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Director's Report

Local Homeless Coordinating Board | April 3, 2023



Welcome, Cedric Akbar!



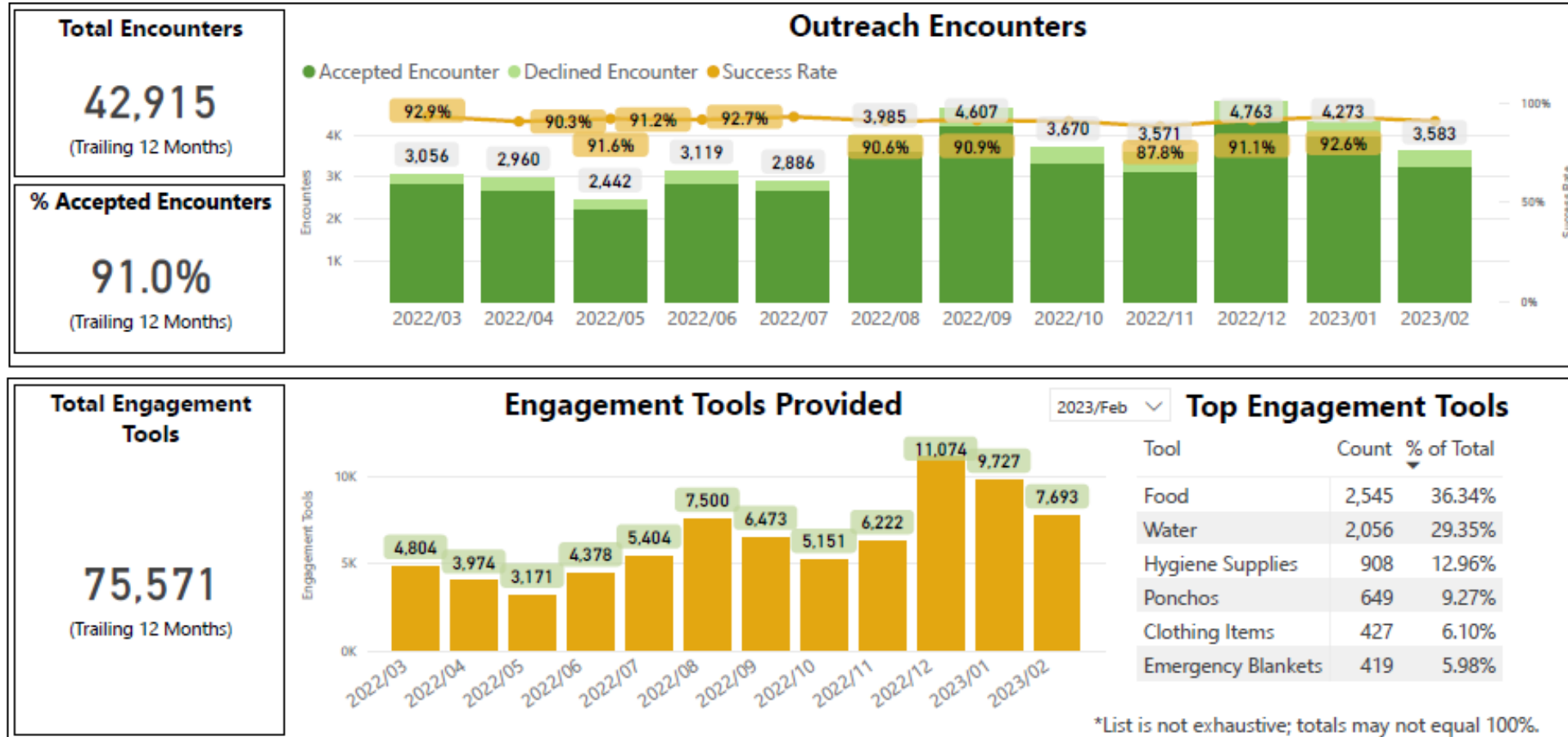
- Leader in substance abuse treatment.
- Newest member of the Local Homeless Coordinating Board.



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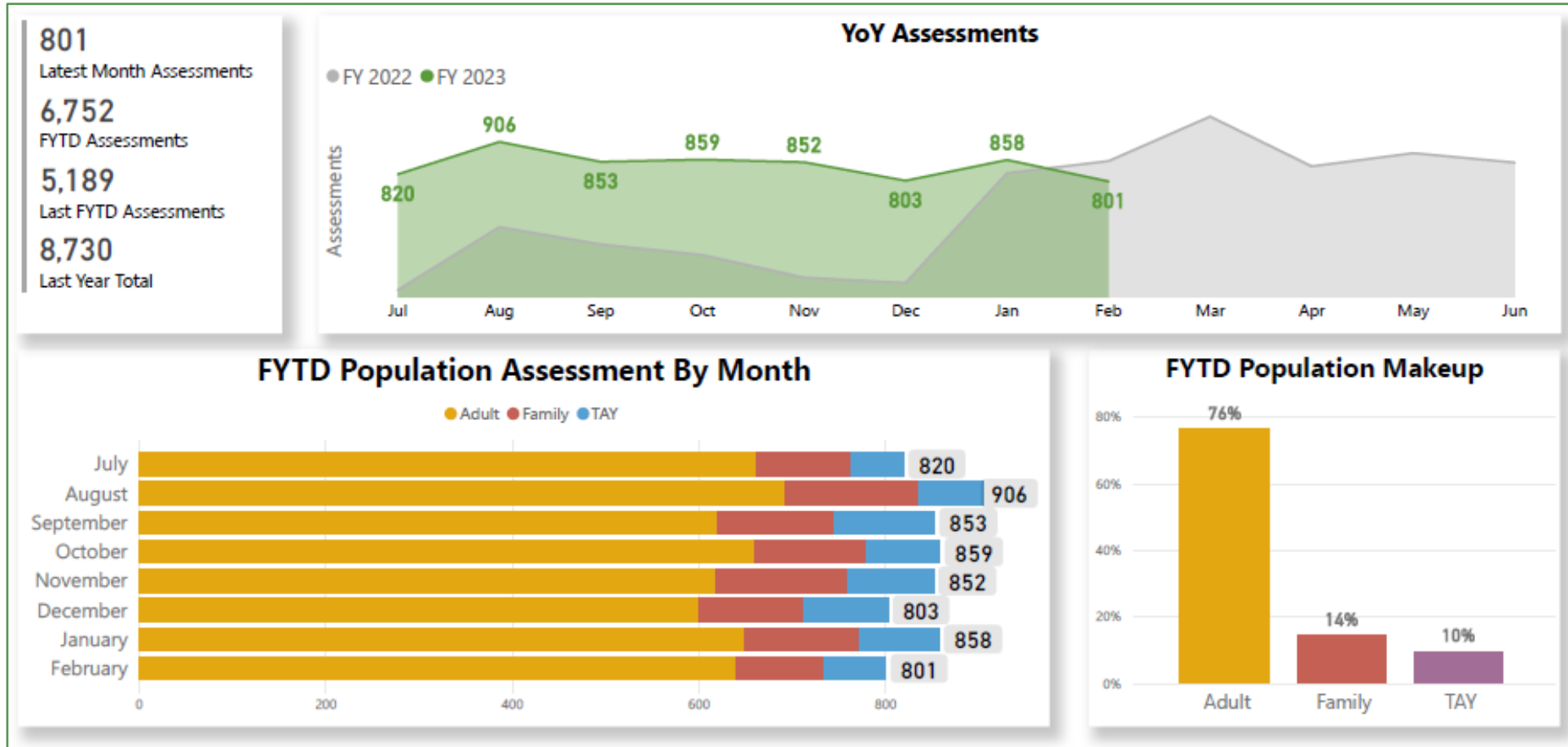
Homelessness Response System Data and Updates

Outreach



Data through Feb. 28, 2023

Coordinated Entry - Assessments



Data through Feb. 28, 2023

Program Updates: Coordinated Entry



Larkin St. staff near Lake Merced.

- One year anniversary of the **Multi-Disciplinary Team** linking shelter guests to housing and benefits:
 - Worked at the Baldwin in February 2023 | Scheduled for 711 Post, Bayview Navigation Center, 33 Gough cabins, and Pier 94 this spring
- **Lake Merced outreach:** engaging 18 unhoused families in vehicles.
 - Mostly Housing Referral Status and monolingual Spanish speakers.
 - **Housing placement fair** scheduled for early April.
- **Safe Housing Community Needs Assessment** report released and available on the HSH website.
 - Includes recommendations for **improvements** across the homelessness response system.

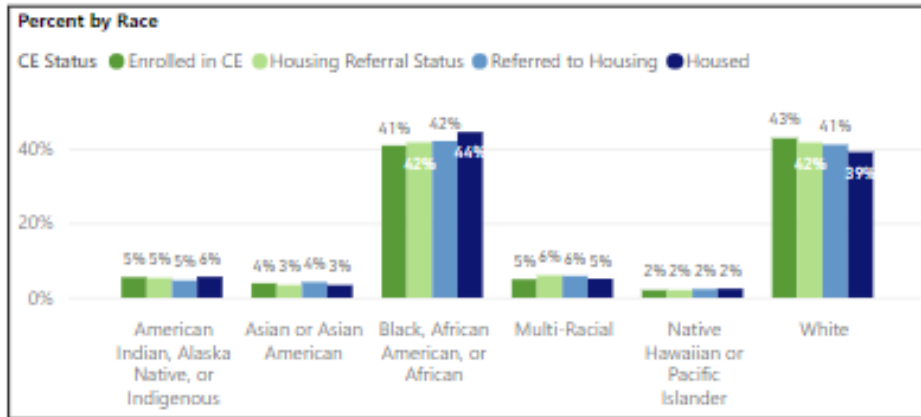
Program Updates: Coordinated Entry

• **Justice Involved Access Point** launched at the county jail:

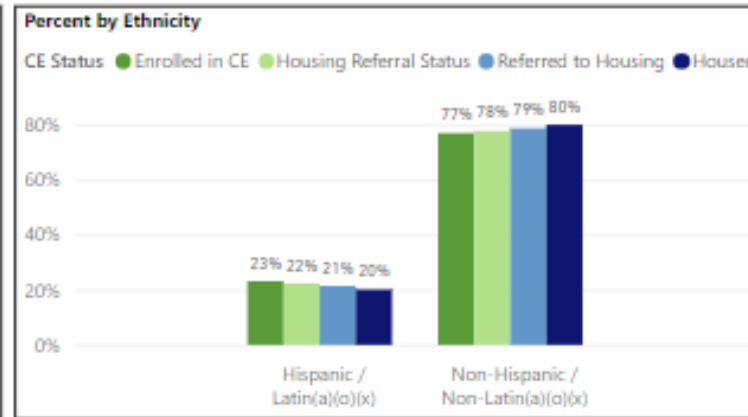
- Housing problem solving and Coordinated Entry services for **unhoused people in custody**.
- First three Housing Referral Status adults are in the housing placement process.
- Thank you to "Coop" William Cooper and Alison Riker for making this launch successful!



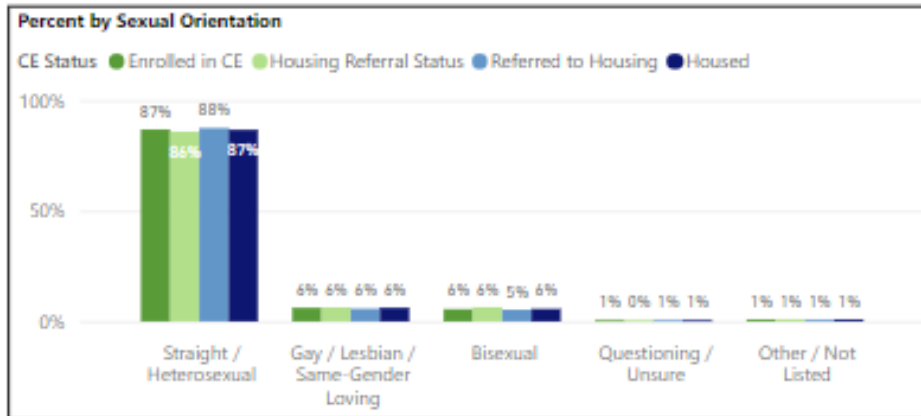
Coordinated Entry & Housing Demographics



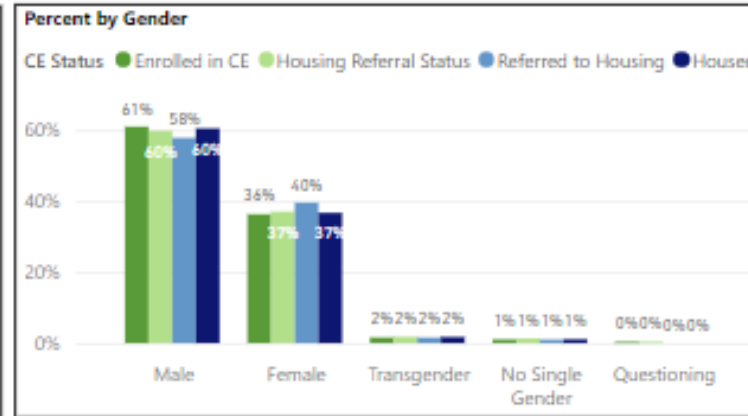
Race is incomplete for 6% of clients (2% Data Not Collected; 3% Doesn't Know / Refused)



Ethnicity is incomplete for 2% of clients (1% Data Not Collected; 1% Doesn't Know / Refused)



Sexual Orientation is incomplete for 7% of clients (5% Data Not Collected; 2% Refused)

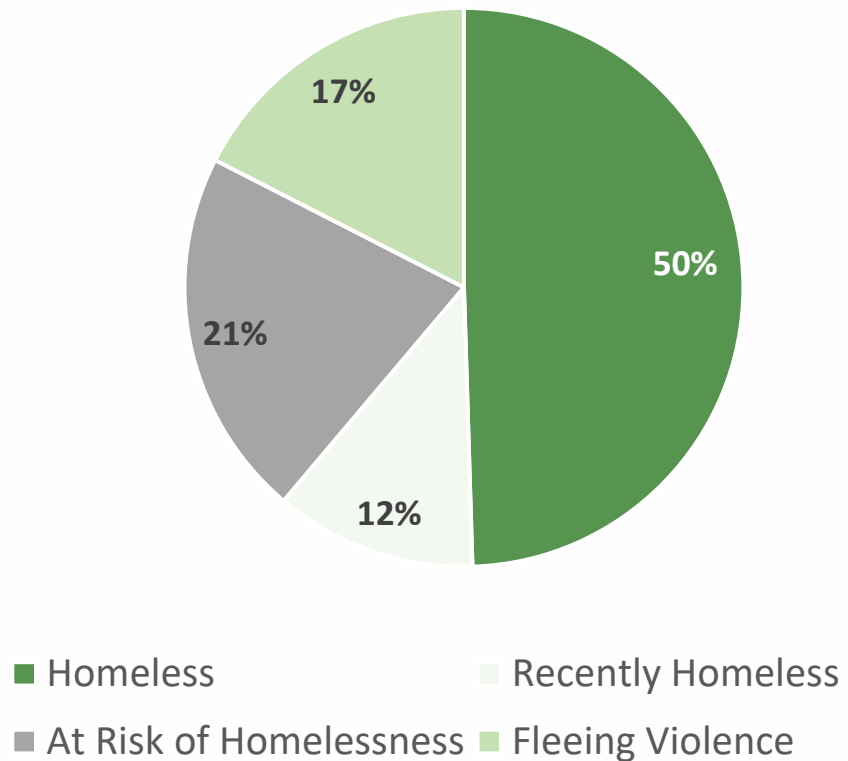


Gender is incomplete for 1% of clients (1% Data Not Collected; 0% Doesn't Know / Refused)

- *Data for 2022 calendar year.*
- *New data available quarterly.*
- *Additional breakouts by population and time frame available on the HSH website.*

Emergency Housing Voucher Rollout

Housed EHV Recipients

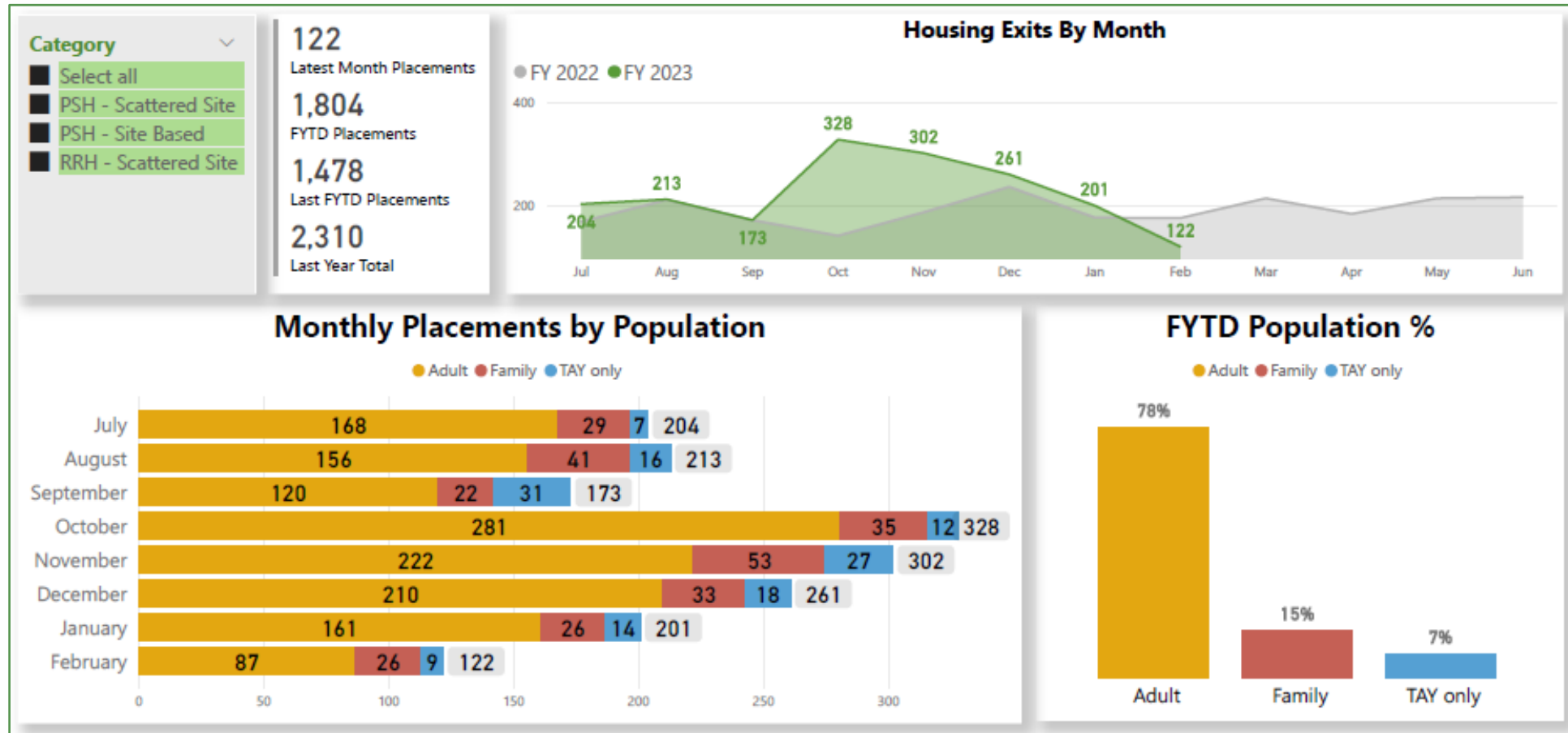


Interim Progress Report:

- **913** referrals submitted
- **802** vouchers issued
- **548** households housed
 - *Includes 191 families.*

Data as of March 23, 2023.

Housing – Placements



Data through Feb. 28, 2023

Housing Vacancies

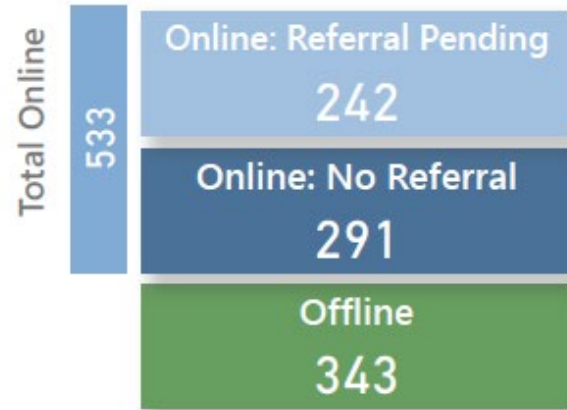
Inventory

Total Vacancies
876

Total Units
8,765

Vacancy Rates

Vacancy Rate
10.0%

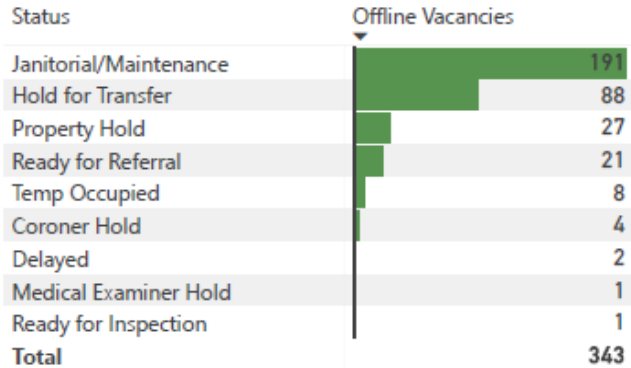


Vacancy Rate: Pending Referral
2.8%

Vacancy Rate: No Referral
3.3%

Vacancy Rate: Offline
3.9%

Offline Vacancies: Status Breakout



Number of Vacant Units By Type

● Pending Referral ● No Referral ● Offline



Vacancy Rate (Last 12 Months)



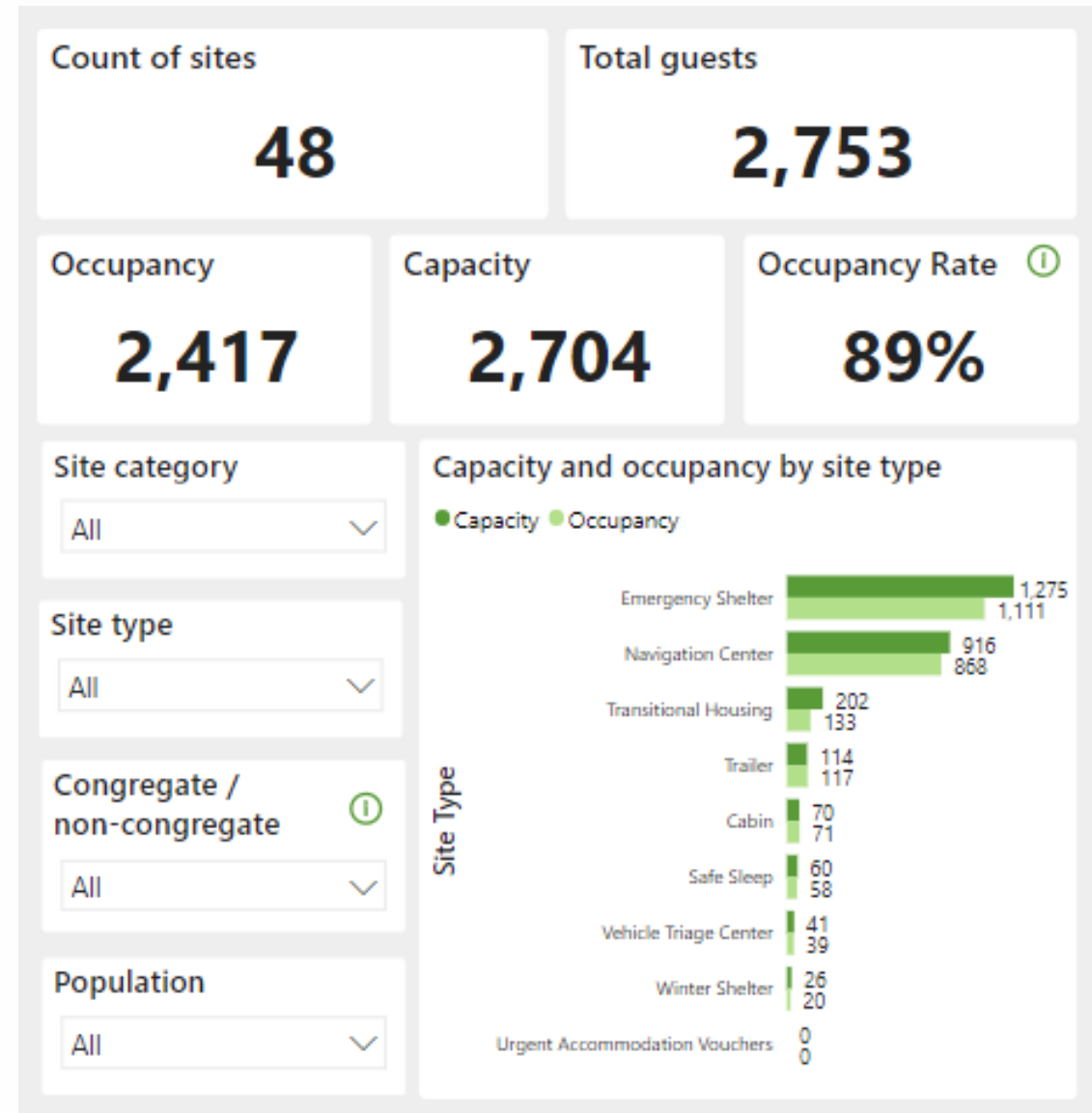
Monthly data snapshots through March 23, 2023.

Program Highlights: Housing

- **Family Housing Ladder:** HSH has reviewed 89 applicant submissions to the Family Housing Ladder and will conduct a lottery to determine the 70 households placed into the program in April.
- Applying **50 Housing Authority** vouchers at **City Gardens** for ongoing subsidies for the families there.
- HSH distributed guidelines outlining **best practices for housing retention** for tenants who are **not paying their rent**.

HSH Shelter Inventory

- Snapshot as of **March 29, 2023**.
- Public dashboard available on HSH website; **refreshes daily Monday – Friday**.
- **Ability to filter** to drill down on specific programs and populations served.



Program Updates: Shelter

• **Interfaith Winter Shelter** closed for this season on March 26:

- Thank you to ECS, the SF Interfaith Council, the Canon Kip Senior Center, Saint Mary's Cathedral, Saint Mark's Lutheran, and the First Unitarian Church for supporting the program.

• **Inclement weather** shelters:

- Activation throughout March due to wet and cold weather.
- Information in the Department's email blasts and [posted on the HSH website](#).

• **Hotel vouchers**:

- Compass Family Services launched program for pregnant people and families (called "Urgent Accommodation Vouchers") in **early March**. Will open to referrals from access points and other entities once fully staffed.
- **Young adults** and **survivors of domestic violence** voucher programs will launch in spring 2023 with **Saint Vincent De Paul** as the provider.

Program Updates: Shelter

- **Enhanced shelter case management** rollout:
 - **Provider input sessions** in March and April.
 - Trainings every other week for shelter case management staff to support this rollout.
- Hosted **substance use roundtable discussion** with adults and young adult shelter providers on how to improve services and what kinds of support programs need to succeed.
- **Masks** will be **optional** for shelter guests staying at HSH-funded shelter programs as of April 3, 2023.
- As Oasis acquisition negotiations continue, **Providence entered into a lease** so we can reopen the site as a family shelter.



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Additional Updates

2022 Continuum of Care Award

- San Francisco was awarded **\$53 million**, an **increase of \$1.6 million** from the previous year
- All proposed projects were funded, including **38 renewal projects** and **2 new projects**.
- Projects include:
 - **30 permanent supportive housing** projects (\$42 million):
 - 28 renewal PSH projects (\$40 million)
 - Two new PSH projects (\$2 million)
 - **One transitional housing** project (\$445k)
 - **Four rapid re-housing** projects (\$6 million)
 - **Three coordinated entry** projects (\$2 million)
 - **Two HMIS** projects(\$750k)
- Also received a **\$1.25 million planning grant**.

Local Updates

- The **LHCB Policy Subcommittee** will be dissolved, with majority of policy discussion moving to the Commission.
 - CoC-related policy updates will continue to be shared with the LHCB.
- **Homeless and Behavioral Health Select Committee**
 - Chair Hillary Ronen, Vice Chair Rafael Mandelman, and Supervisor Shamann Walton.
 - Has **fiscal authority** to approve contracts, grants and other fiscal items related to homelessness and behavioral health.
 - **2nd and 4th Fridays** at 10am – starting April 14, 2023.

2023 State & Federal Priorities

- HSH continues to track and advocate for **state** and **federal** legislation and budget priorities.
- State legislation we're watching:
 - **AB 441 (Haney)**: Distribute tax credit payments in advanced monthly installments
 - **SB 37 (Caballero)**: Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Act
 - **SB 657 (Caballero)**: Homelessness Services Staff Training
- National Alliance to End Homelessness Federal Budget Asks
 - **\$23.6 billion** in overall funding for HUD's Homeless Assistance Grants
 - **\$32.1 billion** for the Tenant Based Rental Assistance account

Chief Equity Officer Update

- Equity Office, Equity in Action, and Tipping Point brainstorming a systems model for **capacity building**, technical assistance, and infrastructure support for **existing and new CBOs**.
- Internal equity updates:
 - HSH **Equity Officer** started work in March.
 - Equity Office conducted **listening sessions** to inform the upcoming Racial Equity training in May.

HSH is Hiring!

- HSH has open positions currently listed on the [DHR website:](#)
 - Privacy and Data Sharing Officer
 - Encampment Resolution Team Clinical Supervisor
 - Commission Secretary
 - Health Worker III
- More positions will be posted in the coming months.





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Questions?

Thank you.