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Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

Current & Future Plans

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Opening Doors

The first objective of the Federal strategy to end homelessness is to

“Provide and promote collaboration at all levels of Government and across all sectors to inspire and energize Americans to commit to preventing and ending homelessness.”



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Traditional Service

Plans? Targeting?

- unaware of demand
- resources not shared
- First come, first served

No hope of ending
homelessness





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Collaboration - How to Start

- No special powers required – need to communicate
- Must set aside regular time, with periodic face-to-face meetings
- Good planning is inclusive





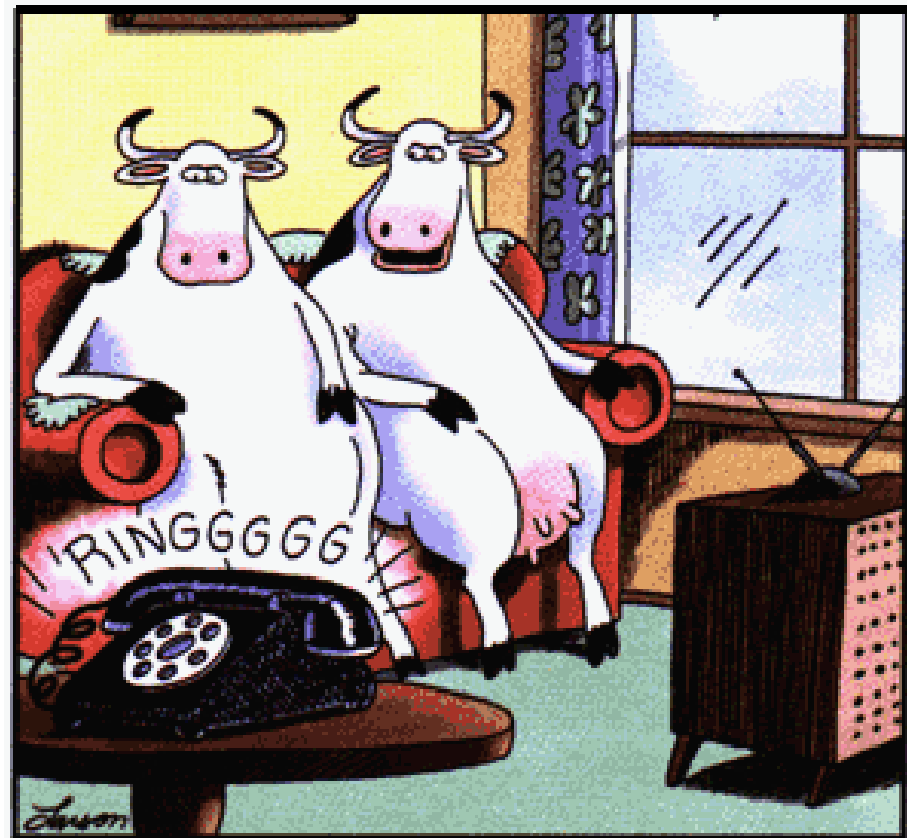
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We Have The Ability

We know what works

- Coordinated Entry & Assessment
- Use of By-Name List

(Bonus: Work on these,
build collaboration)



"Well, there it goes again. ... And here we sit
without opposable thumbs."



Community Planning



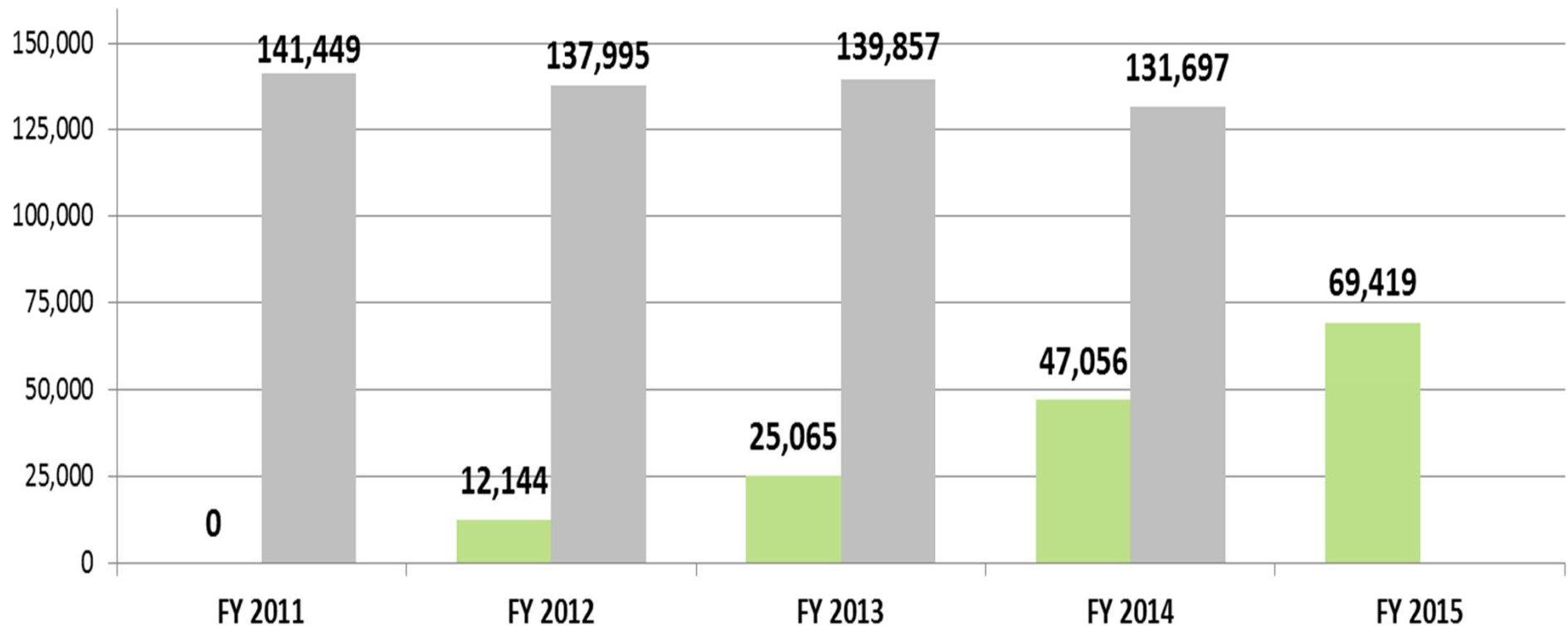
To End Homelessness

- What are community needs and available resources.
- What can be done to expedite linkage to appropriate service.
- Who is responsible.
- What is the impact.



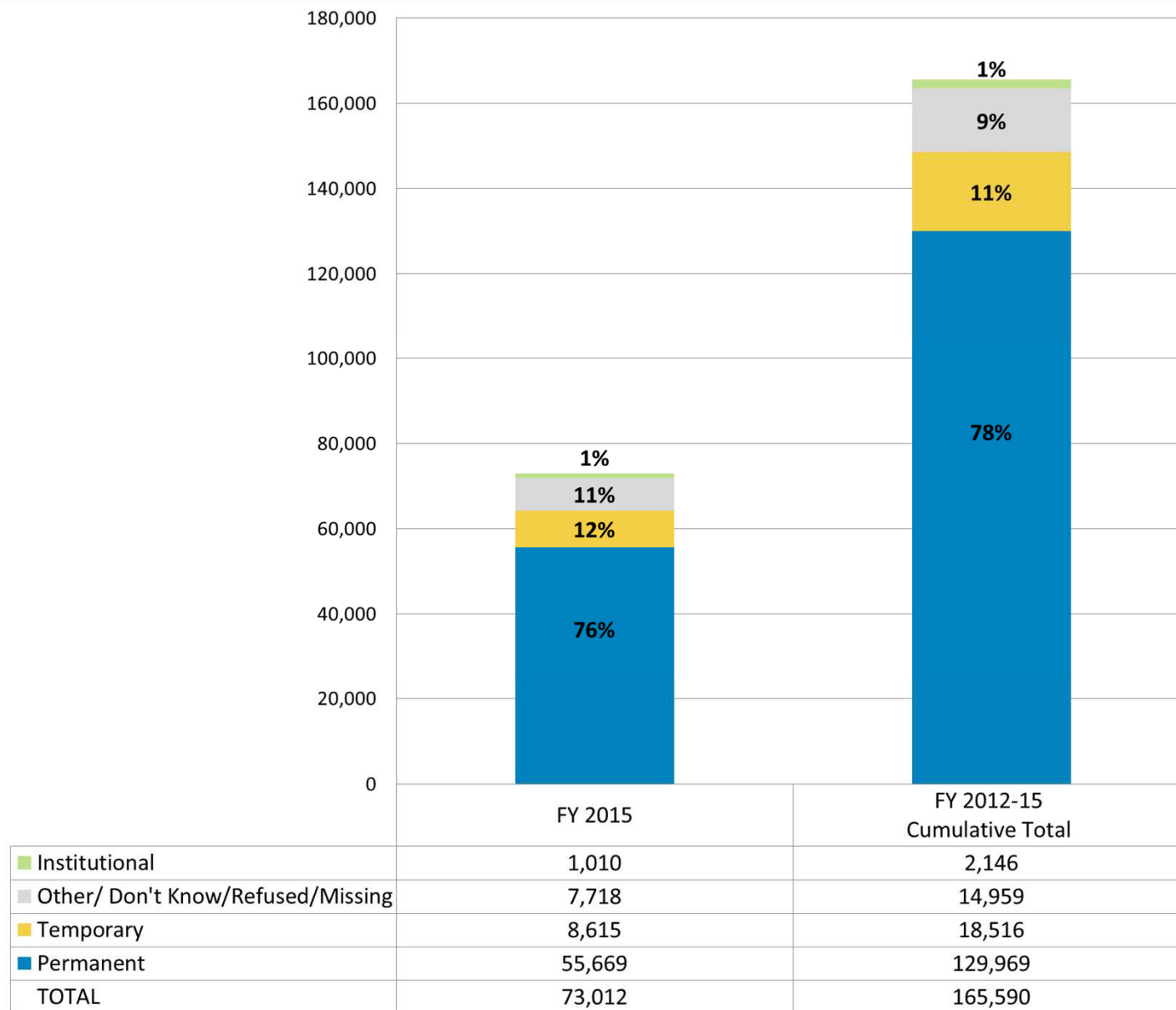
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■ Homeless Veterans Served with SSVF Rapid Re-housing Assistance ■ Homeless Sheltered Veterans Estimate



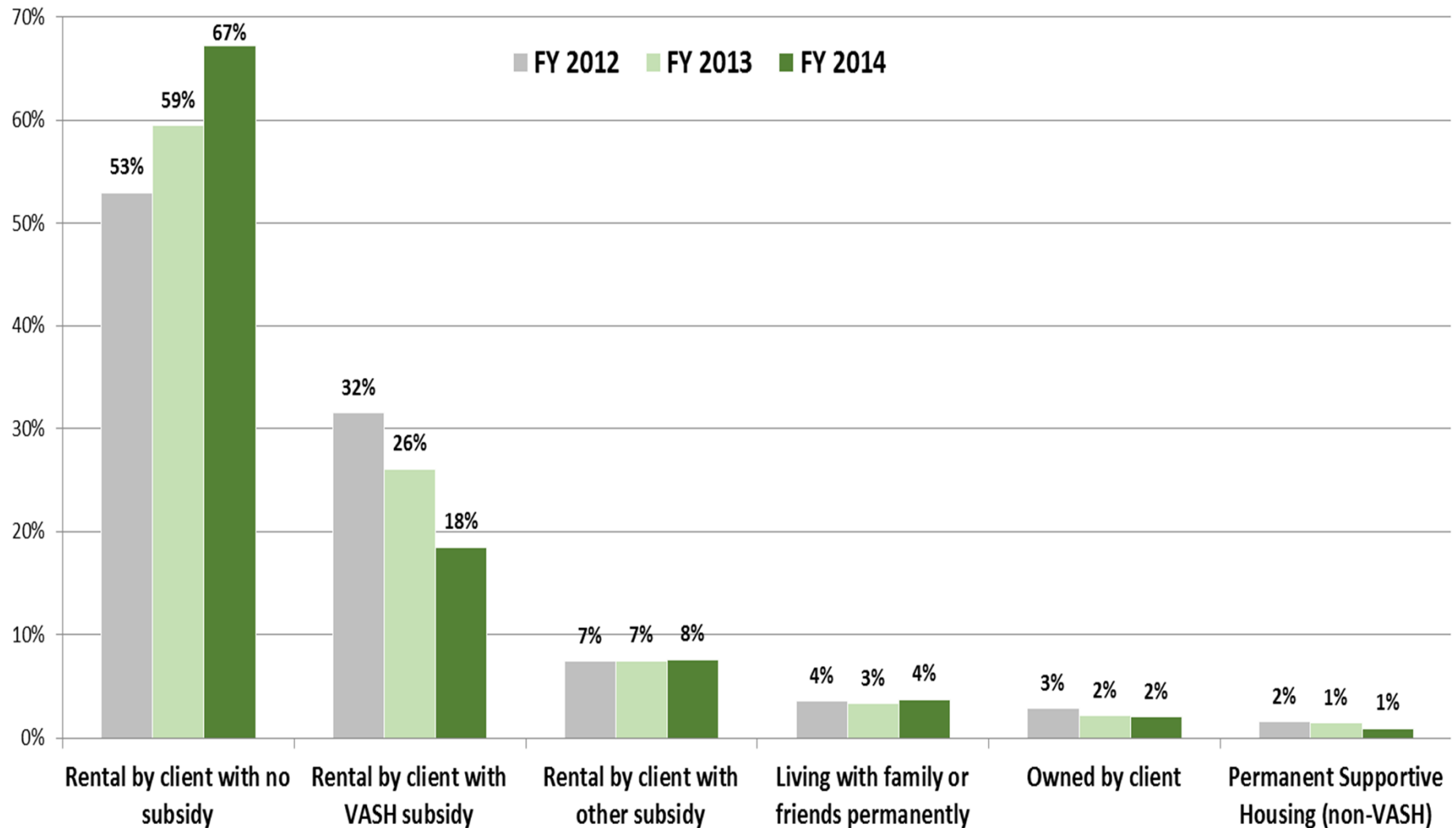


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Housing Destinations





How many Veterans rapidly re-housed by SSVF
re-entered homelessness within 2 years?

- 26% of individuals
- 15.5% of families

This is consistent with experience that some need
episodic assistance.

Two Missions Becoming One

Rapidly re-house homeless Veterans and their families

**Prevention –
keep those imminently at-risk, housed**





Data is our friend and allows us to

1. Understand available resources and plan how it can meet demand
2. Prioritize services to match need
3. Reduce delays to housing placement (put the *rapid* in rapid re-housing)
4. As communities approach zero, allows for rational reallocation to prevention



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Contact Information

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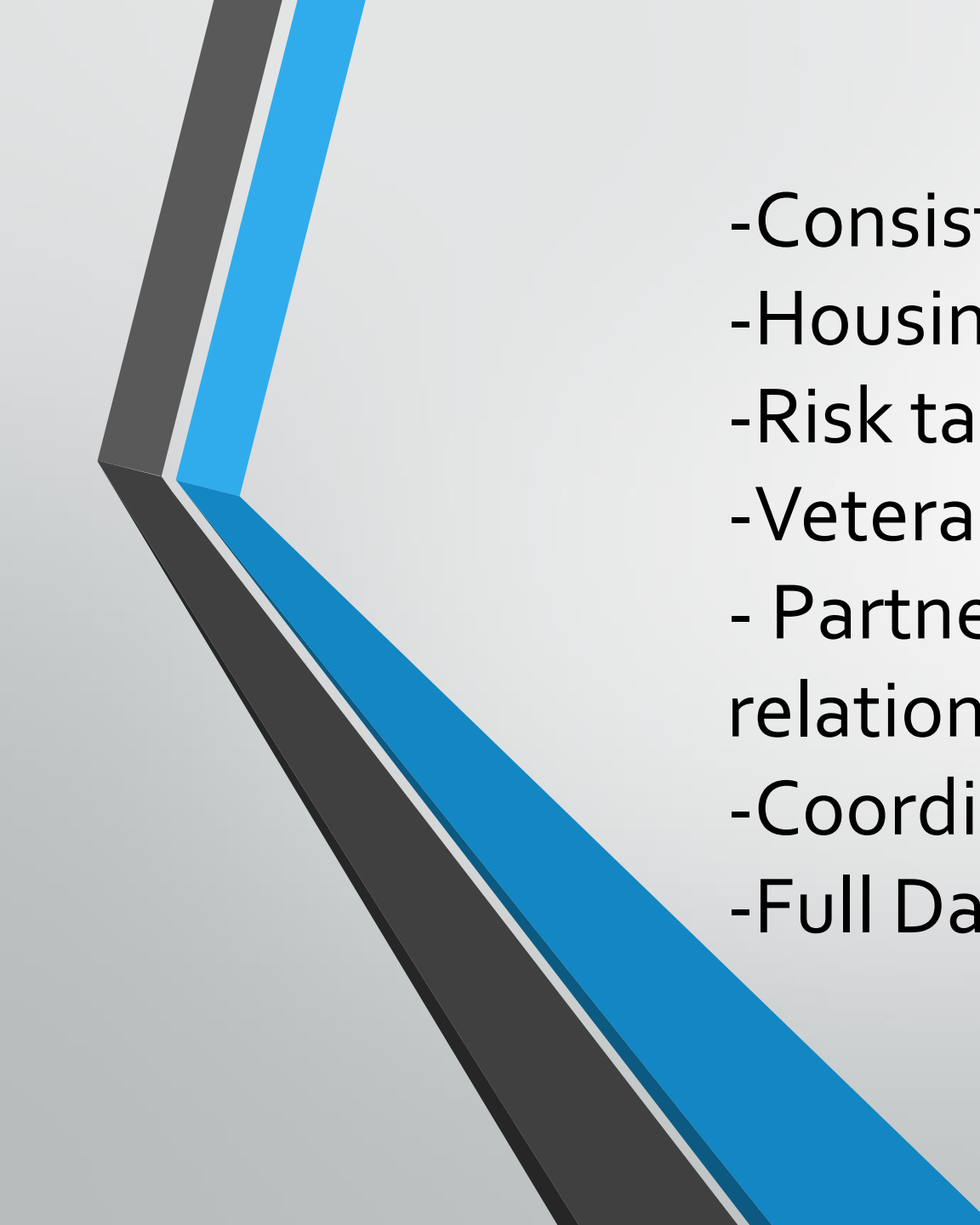


Functionally Ending Veteran Homelessness in Southern Nevada

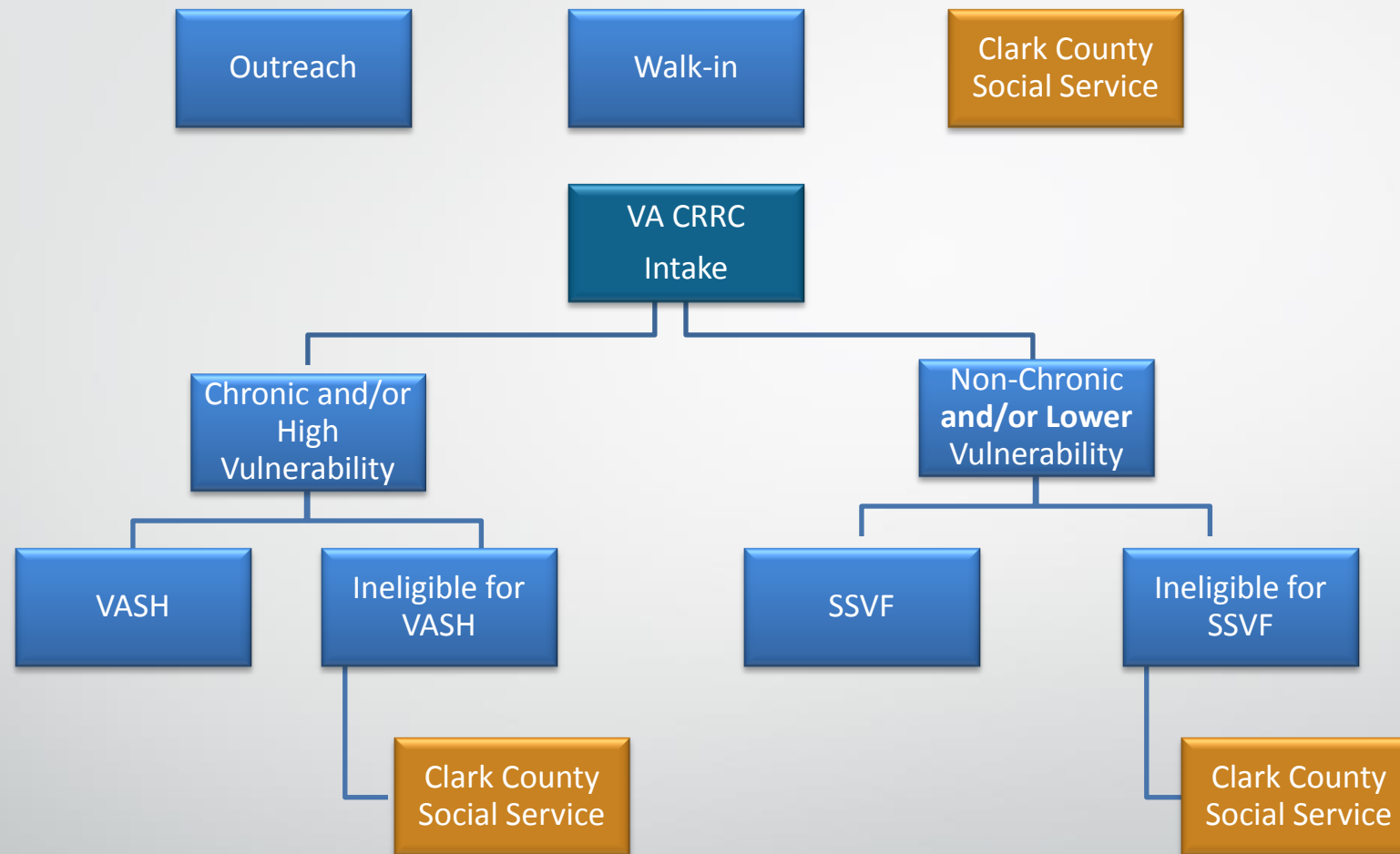
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Together We (Functionally) Ended Veteran Homelessness in Southern Nevada!



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- Consistent Determined Leadership
 - Housing First Commitment
 - Risk taking and Course Correction
 - Veteran Centralized Intake + CoC CI
 - Partners and MEETINGS (personal relationships and celebrating success)
 - Coordinated Outreach and By Name List
 - Full Data Sharing

Coordinated Intake for Veterans - began 10/2012



Coordinated Intake = Housing Assessment + Permanent Housing Plan (immediate referral) + Emergency/Bridge Housing . Service Intensive GPD?



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Zero: 2016





Meetings

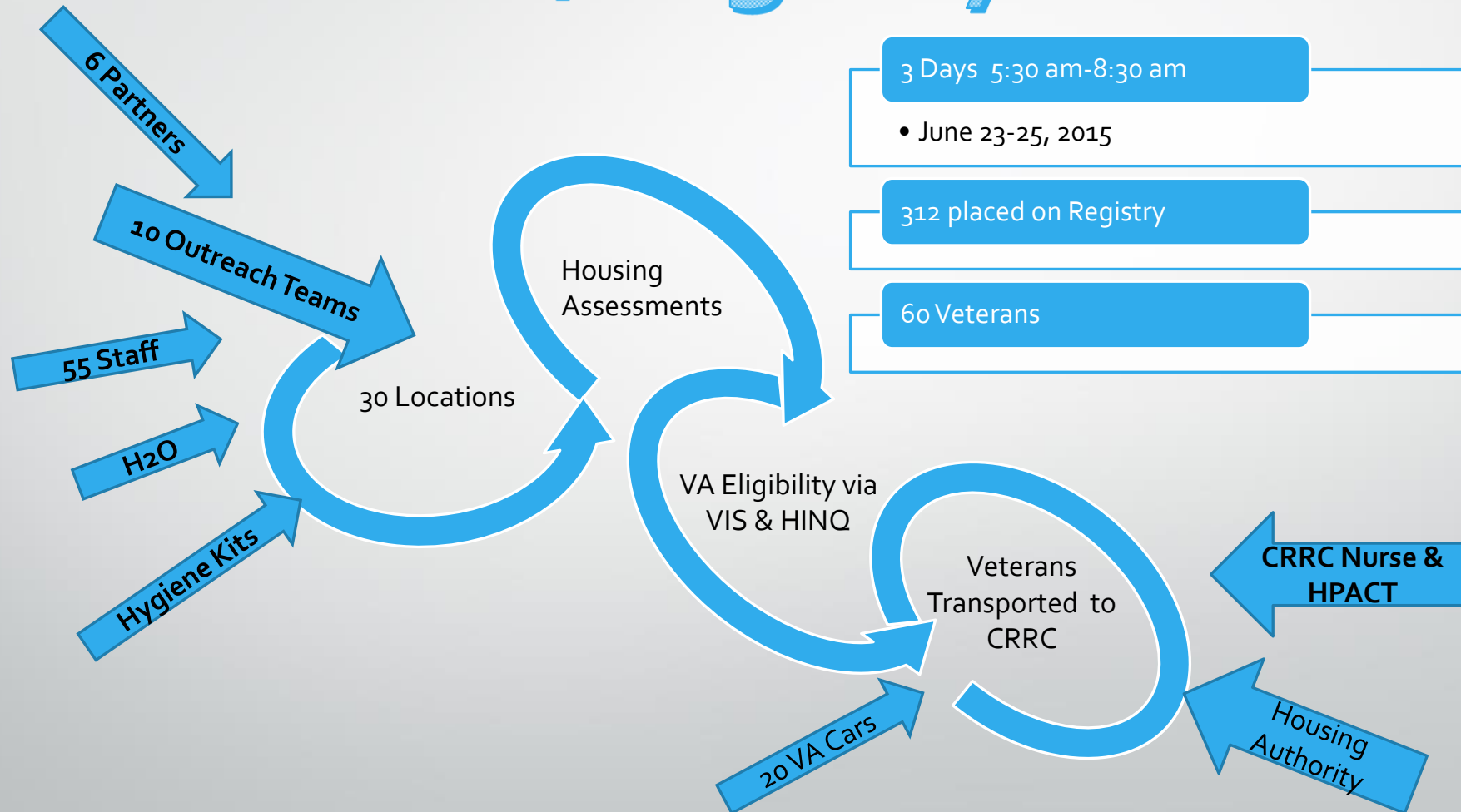
Course Correction



Video

- <https://www.dropbox.com/s/rd9o5fz9cq71whd/VeteranOutreach.wmv?dl=o>

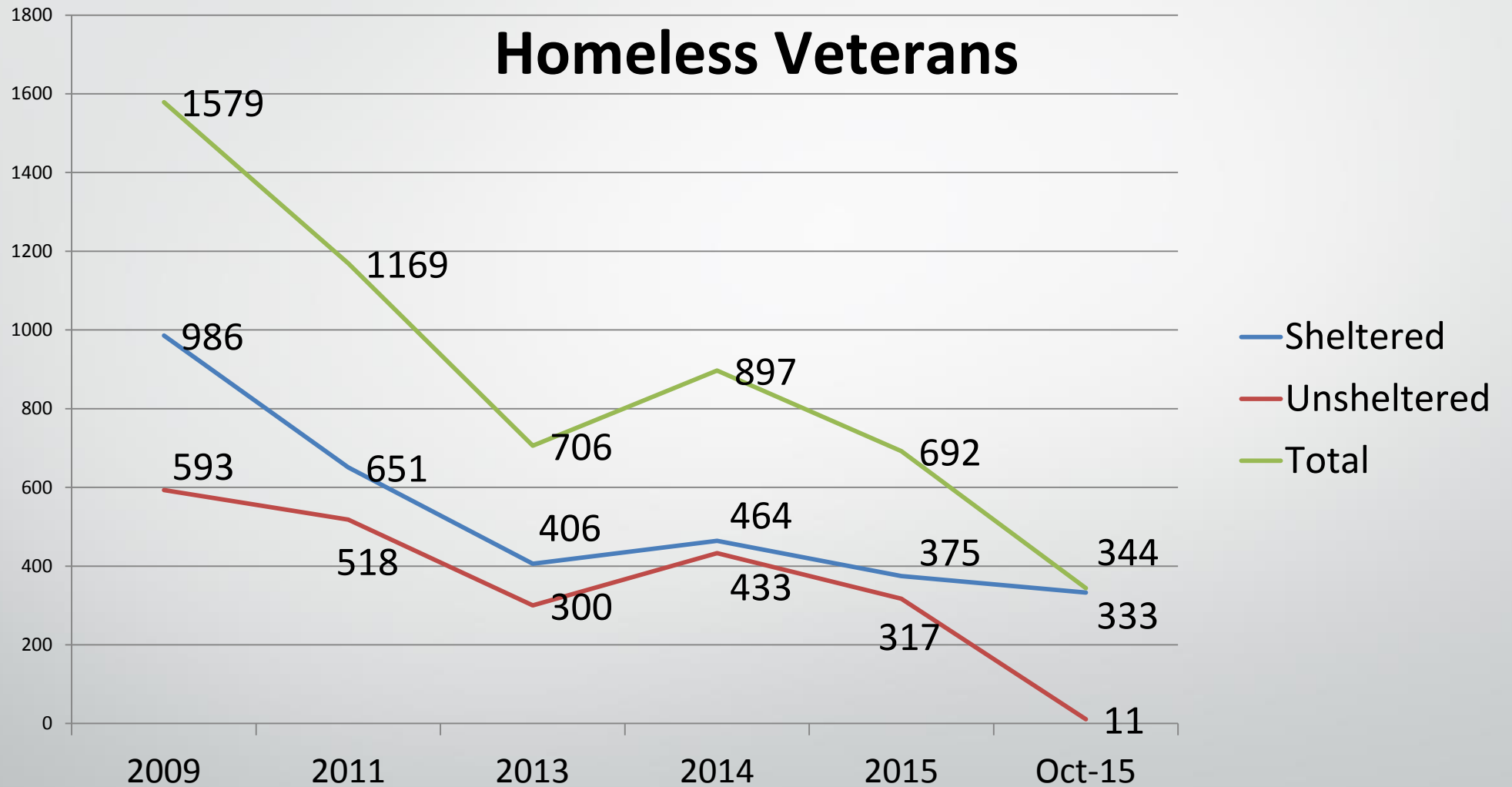
VA Targeted Outreach/Registry



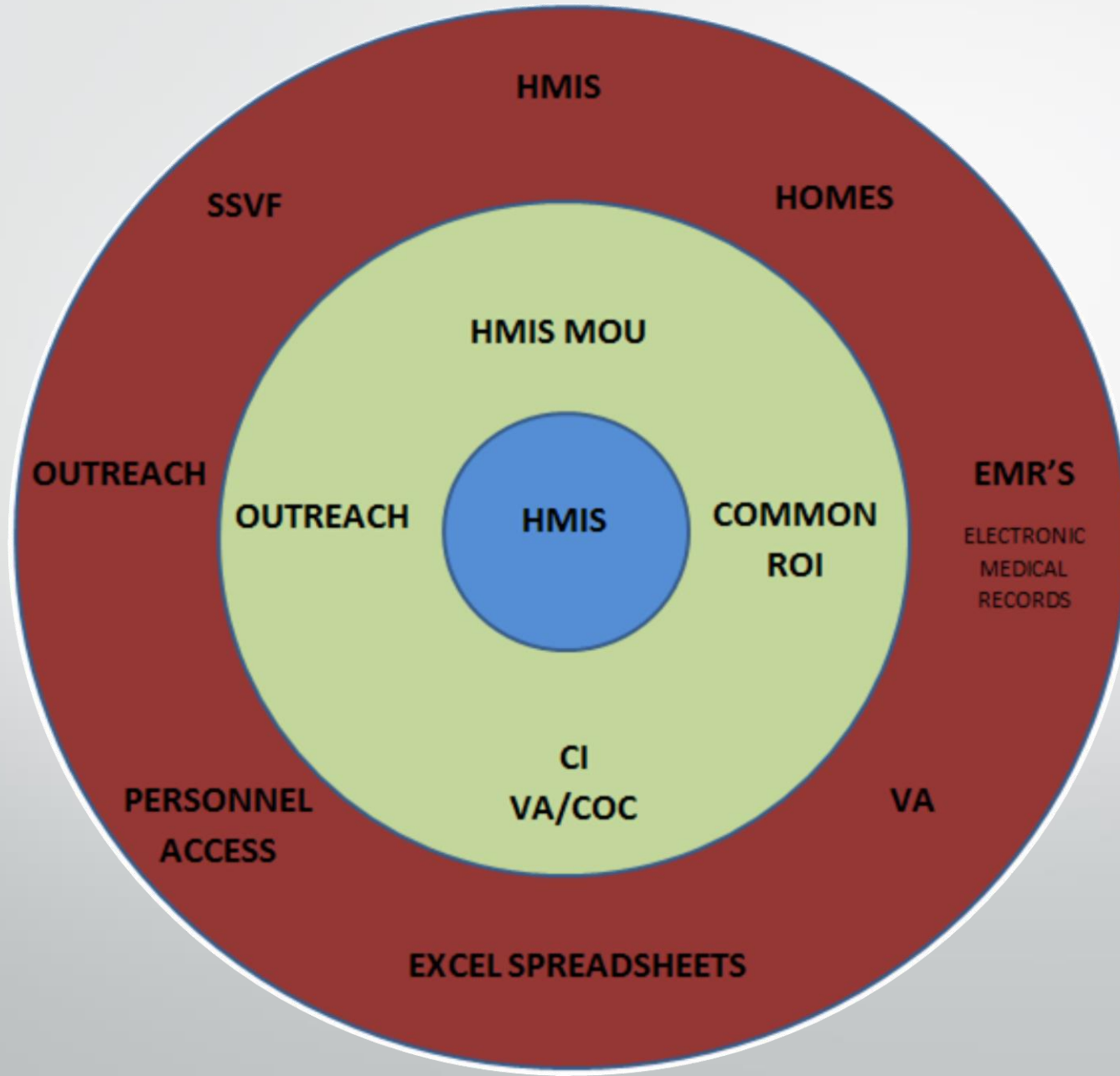
By-Name List

Last Location Date	Last Known Location	Enrolled in VA	HMIS ID	Chronic	Last Name	First Name	SSN	DOB	Current Housing Situation
12/15/15	Las Vegas Blvd/Main St.	No	12456789	Yes	Parker	Peter	123-45-6789	1/1/60	1/4/16 outreach contact, denied services, homeless
1/4/16	Catholic Charities	Yes	987654321	No	Kent	Clark	987-65-4321	3/5/74	12/15/12/22 Catholic Charities Shelter
		Last Contact #	HUD-VASH Eligible	Does Need ID?	VI-SPDAT	Date of VI-SPDAT	Vulnerability	Sheltered or Unsheltered	
		No Contact #	No - OTH discharge	Yes	14	10/1/15	25	Unsheltered	
		702-123-4567	Yes	No	10	12/26/15	20	Sheltered	

PIT Count + by-name 10/2015



Data & Effort Consolidation



WE AREN'T DONE YET!?!





Meetings

Together We Will Reach a Functional End to
All Homelessness in Southern Nevada!



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