



Update on Public Health and Safety Measures

Public Safety Committee
8/27/2024

TODAY'S OBJECTIVES

- Status Report from Community Rebuilders
- Update on Health & Safety Ordinance Implementation
- Information on "100 in 100" initiative from Grand Rapids Area Coalition to End Homelessness

Community
Rebuilders
8/27/2024

Geographically Targeted Housing Outreach

The streets of Kent County were
never meant to be homes!





Introduction

Geographically Targeted Housing Outreach Project
Focus on Monroe Center and Veterans Park areas
Commitment to revitalizing core community areas
Enhancing local business environments

Consultation and Data Review
Consultation with City staff
Review of homeless outreach data
Targeted efforts based on data analysis


Project Achievements

Building a Community Model: With as little as 1 outreach effort, someone can be moved off the streets. The right supports and resources are crucial. See below for project achievements.



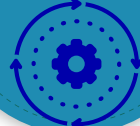
Engagement With Households

31 households engaged since June 2023



Successful In Permanent Housing

61% (19 households) transitioned into permanent homes



Housed, Seeking Perm. housing

8 households actively transitioning (25% of those served)



Effectiveness of Housing Approach

Speeds up transition from streets to homes; Mitigates social and economic impacts of homelessness

GTHO Clients Enrolled

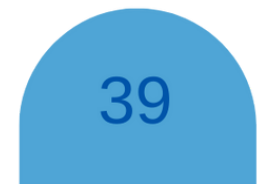
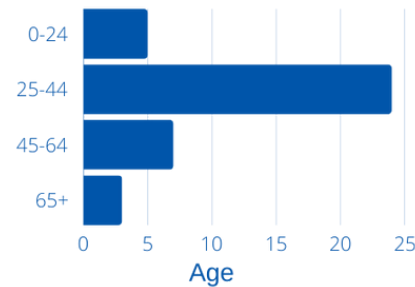
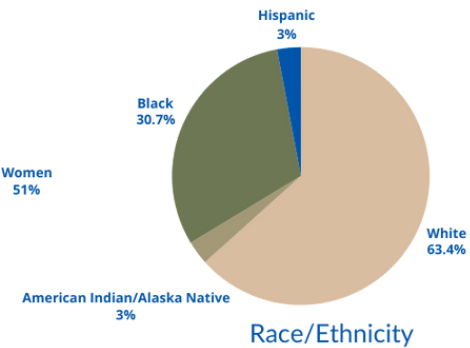
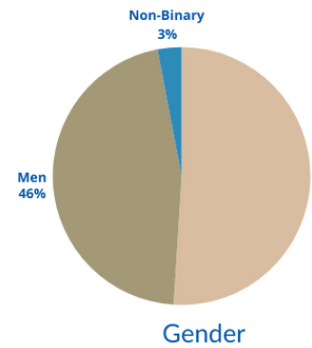
GTHO Demographic Data

June 2023-June 2024

46% Chronically Homeless

29 No Income at Start

74% Physical/Mental Health Condition



Total Clients





COMMUNITY & BUSINESS IMPACT

Community Hub

- Monroe Center and Veterans Park serve as central gathering places for the community
- Stabilizes lives and provides essential support

Economic Contribution

- Bolsters local businesses in Grand Rapids
- Contributes to a safer and more vibrant neighborhood

Ongoing Support

- Recognition and support are essential for continued efforts
- Working towards eliminating homelessness

Opportunities for Growth

Addressing Mental Health and Reducing Criminal Activity

Challenges Faced

Four individuals disengaged due to severe mental health issues or criminal activities

- Need for enhanced system level support systems and specialized interventions

Importance of Tailored Support Strategies

- Diverse barriers faced by participants
- Critical need for tailored support strategies

Experience and Data from the Project

- Promising practices from Catherine's Health Center
- Potential to reduce costs to the system and community



John's Story



When asked the question “What has changed for you?” John said, “We have a life now. My partner, has a terminal health condition but her health needs are met and our stress is much less. This program saved our lives. I can't thank Community Rebuilders enough. I have a job and I'm looking for a second job now.”

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Conclusion

Continued Trust and Support

Our dedication remains steadfast

Outcomes speak volumes

Crucial Partnership

Essential for sustaining and expanding impact

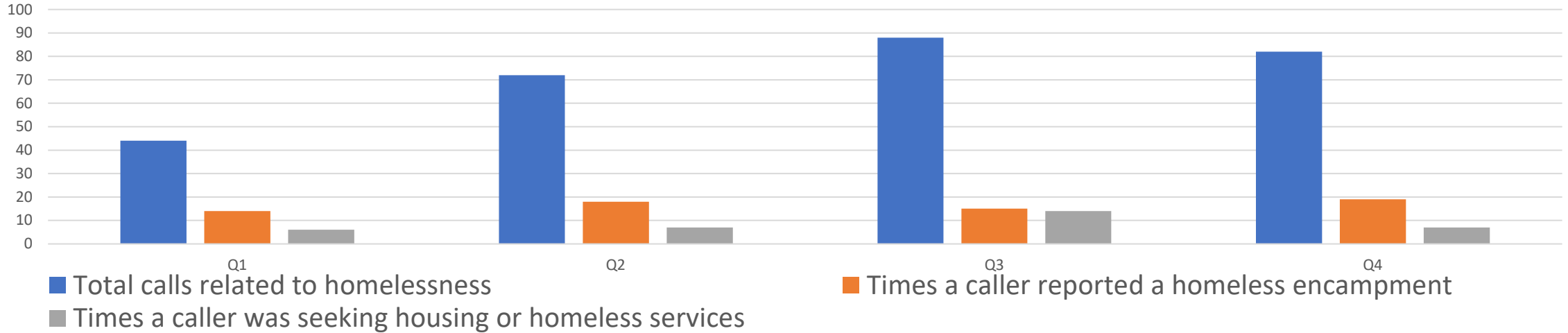
Gratitude for Commitment

Thank you for your commitment to this vital cause & joining us in
this important work

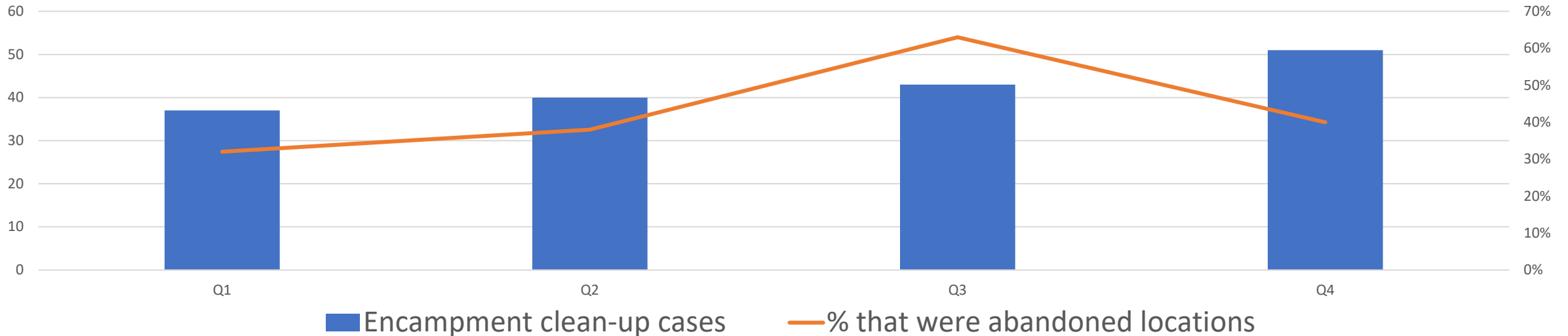


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311 Data

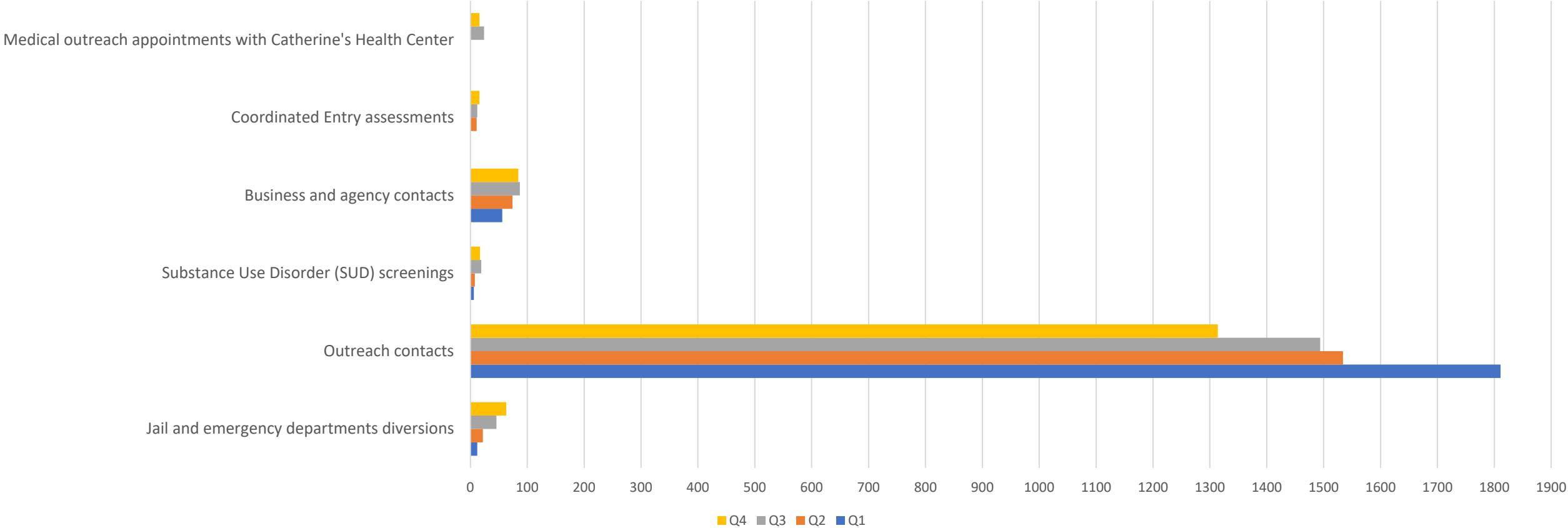


Code Compliance Clean-up Data



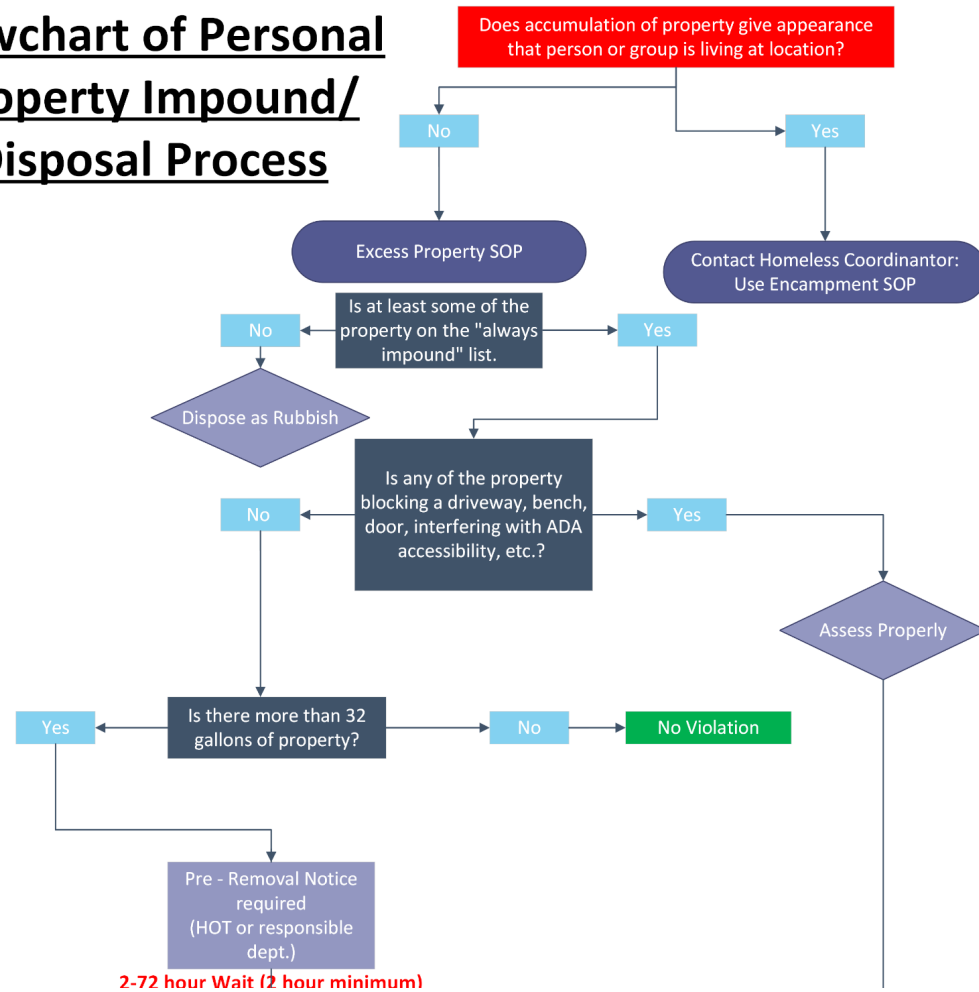
HEALTH & SAFETY MEASURES/UPDATE HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAM DATA

Homeless Outreach Team Data



Training/Educational Materials (partial illustration)

Flowchart of Personal Property Impound/Disposal Process



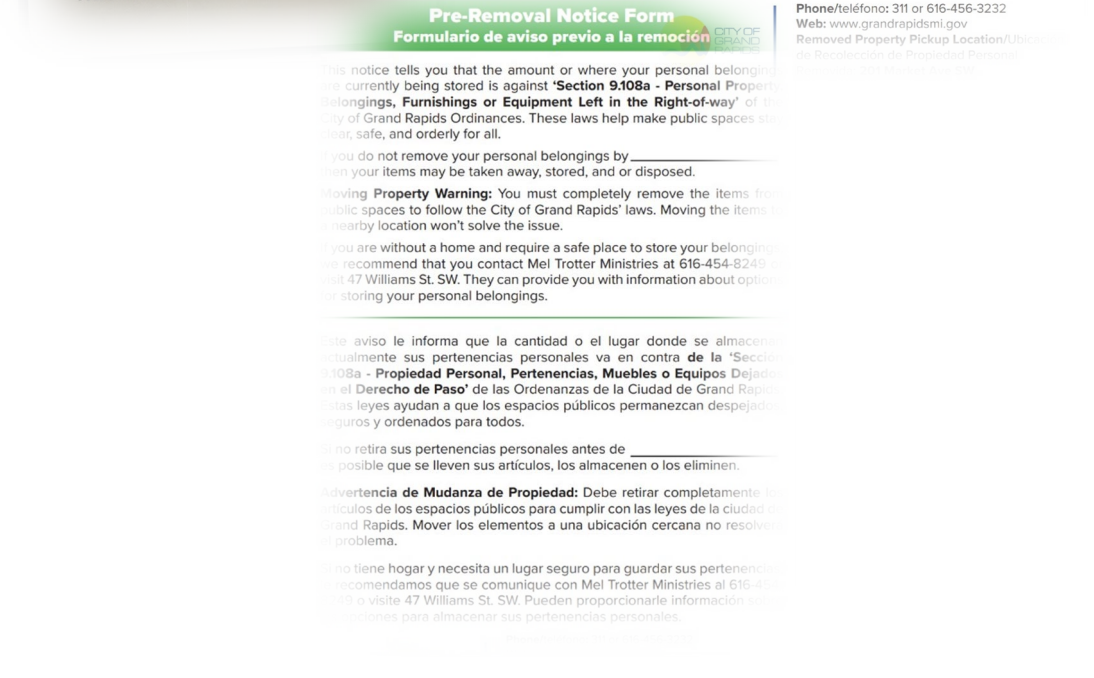
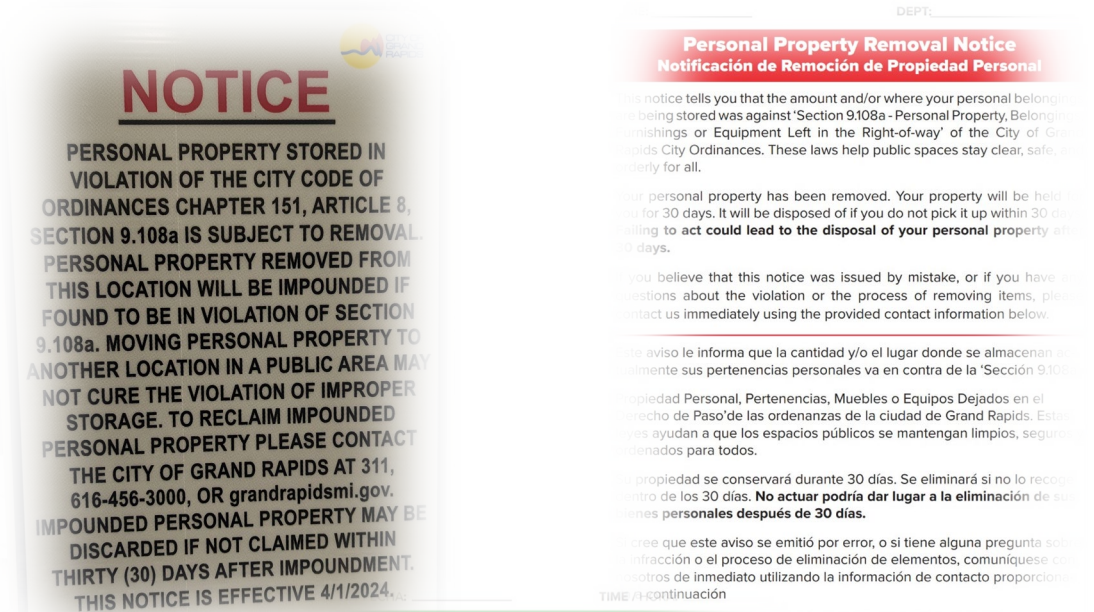
IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Police/Courts 12/23-8/24

- 10 incidents/reports regarding Ordinance 9.136(2)(d): Loiter or obstruct doorway.
 - 4 of those incidents were not investigated beyond the initial contact with the individual(s).
 - 6 charges for violating 9.136(2)(d) were requested and authorized

Notices

- 214 signs ordinance signs ordered for parks, parking structures, etc.
- Water resistant notices created and used



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MOBILE GR

26 lots, 8 Parking Ramps, and 4 Bathrooms are Maintained by Mobile GR

- Each lot is cleaned and inspected daily for a total of 360 work hours per week
- Parking security team does stair checks in the ramps and patrols of lots and ramps multiple times per
- 3 times storage has been utilized for personal items until claimed

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PARKS AND RECREATION

Daily Inspection and Cleaning of Parks

- Heartside
- Ah-Nab-Awen
- Veterans
- Monument
- Rosa Parks Circle
- Fish Ladder
- Sixth Street
- Canal
- 555 Monroe
- Downtown Trail Corridor
- Other parks when consistent activity is observed

Weekly Inspection

- Former Butterworth Landfill
- Ken-O-Sha Trail
- Plaster Creek Trail
- Oxford Trail
- Ball Perkins Trail

Related FY24 Park Expenses

- Contracted Encampment Clean Up (Next Steps)
\$38,021.25
- Contracted Graffiti Removal (SGR)
\$37,925.50

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PUBLIC SERVICES

Daily Inspection and Cleaning

- Campau Plaza
- Monroe Center (Monroe to Division)
- Division (Monroe to Wealthy)
- Wealthy (East off Ionia)
- Ionia (Wealthy to Cherry)
- Seward (Fulton to Bridge)
- Bridge (Seward to Scribner)
- 6th Under 131
- Leonard Under 131
- Richmond Under 131
- Ann Under 131

Weekly Inspection

- Pedestrian Tunnels (Under 131 & 196)
- 509 Wealthy SW (Under bridge and along river)
- Williams (Commerce to Ionia)

Year to Date

- 478.25 Hours
- 396 96-gallon carts disposed of
- Impoundable Personal Property
 - 15 times storage has been utilized
 - 4 individuals reclaimed impounded personal property



Grand Rapids Area Coalition to End Homelessness,
Courtney Myers-Keaton, Director

ONE HUNDRED IN 100 KENT COUNTY

Partners



Local Commitment



KEEP IT SIMPLE



PUBLIC-PRIVATE
PARTNERSHIP



BIAS FOR ACTION



COMMUNICATION
AND TRANSPARENCY

Goals and anticipated outcomes



House 100 Chronically Homeless
in 100 Days

History and how we got here



Project map exercise



Test the following strategies:

- Utilizing HCVS with a homeless preference
- Systemic landlord engagement
- Flexible funding
- Stronger case management coordination



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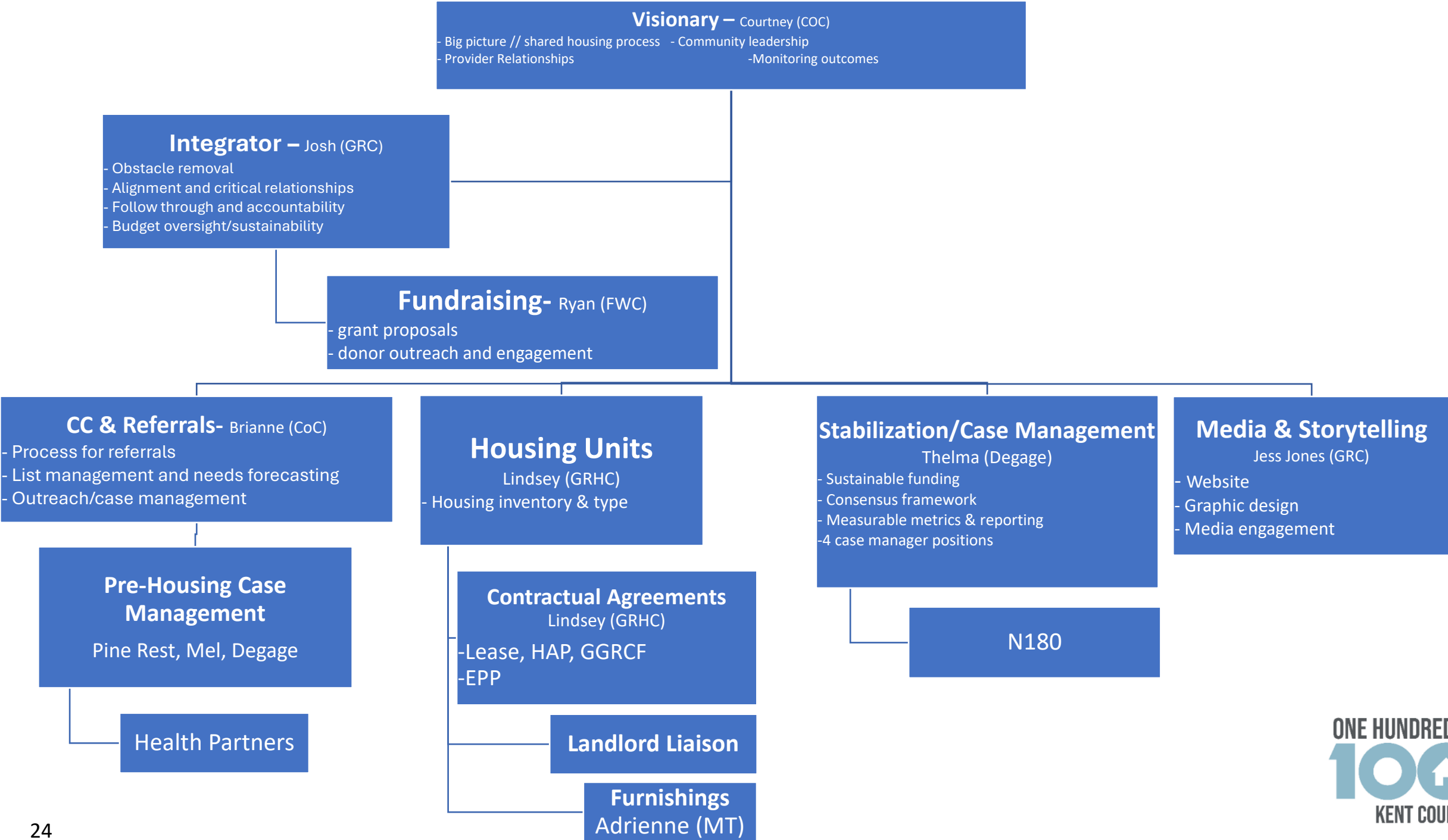
Decrease time spent
on By Name List

Increase availability of
resources for those
experiencing chronic
homelessness

Decrease
recidivism/increase
exits to positive
destinations

Planning Team

- Joshua Lunger – Chamber of Commerce
- Ryan Kilpatrick – Flywheel Momentum
- Linsdey Reames – Grand Rapids Housing Commission
- Thelma Ensink – Degage Ministries
- Adrienne Goodstall – Mel Trotter Ministries
- Christie White and Bryan Holt – Pine Rest
- Mark Contreras – Catherine’s Care Center
- Jeremy DeRoo – Dwelling Place
- CoC Staff – Courtney Myers-Keaton, Brianne Robach, Alyssa Anten, Craig Herema, Evan Hile, Ronan Parmenter



QUESTIONS?