

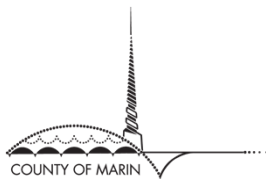
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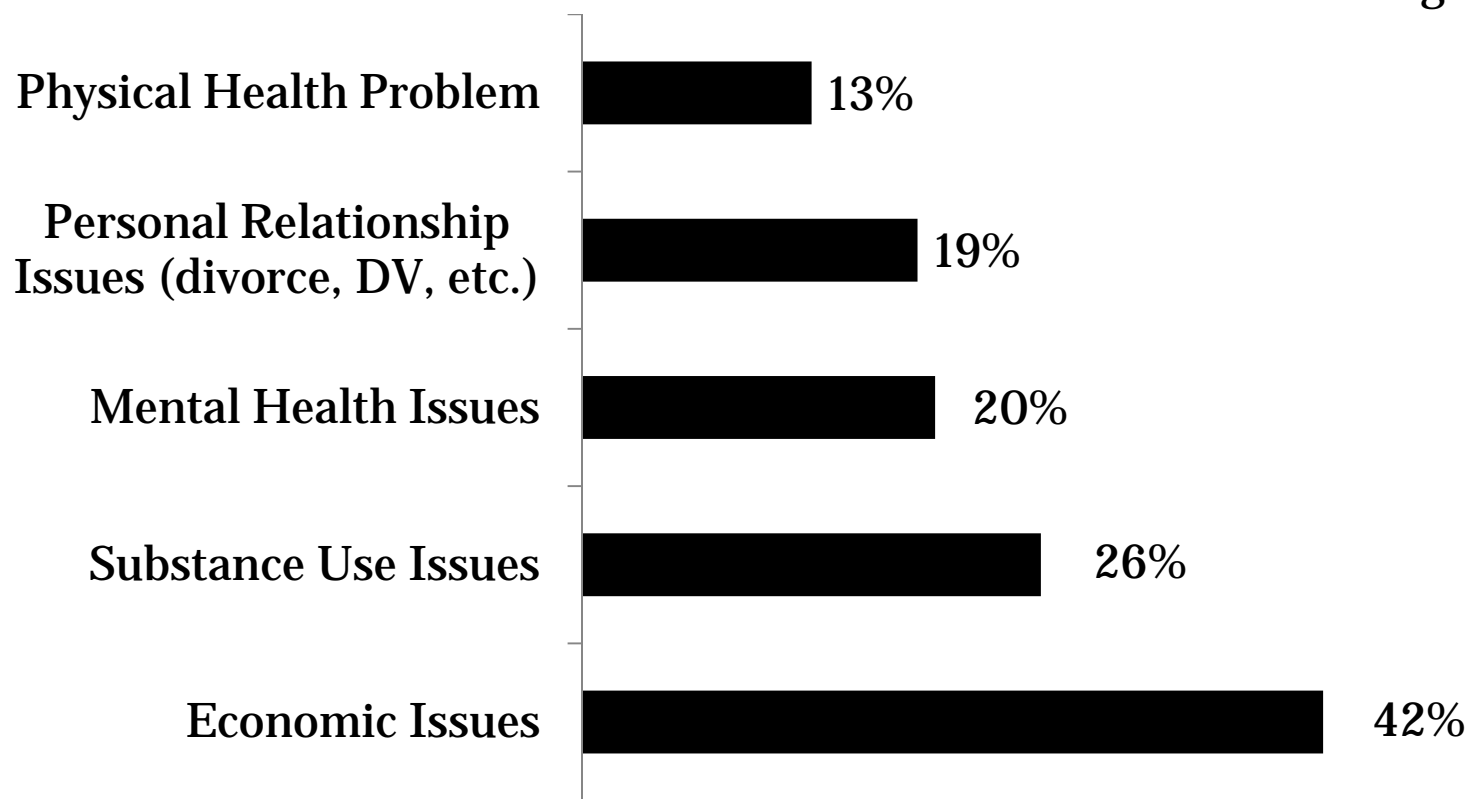


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PRIMARY TRIGGERS OF HOMELESSNESS IN MARIN

Homelessness is the outcome of a multitude of structural, social, economic, behavioral and health stressors that result in a loss of stable housing.



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NUMBERS AND GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

- The January 2017 point in time count reported 1,117 homeless people in Marin County
- The highest concentrations of people living without housing or shelter are:
 - San Rafael – 233 (33%)
 - Novato – 169 (24%)
 - Unincorporated Marin – 130 (18%)
 - Richardson Bay (anchor-outs) – 86 (12%)
- 72% of people who are homeless in Marin lived here prior to housing loss
- **Overall homelessness countywide is down by 15%, but chronic homelessness is up.**
 - 359 of total counted were chronically homeless – up 28% since 2015
 - The chronically homeless are the highest needs, most vulnerable population with the greatest systems cost



HOUSING FIRST



Housing First is an evidence-based practice that returns people to permanent housing quickly, effectively and cost-efficiently. Studies show that people are more successful when they are housed before other issues, like mental health and substance use, are addressed.

The Housing Authority, other county departments, city governments, and community-based organizations are working to:

- Establish appropriate mix of housing and services
- Ensure that individual programs and the system of care are operating effectively and in accordance with evidence-based practices
- Enhance cross-sector collaboration



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Establish Appropriate Mix of Housing and Services

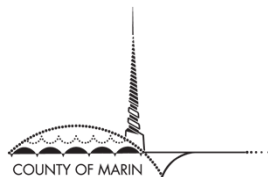


2016-17 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Improved Point-in-Time Count methodology
- Secured \$3.4 million (\$200,000 increase) in federal funds for homeless housing and services

2017-18 PRIORITIES

- Launch Whole Person Care
- Transform shelters into a pathway to housing
- Establish additional permanent supportive housing
 - Partner with the Housing Authority to create 50 new permanent supportive housing beds
 - Engage private sector for additional expertise in locating properties for acquisition or rental
 - Apply for No Place Like Home funding to create permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless persons with mental illness



Enhance Cross-Sector Partnerships

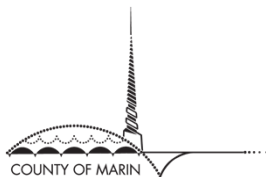


2016-17 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) provided multi-agency case conferencing and system evaluation
 - 10 of the 20 clients engaged by HOT so far have been permanently housed
 - 3 other chronically homeless individuals have been permanently housed as live-in caregivers

2017-18 PRIORITIES

- Foster partnerships inside and outside the County
 - Conduct regular meetings with local jurisdictions (San Rafael, Novato, etc.) to leverage resources and share solutions
 - Work with neighboring counties on regional strategies



Ensure Program & System Effectiveness



2016-17 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Designed improved data-tracking system for people experiencing homelessness
 - System helps us make data-driven decisions about which programs are working and what needs improvement
- Created Housing Locator position at Marin Housing Authority
 - Housing locator has helped 35 clients exiting permanent supportive housing obtain apartments with Section 8 vouchers since January

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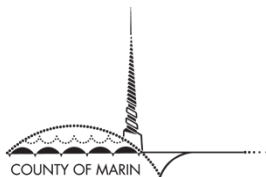
- Prioritize those with the highest needs for housing
 - “Coordinated Entry” system works like emergency room triage
- Work with community partners to improve Housing First alignment
 - E.g. reduce barriers to entry, tailor services to individual needs
- Measure effectiveness of homeless system of care
 - Including returns to homelessness, employment and income growth



Questions?

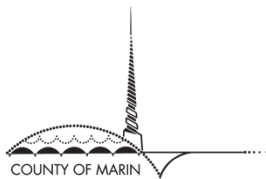


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