



# Community Services Department

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## HSBC Executive Board Meeting October 12, 2018, 8:00a.m.-9:30a.m. St. Vrain Community Hub, Room 321 515 Coffman, Longmont

Welcome and Introductions	8:00
Building a Housing-focused System Part 2	8:00-8:25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss Goals and Strategies</li> </ul>	
Year 1 Review:	8:25-9:15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide overview of work plan</li> <li>Discuss System Priorities &amp; Approaches</li> </ul>	
Year 1 Report Outline	9:15-9:25
Member Updates	9:25-9:30
Adjourn	9:30

## HOMELESS SOLUTIONS FOR BOULDER COUNTY: OCTOBER 2018 EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

### SYSTEM UPDATES

#### COORDINATED ENTRY

- 2,495 people were screened through September 30, 2018. This represents the first full year of the HSBC system. Overall, 40 percent of clients have been referred to Housing-focused Shelter, and 60 percent of clients have been referred to Navigation Services. In addition, 76 percent of screening were completed in Boulder and 24 percent of screenings were completed in Longmont.

#### SERVICE UPDATES

- Navigation sheltering in the City of Longmont for this winter season will begin in November 2018.
- The City of Boulder has contracted with Bridge House to provide severe weather shelter for the 2018-19 season. Weather triggers remain the same as last year, and whether severe weather shelter will be provided will be announced daily. In the long-run, this service will be provided at 2691 30<sup>th</sup> Street; however, this requires some safety improvements to be made to the building. In the short-term, faith communities are hosting severe weather shelter services. Bridge House provides notices on whether the service is open on a daily basis. This information is available by phone (303.605.8919) and online (<https://boulderbridgehouse.org/severe-weather-shelter/>).

#### WORK GROUPS

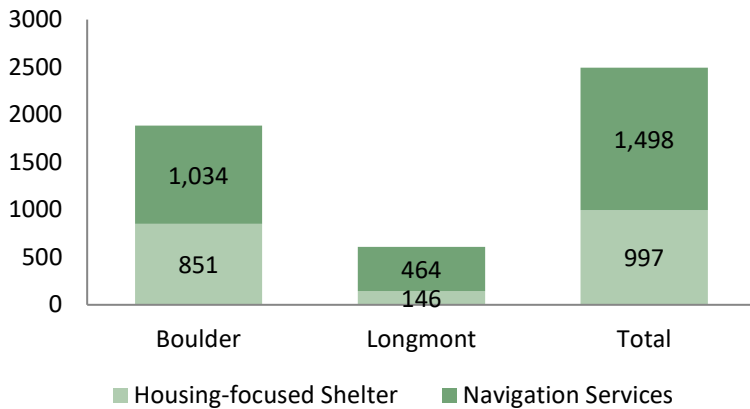
- Data & Evaluation: Bridge House began using Boulder County Connect in early September, and Boulder Shelter for the Homeless started using the system in early October. Boulder County staff are working with HOPE and OUR Center to configure Longmont Navigation programs in BCC with an estimated launch in early November 2018.
- Communications: The communications working group has developed a draft outline for the year one report, which the Executive Board will review. It is anticipated to be released by the end of the year. Staff also presented with the Boulder County Regional Housing Partnership at the October 2018 Consortium of Cities meeting. The Consortium meetings should provide an ongoing opportunity to keep elected officials from across the County apprised of these related efforts.
- Housing exits: The housing exits working group has continued to refine recommendations and activities related to the information provided to the Executive Board meeting in September 2018.

#### OTHER UPDATES

- *Year 1 Review Process*: Staff will be leading a review of the first year of homeless solutions for Boulder County. Initial plans, including schedule, opportunities to engage their staffs, and critical concerns and performance questions, were presented to the Management Board at their September 2018 meeting. Staff anticipate presenting recommendations for system adjustments for Executive Board consideration later this winter.
- *Martin v. Boise Decision*: In September 2018, the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals issued a ruling related to camping bans. The Court ruled that ordinances that prohibit people experiencing homelessness from sleeping outside violate the Cruel and Unusual Punishments Clause of the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment if they do not have access to alternative shelter. The City of Boise has filed an appeal to this ruling. Colorado is in the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals.

## CLIENT PROFILE

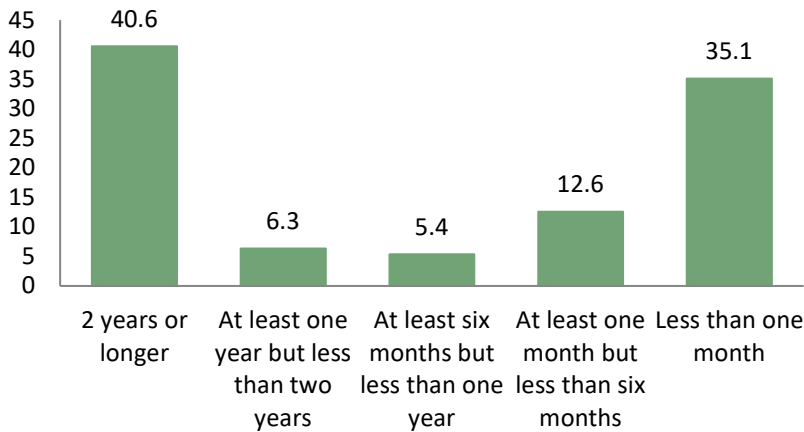
**Number of CE Clients by Referral Result and Screening Location**



Overall, we have screened 2,495 individuals for services between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018. Seventy-six percent of clients were screened in Boulder, and 24 percent were screened in Longmont.

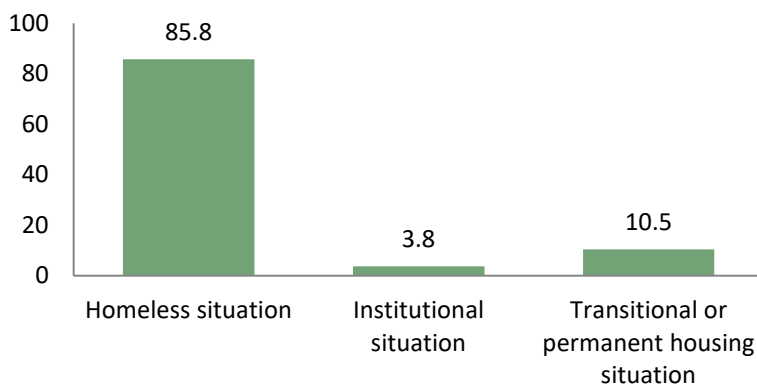
About 40 percent of clients are referred to Boulder Shelter for the Homeless to receive more intensive, housing-focused shelter services, and 60 percent are referred to less intensive navigation services.

**Percentage of Clients by Reported Length of Time in Boulder County**



The share of clients who have been in Boulder County less than one month continues to increase, but the largest group remains those who report being in the county two years or longer. Of those screened between October 1, 2017 and September 24, 2018, 41 percent of clients report being in the County two years or longer, and 35 percent report being relatively new to the County.

**Percentage of Clients by Living Situation Prior to Screening**



The share of clients screened through September 24, 2018 reporting being literally homeless the night before they were screened has decreased slightly to 86 percent, and the share coming from transitional or permanent housing situations increased slightly to 11 percent.

55 percent reported being homeless for more than 12 months of the last three years, and 70 percent reported having a disability that made it difficult to live independently.

Overall, **343 clients have achieved positive outcomes** from navigation services and housing focused shelter from October 2017 to August 2018; this represents 15 percent of all clients screened through that date. This includes 129 clients who have been housed in their own housing, 129 clients who have reunified with support systems; and 42 clients who have entered other programs (e.g., Inn Between, Ready to Work, substance use treatment).

### HOUSING OUTCOMES BY TYPE OCT. 2017 - AUG. 2018

