Indy CoC November 2021 Convening

Indianapolis Continuum of Care in partnership with CHIP

November 16, 2021

INDIANAPOLIS COC CONTINUUM OF CARE

CHIP

COALITION FOR HOMELESSNESS INTERVENTION & PREVENTION

Blueprint Council Elections Update

Nominations **close today** (November 16) at 5 PM!

Blueprint Council Elections Reminders

- Electing 2 seats for individuals with lived experience
- Electing 2 seats for direct service provider
  - (1) crisis response provider
  - (1) permanent housing provider
- Eligibility is on the CoC website
- Commitment to diversity

Agenda

- CoC News and Announcements
  - Blueprint Council Elections Update
  - Homeless Persons' Memorial Service
  - PIT Count Announcement
  - Winter Contingency Reminder
  - HUD CoC Program Application Submission
- Community Rehousing Progress Report
- Council Conversations with Dr. Virginia Caine (MCPHD) and Dr. Breanca Merritt (Indiana- FSSA)

Election Timeline

Nominations

- Nominations committee verifies eligibility, creates election ballot

Election Verification: December 8 to no later than December 17

- Candidate notifications
- Election announcement

23 Nov. – 7 Dec.

2–16 Nov.

8–17 Dec.

Voting: November 23 @ Noon-December 7th*

- Paper ballots can be printed off at www.indycoc.org
- Paper ballots must be submitted by 12 PM (Noon)* on December 7th
- Electronic ballots must be submitted by 5 PM on December 7th
- Paper ballot drop-off days: 9 AM-3 PM (11/29, 12/1 , 12/2, 12/6) 9 AM-noon (12/7)

Nominate a candidate today!

https://www.indycoc.org/2021-blueprint-council-elections

Homeless Persons' Memorial Service

December 21, 2021 11 AM-Noon

Indianapolis Monument Circle- North Quadrant

Homeless Persons' Memorial Update

This year's service will be outdoors on Monument Circle

- Dress for the weather
- Limited seating will be available for those who need seating accommodations

CHIP is working in partnership with Christ Church Cathedral and Roberts Park United Methodist

Please submit names of those who have passed away this year to Amy Gibson agibson@chipindy.org

- Names must be submitted by 12/13/21 to be included in the 2021 service.

Lunch will be provided for those experiencing homelessness who attend for pick-up only

- Thanks to Lou Malnati's Pizza!

Volunteer Candle Holders NEEDED!

If you would like to hold a candle in remembrance of an individual, please contact Amy Gibson (agibson@chipindy.org)

January 24, 2022-

January 28, 2022

2022 Point in Time (PIT) Count

What is the PIT Count?

PIT Count is a single-night census of all individuals experiencing homelessness in shelter, transitional housing, safe haven, or in an unsheltered location

Count must occur in the last 10 days of January. Conducted in collaboration with Professional Blended Street Outreach (PBSO), the Public Policy Institute (PPI), CHIP, and volunteers.

Data is reported to HUD and the community

(Previous PIT Count Reports, Dashboards, Infographics

CoC Dashboards - PIT Count — Indy CoC

COVID 19 Precautions will remain in effect in 2022

What is the plan for the 2022 PIT Count?

Second year we will use multi-day count methodology

Individuals will be asked about where they were on the night of **January 24, 2022**

Street outreach will be out daily engaging folks and assisting with surveys

Community volunteers will be deployed to site-based locations across the community

Ex: libraries, day centers, drop-in centers, community meals

What can I do to assist with the PIT Count?

- Provide feedback on where we should deploy a volunteer team (libraries, community meal events, day center or drop-in locations)
  - Email information@indycoc.org with your suggestions
- Serve as a PIT Count survey volunteer
  - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ba5aa2fa2f8c16-indianapolis

GWEN BEEBE

What about shelters?

HMIS Team will connect with your agency in advance of the PIT Count with reminder of the date and instructions on PIT Count

Questions? Contact Gwen Beebe (gbeebe@chipindy.org)

What about families and children?

- PIT Planning Team not only connects with all shelters, but we also connect with all the homeless liaisons serving students in schools across Marion County
- Information is reported back to CHIP and included in our community report

PIT Count Questions?

Contact Amy Gibson (agibson@chipindy.org)

AMY GIBSON

Winter Contingency Reminder

Winter Contingency is active now (November 1st) until March 31st

Winter Contingency Plan

- Available on Indy CoC website
  - https://www.indycoc.org/winter-contingency
  - Updated regularly throughout the season
  - Quick process map now available
- City of Indianapolis Extreme Temperature Plan is during declared nights only

MATT HOLLAND

Coordinated Entry System (CES),
Operations and Evaluation Specialist

Questions about Winter Contingency?

Contact Matt Holland mholland@chipindy.org

Indianapolis HUD CoC Program Application Submitted

Quick Overview of this Year's Application

What is the CoC Program?

- Largest single source of permanent housing funding in Indianapolis
- Currently we receive $7.2 million in CoC funding and $3.8 million in YHDP funding.
- Supports supportive housing and rapid-rehousing
- Indy CoC submitted November 13 for $9.9 million (2022-2023) in total project funding (includes renewal, YHDP, planning grant, new projects and DV bonus)
- CoC had more than $835,000 available to fund new projects

New projects in 2022 CoC Application?

New Supportive Housing	Rapid Rehousing	Additional HMIS Capacity
Horizon House Project for single adults and families	Damien Center Rapid Rehousing (New)	Supporting expansion of HMIS
Lutheran Child and Family Services Pando Project for Youth and Young Adults	Coburn Place (Expansion)	

When will these new programs start?

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT WILL LIKELY BE MARCH 2022 OR LATER

FUNDING WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL AROUND SEPTEMBER 2022

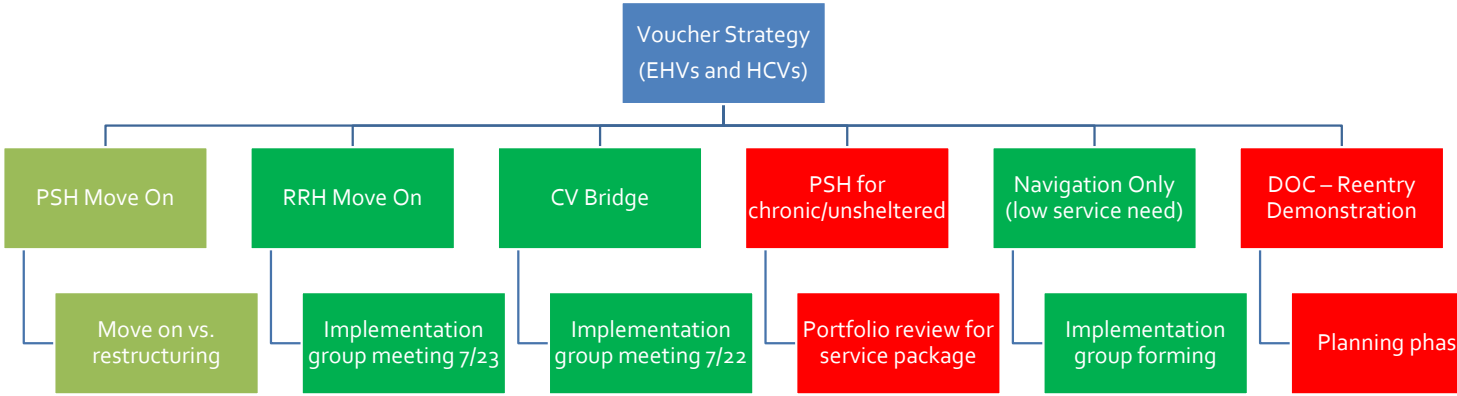
Questions about CoC grants or funding?

Contact Natalie Roberts
Natalie.Roberts@indy.gov

Indianapolis Rehousing Progress Report

Recap

- Finished HUD TA focused on NCS rehousing
- Starting to implement 2021 vouchers



Crowne Plaza NCS Closed September 30, 2021

599 individuals served

July 15, 2021
183 individuals onsite at peak

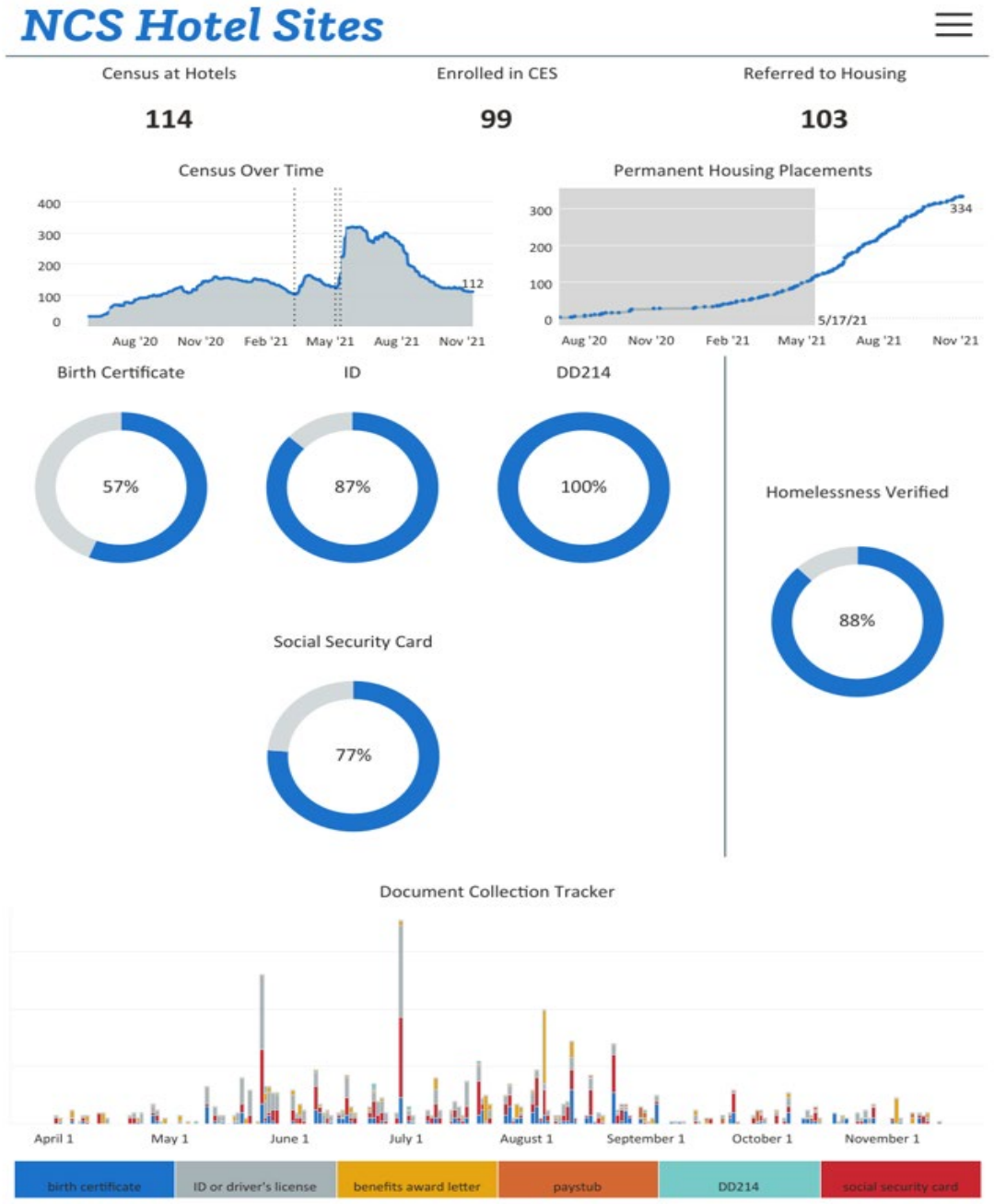
81 individuals*
remaining on Sept 30

240 permanent housing placements

52% of permanent housing placements were Black/African American Households

*28 individuals identified as COVID high risk per health order

Current Status NCS Hotels



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HomeNow Indy Demonstration

COVID Rehousing Response

Rehousing Efforts

283 Households Moved Into a Home

30 Households Applied for a Home Awaiting Approval

21 Households Approved for a Home Awaiting Move-In

71 Households Enrolled Searching for Homes

Funding Utilized

Landlord Incentives Expended	$582,502
Furniture, Move-In Kits, & Moving Costs Expended	$201,527
Service Provider Contracts	$1,457,124
Unit Hold Fees Expended	$78,410
Rental Assistance Payment Contracts	$2,040,470
Program Delivery Expended	$246,929
Total Funds Committed:	$4,606,962

Strategy Adjustments

- Expanding access and usage of Padmission
- Shifting away from 12 months of ESG-CV rental assistance available.
- Bridging ESG-CV2 Rapid Rehousing clients to an Emergency Housing Voucher or Homeless Preference Voucher
  - **(191 households referred so far from ESG-CV)**
- Focusing Housing Acquisition Strategy on units that will accept a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher
- Getting creative with partners to dual enroll clients in HomeNow and other rental assistance programs
- Expand access to flexible barrier busting funds and landlord incentives

Landlord Engagement Events

HomeNow HEROES

Hosted a HomeNow Heores event in August to:

- Acknowledge existing landlord partners,
- Recognize the most clients housed, most flexible criteria, and early partners,
- Pitch HomeNow to new landlord partners,
- Provide opportunities for landlords to meet with case managers, navigators, and other HomeNow representatives,
- Highlight client success sties, and
- Hear industry updates from George Tikijian, Rodney Stockment, and Jay Beaty.

- Attendees included over 70 landlord and industry representatives.

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Social Media

https://www.merchantsaffordablehousing.org/homenow-indy

Facebook: @HNIndy
Twitter: @HomeNowIndy
Instagram: homenowindy

LinkedIn
https://www.linkedin.com/in/homenowindy/

WELCOME HOME KITS

Includes basic necessities: towels, toilet paper, trash cans, cooking utensils, bedding and more!

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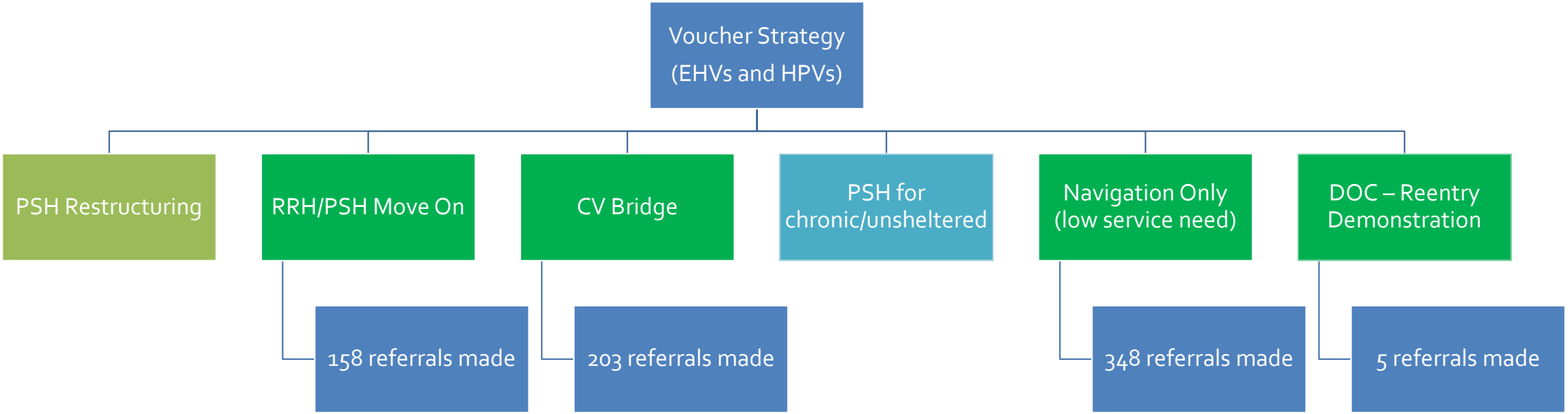
Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) and Homeless Preference Vouchers (HPV)



Activated

Activated with additional planning required

Planning phase

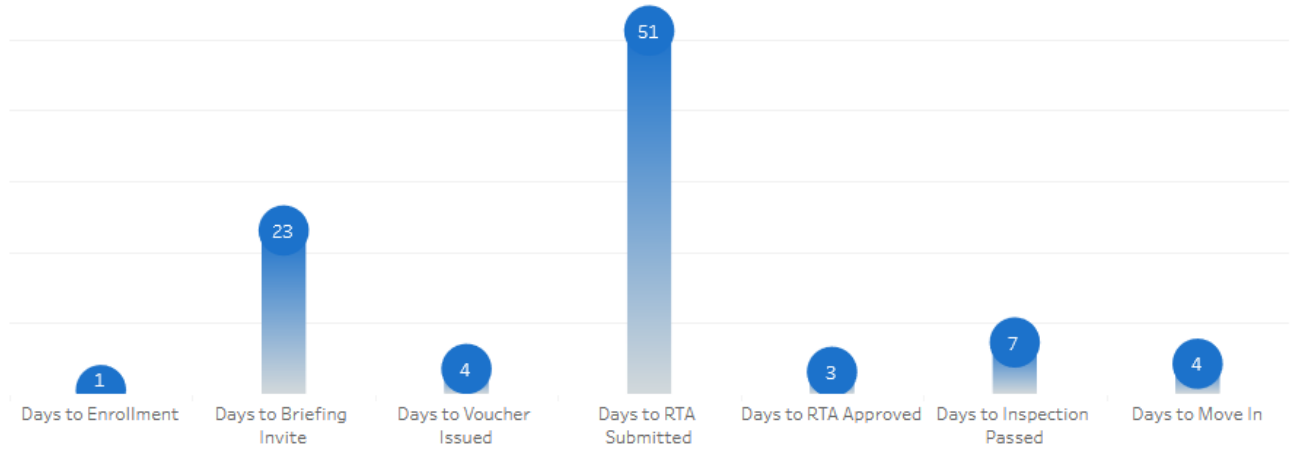
Voucher Deployment

Indy Voucher Deployment

As of November 10...

We had referred	The average time to house	We had housed
714 households	people was 98 days.	56 households

The chart below displays the average number of days spent on steps that have been completed for (All) referrals



Emergency Housing Voucher	Homeless Preference Voucher	Horizon House PSH Voucher

No Pathway Assigned	CV Bridge	DOC Re-Entry Demo	Navigation Only	RRH/PSH Move On

*Split demographic popups by Race

tableau

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Voucher Deployment

Successes

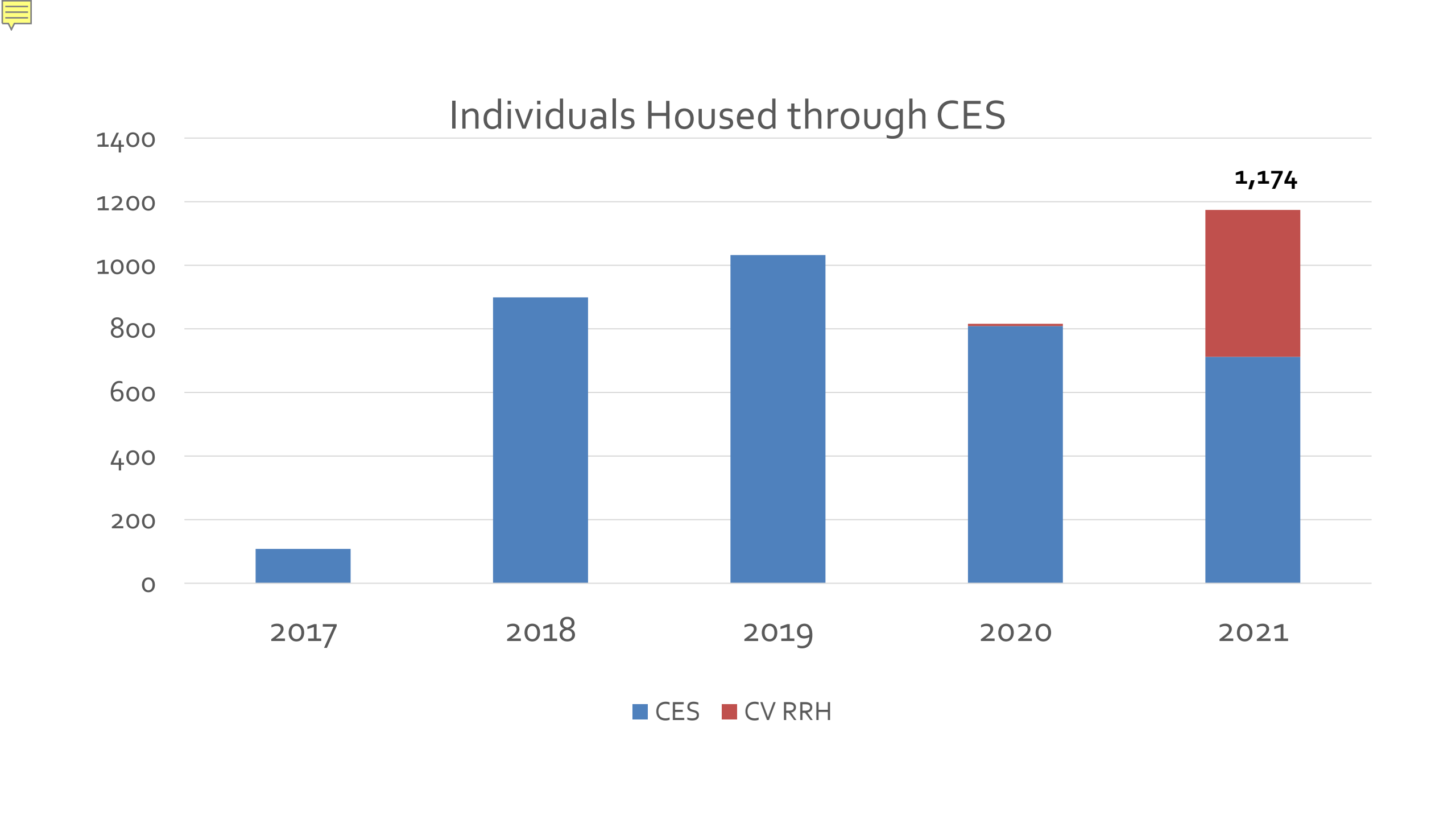
- 157 referrals to EHV (77% deployment)
- 568 referrals to homeless preference vouchers
- 11/3 Voucher Event
  - 145 vouchers issued in one day
  - Intra-agency cooperation between IHA, COC, CHIP, and HomeNow
- IHA support for EHV participants
  - Housing search and placement services

Current Focus

- Landlord engagement
- Connecting existing HomeNow landlords to IHA
- Unit acquisition
- Utilizing incentives to specifically target Section 8 eligible units
- Client education on Section 8
- Utilizing barrier-busting funds for clients
  - PHA Debt
  - Utility Arears

2021 Housing Placements

ed Entry System (CES) Data


Individuals Housed through CES
1400
1200
1000
800
600
400
200
0
1,174
2017
2018
2019
2020
2021
CES
CV RRH

Coming Soon

HomeNow Indy – beyond ESG-CV2

HomeNow Indy

Beyond ESG-CV2

Dedicated Outreach	System Navigation	Housing Acquisition	Case Management
Engagement to CES Referral	**CES Referral to Move In**	**System-wide unit acquisition**	**Tenancy supports**
Complete CES Assessment	Unit application process	Securing units for the system	Move in Prep
Document collection	Coordination with HAT	Unit hold Fees	Tenancy 101
Focus on next to be housed	Coordinate move in	Incentives	Collaboration with navigation and HAT
Resolving legal barriers to housing	Utility arrangements	Negotiations	Housing stability planning
	Manage furniture and move in kits	Padmission inventory expansion	Tenancy supports
	Arrange transportation for move in	Education/marketing to landlords	Move on preparation
	Navigate Voucher Process		

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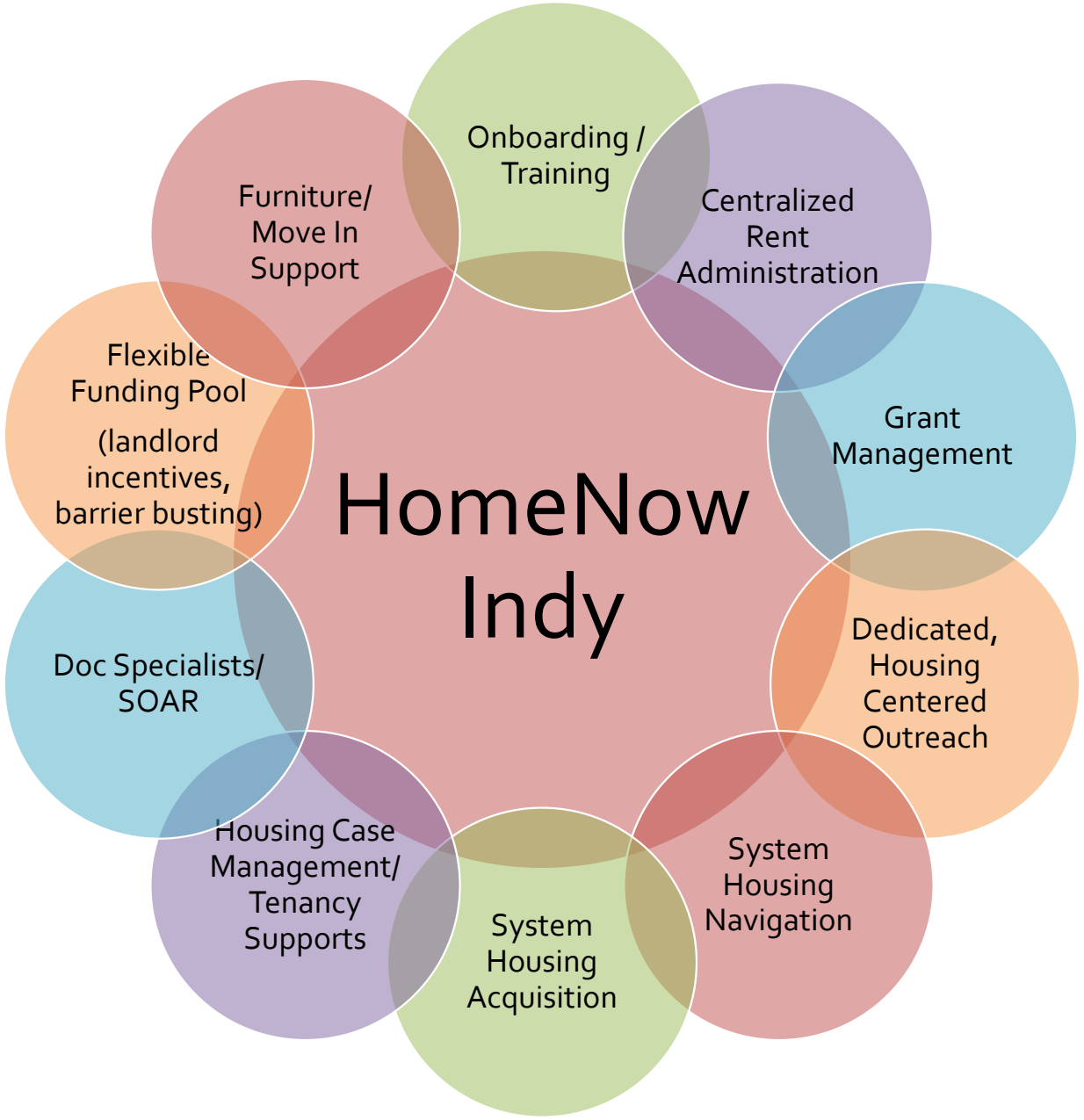
HomeNow Indy
Onboarding / Training
Centralized Rent Administration
Grant Management
Dedicated, Housing Centered Outreach
System Housing Navigation
System Housing Acquisition
Housing Case Management/ Tenancy Supports
Doc Specialists/ SOAR
Flexible Funding Pool (landlord incentives, barrier busting)
Furniture/ Move In Support

Dr. Virginia Caine, Marion County Public Health Department

Dr. Breanca Merritt, Indiana Family and Social Service Administration

Blueprint Council Conversations

Save the dates! 2022 Indianapolis CoC Meetings

Tuesday, March 8 9-11 AM

Tuesday, July 12 9-11 AM

Tuesday, September 13 9-11 AM

Tuesday, November 8 9-11 AM

http://www.indycoc.org/calendar

Questions?

Please complete our convening feedback survey!

Please contact information@indycoc.org if you need meeting information

General inquiries: information@indycoc.org

Check out our website! www.indycoc.org