

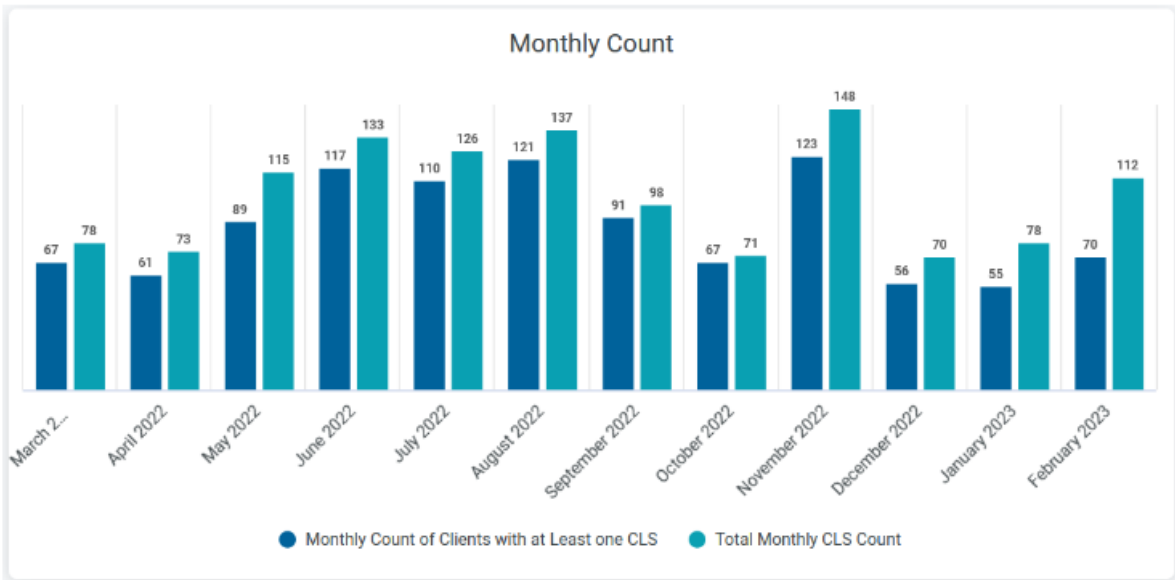
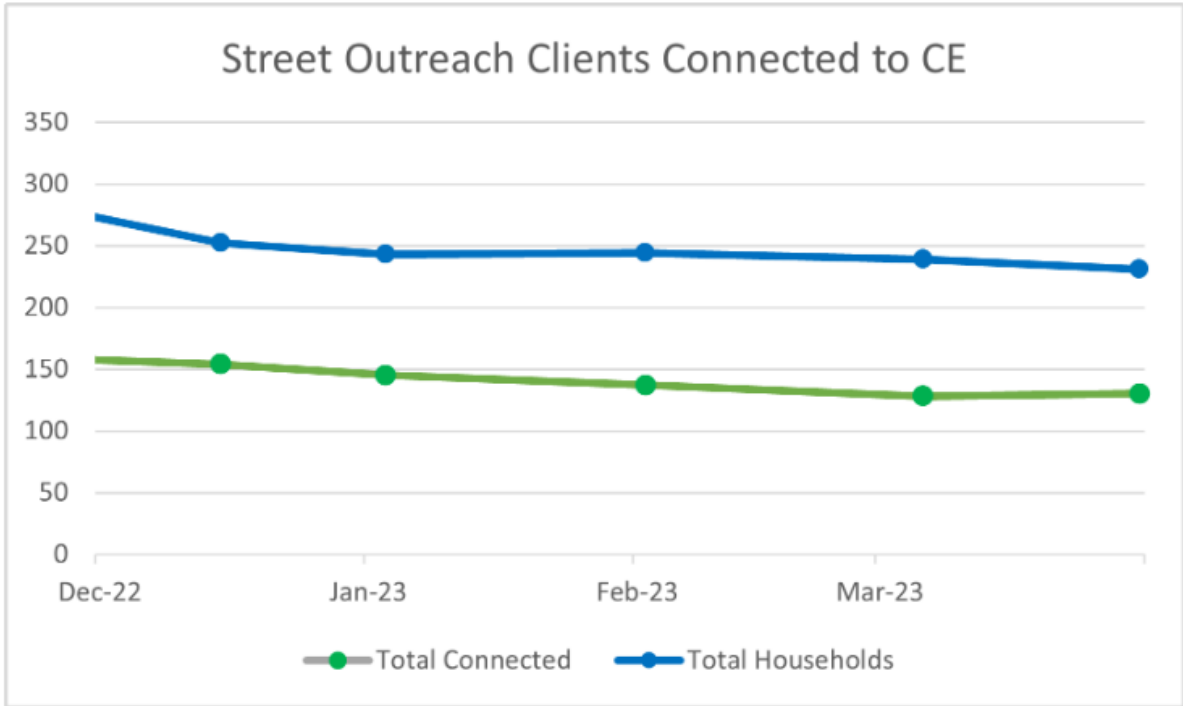


Outreach Committee Minutes

4/3/23 (Wed) noon – 1:30pm

Attending: Sarah Lim, Torrie Kopp Mueller, Butch Thomas, Brian Determan, Zach Stephen, Brenda Konkel, Marjorie Lewis, Alicia Spry, Takisha Jordan, Mike Holly, Jennifer Pryor, Chelsey Myhre Foster, Francesca Atkinson, Jasmine Smith, Tom Bogosh, Heather Andresen, Willie Watkins, Haithem Aldhahiry, Matt Julian

1. Introduction
2. Review of the CE data and discussion
 - There about 80 people on the outreach by location list spreadsheet. Why the difference?
 - By location spreadsheet has been mostly used to report for singles. Any of the families that we worked probably aren't on the spreadsheet. Families are often working with cold weather hotels and frequently doubled up and outside only sometimes, etc.
 - People not wanting to disclose full information, etc.
 - (Need to clarify 230 number is people who have entries to street outreach vs people who have date of engagement)
 - Could be people who need to be exited.
 - It's been hard to get people to Dairy Drive.
 - Sarah will follow up with outreach teams that use HMIS about exiting people from HMIS as needed, making sure they are on by location list – Dairy Drive has openings.



3. Chair and co-chair for the Committee

Heather Andresen from SOAR case management volunteered to co-chair the committee.

4. Other topics

Car camping:

- People are interested in having bathroom access and having a place where they won't be ticketed but fearful about parking around other people, anxious about safety. People

use cars over shelter because they don't want to be around people. So people may not utilize a safe parking program. But there may be people who would use them.

- Family car campers are a group – we need more information about the population. Not clear how significant the need is – some conception that families who report sleeping in cars may not be actually sleeping in cars.
- Couples car camp who do not use the shelter to stay with a partner. If there is a couple shelter available, they may use them.
- When Occupy Madison tried to fill units last summer, 180 (20 were vehicle campers) applied. Only 1 vehicle camper was on the by location list. When we do the process again this summer, we will
- People we find at PIT (Walmart parking lot, etc.) are homeless and often detached from CE system.
- Walmart – security started telling people they (people stay there for a while) have to leave. Retired people “boondocking” is generally allowed at Walmart and Cracker Barrel stores.
- 11 cars campers on the by location list out of 80.
- Are outreach programs willing to support a safe parking program, if a church parking lot could be available? Concern for outreach capacity to support a program like that. No outreach program is working 24/7. A lot of families who car camp do it only a couple night at a time and they would go to the family shelter when it's available. A lot of them are couples, who would go to a shelter if there is a couple's shelter. If we have to devote a lot of resources for a safe parking program, resources could be targeted better. For outreach program to commit anything, we would need specifics to consider (what times, how many people, what's expected of outreach, etc.) But it would be nice to be able to work with people who are car camping earlier before they get a lot of tickets, lose car, and become chronically homeless. Going upstream. There are a lot of things to consider. If we can manage it with minimal resources, it would be a good option.

5. Next meeting : May 1, 2023 at noon

There will be a new calendar invitation with new zoom links from Sarah.

Possible agenda item – debrief from outreach provider retreat (Torie and Matt are planning)