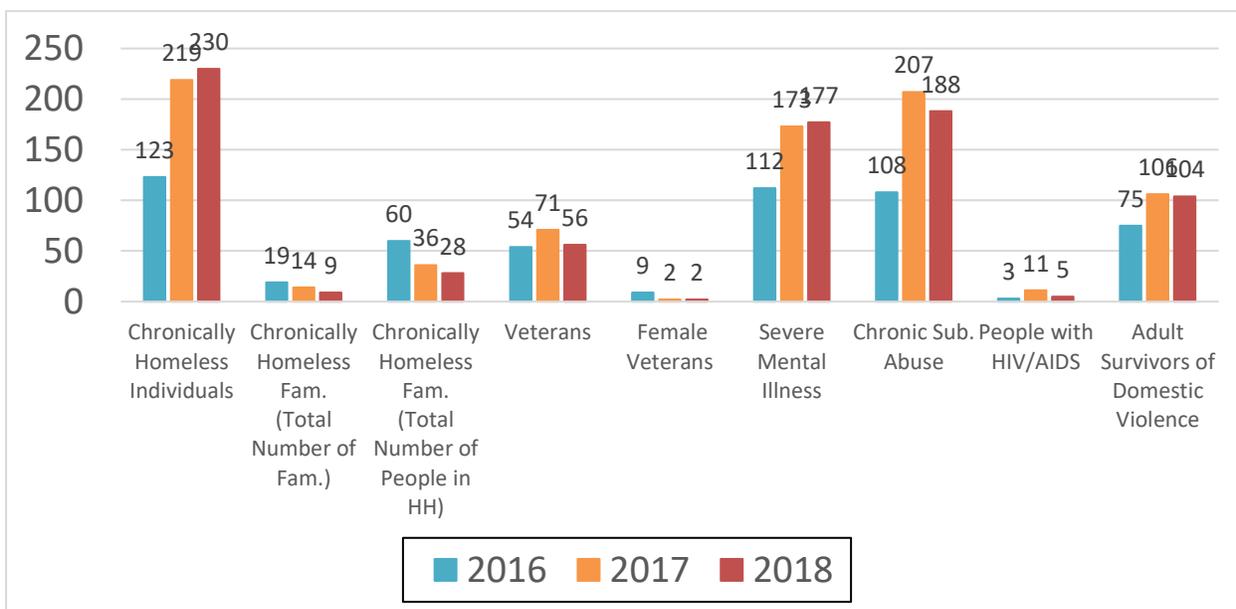


Figure 6: Unsheltered Pit Subpopulations, 2016-2018

- Tia noted the following:
 - Slight decrease in families with children, but also increase in family size
 - Slight increase for folks living with severe mental illness
 - Slight decrease for folks living with chronic substance use disorders
 - Decrease for people living with HIV or AIDS
 - Significant decrease for adult DV survivors
- Brian stated the decrease in overall Veteran homelessness can be contributed to the Veteran's Plan to End Homelessness and the work of the committees to address Veteran homelessness as



well as Veteran-specific programs, such as SSVF, to provide a focused option for this subpopulation.

- Tia mentioned those who are not on HMIS and/or may not be involved in Regional Committee meetings may not understand how to collect PIT data on subpopulations.
- Work is already being planned for 2019 PIT count to ensure providers have training on definitions for subpopulations.

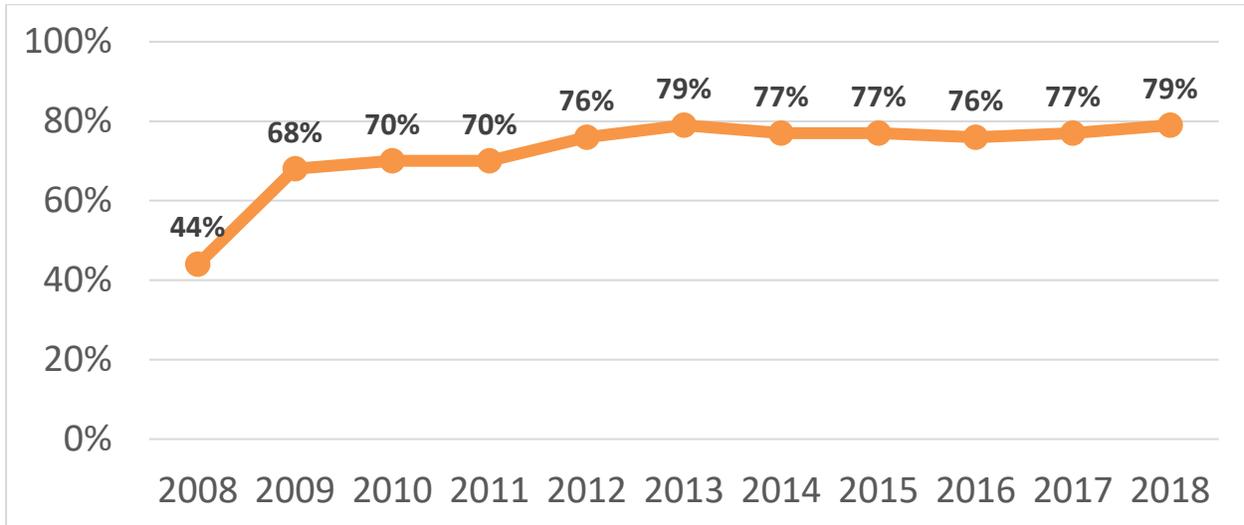


Figure 7: Overall HMIS Bed Participation Rate, 2008-2018

- Overall HMIS Bed Participation has almost flat-lined since 2009.
- Brian stated NCEH is in the planning stages of the 2019 PIT count, and we need the NC BoS CoC Regional Committees to elect PIT Leads by October 31, 2019. Materials will begin being dispersed to PIT Leads at that time. If a region does not designate their PIT Lead, the Regional Lead will receive the materials and the responsibility to coordinate PIT tasks until a PIT Lead is identified.
- Staff solicited questions or feedback. None expressed.

Meeting and Reminders

- **2019 Regional Committee Elections should begin in October 2018**
 - Regional Lead
 - Regional Alternate
 - Webmaster
 - Coordinated Entry Lead
 - Funding Process Lead
 - PIT Lead
 - PIT Lead needs to be elected by October 31, 2018 because PIT planning is beginning soon.
- **ESG Funding Process Lead Status Calls**
 - Weekly on Fridays 10:00-11:00am
 - <https://join.me/nccehrocks> and call: 404-400-8750, code 109-732-640#
- **NC BoS CoC HMIS User Meeting**
 - Thursday, October 18 1:00-2:30pm
 - Register here: <https://www.ncceh.org/events/1262/>
- **BoS Veteran Subcommittee**



- October 19, 10:00am-12:00 noon – CANCELLED!
- **Child Care Resource & Referral Webinar**
 - Monday, October 22nd 11:00 am-12:00 noon
 - Register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/472470435894016259>
- **Best Practice in Tenancy Support**
 - 2-Day Case Manager Trainings for housing case managers providing direct support
 - November 12-13 - Morganton, NC
 - November 15-16 - Eastern or Central NC
 - *Registration link coming soon
- **Navigating Services for Homeless Children Webinar**
 - Monday, November 26th 11:00 am-12 noon
 - Register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2670757018655442179>
- **In-person Steering Committee Meeting**
 - Tuesday, November 29, 10:00 am-4:00 pm
 - Winston-Salem, NC
 - Registration open to voting Steering Committee Members:
 - <http://www.ncceh.org/events/1304/>
- **Next Steering Committee Meeting:**
 - Tuesday, November 6, 2018, 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

