

St. Thomas-Elgin Housing Stability Alliance

(Formerly St. Thomas-Elgin Housing & Homelessness Action Group)

MINUTES



Date	December 1 st , 2021
Time	10:00am to 11:30am
Chair	Danielle Neilson
Location	Microsoft Teams
Attendance	Danielle Neilson , St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services Jon McCurry , Eastwood Housing Diane Arsenijevic , West Elgin Community Health Centre Tanya Dale , West Elgin Community Health Centre Valerie Beneteau , YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin Leticia Mizon , The Nameless Andrea Graves , St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services Alicia Malcolm , Central Community Health Centre Jeanette Singh , YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin Ellen Hickey , St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services Karen Schouten , Fresh Start Support Services

Agenda Items & Discussion

Order	Topic	Lead
1.	Introductions and Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. Neilson welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared that we have received many regrets. Members took turns introducing themselves to the group. 	Danielle
2.	Approval of Minutes and Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. Neilson asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 1st, 2021 and the meeting agenda for December 1st, 2021. <i>Motion made by A. Malcolm, second by V. Beneteau. Carried.</i> D. Neilson shared that all the committee's documents are now available to view on the City of St. Thomas website. 	All
3.	Housing & Homelessness Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. Neilson provided a housing & homelessness update from St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Point in Time Count event took place on Sept 29th. Orgcode Consulting was recruited to analyze the data. The final report will be presented to City Council on Dec 13th. We have not received any indication that our CHPI allocation will be increasing for 2022. SSRF is ending at the end of 2021, so we are hopeful for a CHPI increase to cover that gap. 	Danielle

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The housing waitlist is over 1000 applicants for the first time ever. We are working to find solutions to get applicants housed, such as increasing Portable Housing Benefits. - The Canadian-Ontario Housing Benefits will be increasing in the spring. - Build for Zero – we have obtained our first objective to have a Quality By-Name List. Our next objective is to decrease chronic homelessness by 10%. Currently, there are a number of people on our By-Name List who are experiencing chronic homelessness or are headed towards it. Our first step is to formalize commitments from our housing providers. - We will be rolling out a new housing application in the new year. This new application will also be fillable online. 	
4.	<p>Community Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>By-Name List</u> – V. Beneteau provided an overview of the By-Name List for the month of November: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 new names added (4 male/4 female). 2 of these names completed paper readiness - Most of the referrals to the list were from St. Thomas (CMHA). 1 was from West Elgin and 1 was from Aylmer - 4 adults moved from unhoused to housed status - 68 people are experiencing chronic homelessness - In November, there were 92 active homeless individuals on the list. 10 inactive homeless individuals. - Since June 2020, 211 individuals were added to the list and 101 were housed. - We will be moving to a new database from CAEH <p>The full report is attached below.</p> • <u>Women, Youth and Family Homelessness</u> – the family homelessness committee is being wrapped back into the woman's homelessness committee. V. Beneteau is the committee chair. • <u>Coordinated Access</u> – HSA will be the endorsement body for Coordinated Access. • <u>The Inn</u> – C. Swarath has sent her regrets but provided D. Neilson with an update to share. The Inn is preparing for their move to 10 Princess. This move has come with a lot of excitement and challenges. • <u>Elgin County Housing & Homelessness Report</u> – D. Arsenijevic shared that the WECHC commissioned an Elgin County housing needs assessment through Tim Welsh Consulting. The results of the study validated that there is a need for affordable housing in which 10 recommendations were 	Valerie Cherisse Diane All

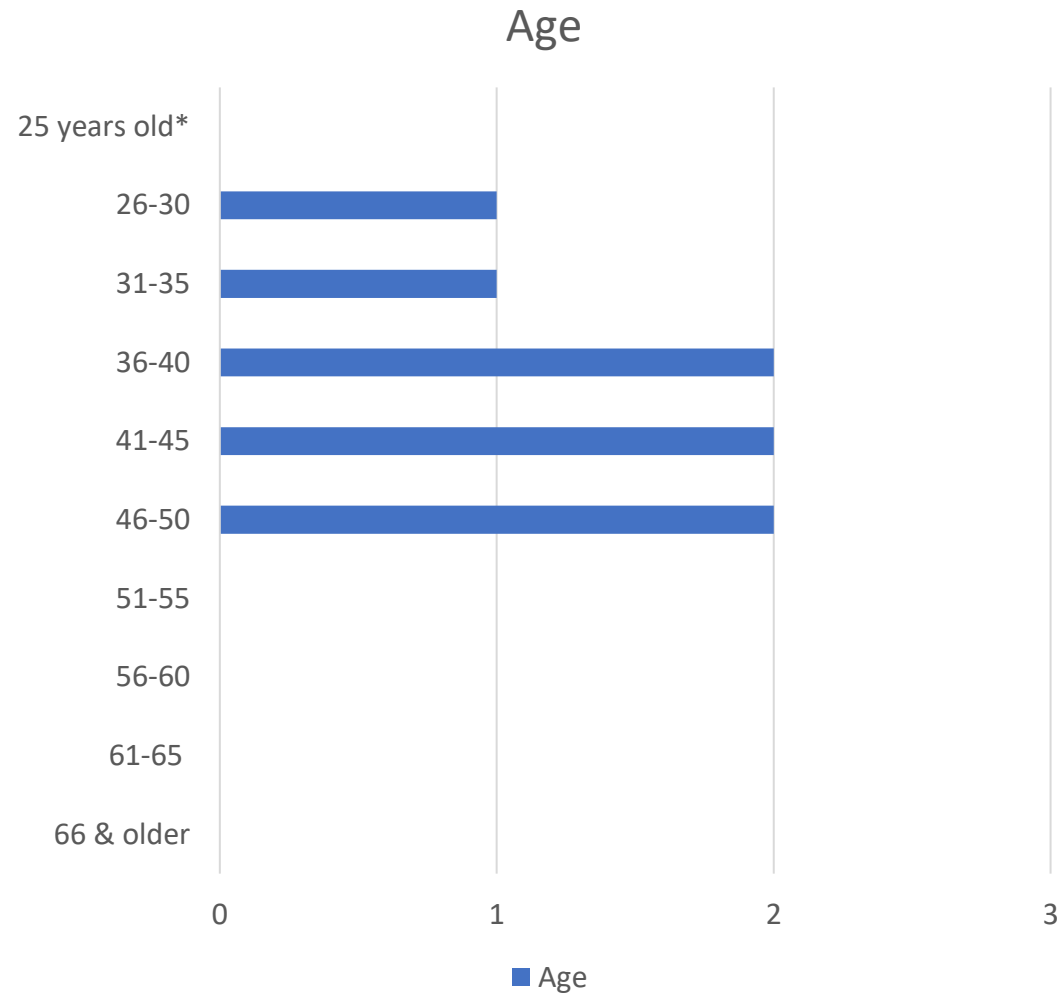
	<p>presented. On Nov 10th, the County of Elgin hosted an event to bring all of the lower-tier municipalities together to share this information and recommendations. Feedback is that the event was well received and has sparked conversations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Other Updates</u> – D. Neilson shared that all of Indwell's Railway City Loft units have been matched with participants. From our understanding, it is going well and there is a sense of community being built. Indwell's second building has just broken ground behind the Social Services building. 	
5.	<p>World Homelessness Action Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. Neilson thanked the nameless for organizing this event in 2021. The HSA agreed to work together in making plans for 2022. World Homelessness Action Day takes place on October 10th. The event in 2021 included a march and a community meal. The turnout was low. It is hoped that next year we can work together to gain more awareness. We will bring this item back to the table in the spring. • The group discussed memorial protocols in the community. Currently there is not a protocol. the nameless has a memorial board, but that is it. The group is going to start a sub-committee to look at this. Sub-Committee will include V. Beneteau, T. Dale, L. Mizon and D. Neilson. Other HSA members who are not present at this meeting will be invited to join as well. 	Danielle & Leticia
6.	<p>Lived Experience Best Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. Neilson researched best practices for including people with lived experience in homelessness prevention planning and programming including consultation with CAEH. Highlights of this research on best practices was shared with the group. 	Danielle
7.	<p>Training and Information Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V. Beneteau shared some training opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anyone who is interested in receiving training in the By-Name List or paper readiness can contact V. Beneteau directly. - There are also free upcoming training opportunities in harm reduction and human trafficking. 	Danielle & All
8.	<p>New Membership Inquiries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A. Graves presented the following new associate members for approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elle Lane, City of London Housing Stability Services Manager - Nyree Bond, Captain of The Salvation Army - Jessica Mostert-Thiessen, Manager at Indwell's Railway City Lofts • The group approved all new members. 	Andrea
9.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 2nd, 2022: 10:00am to 11:30am 	All



November 2021

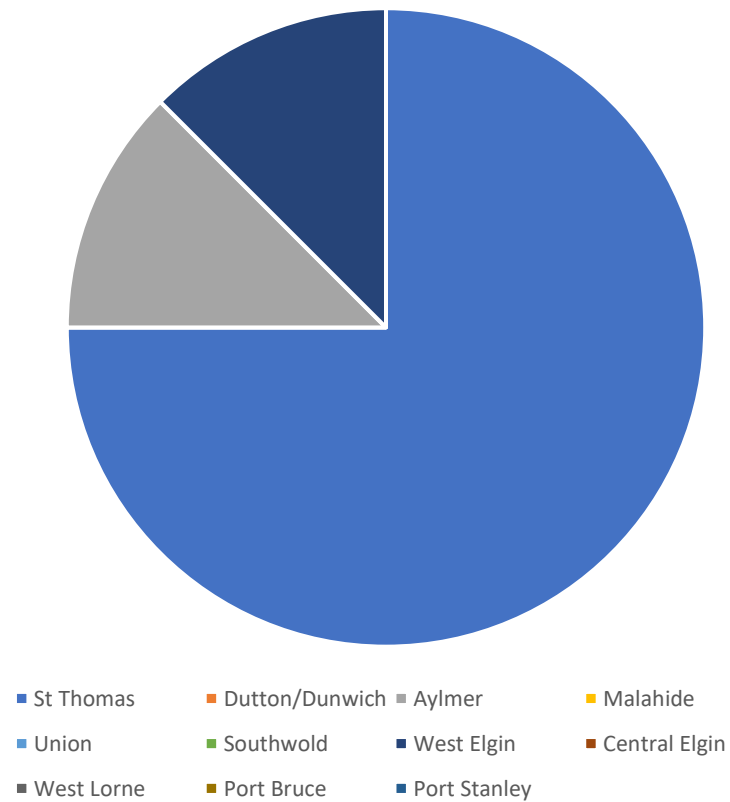
New Entries

- **8** adults admitted to the By Names List (BNL) in October 2021
 - **4** females; **4** males
- **2** adults completed Paper Readiness and were referred to Coordinated Access
 - **0** females; **2** males
 - **1** adults entered into the BNL prior to updated documentation completed Paper Readiness

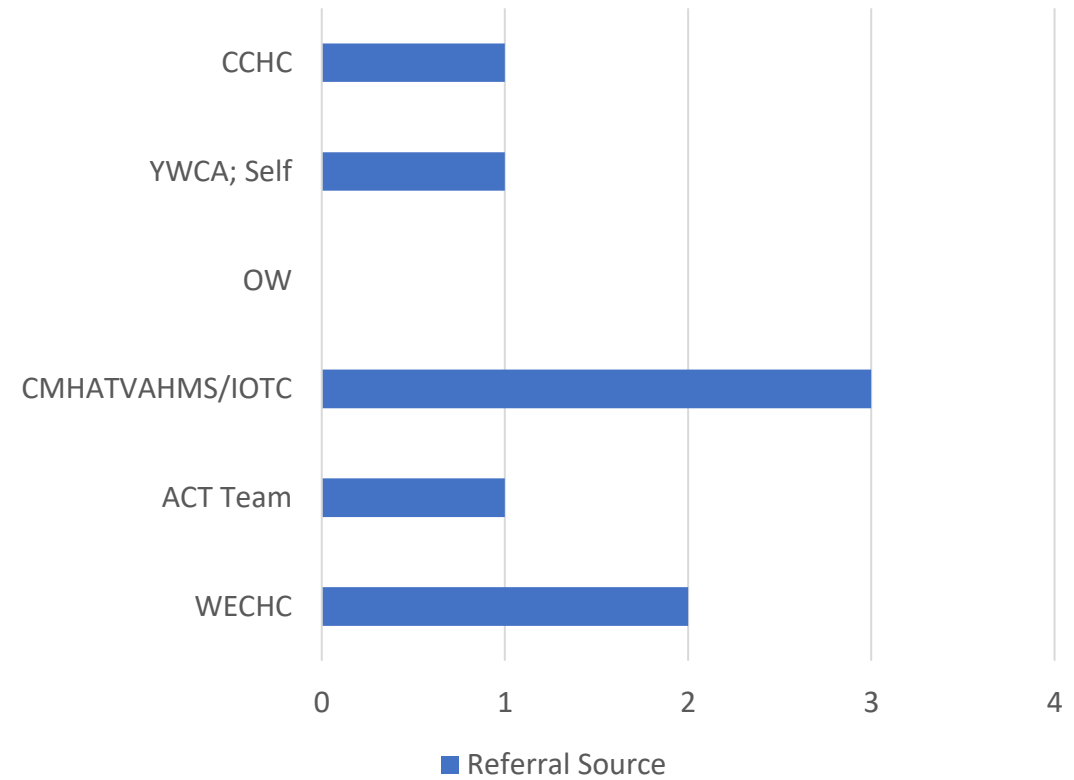


Referrals

Referral Locations

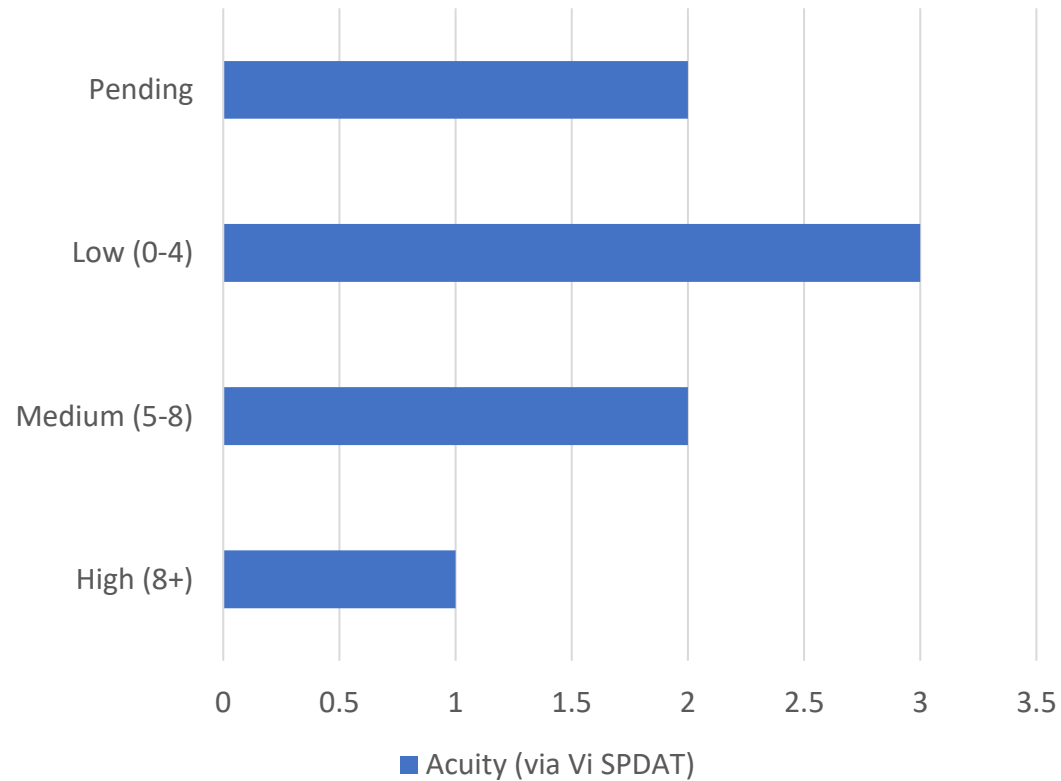


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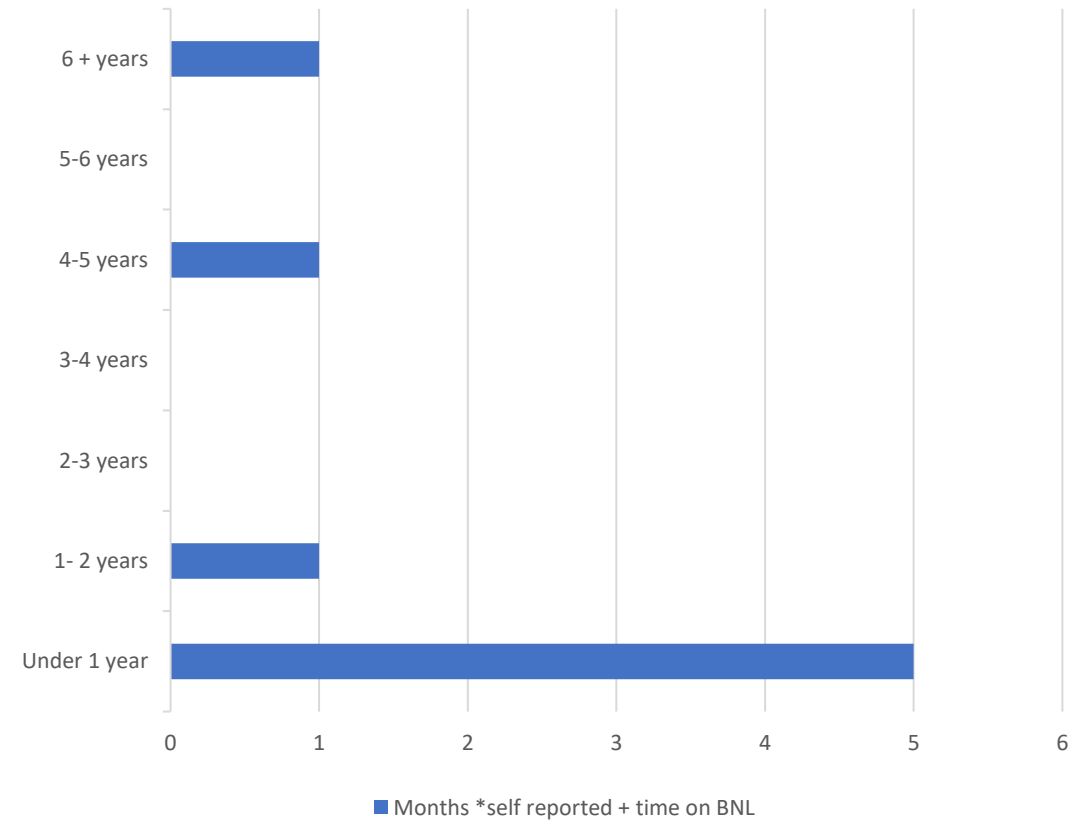


History of Homelessness

Acuity (via Vi SPDAT)



Length of Homelessness



Exits

- **4** adults moved from unhoused to **housed** on the BNL
 - **1** male (original entry: 26/05/2021)
 - **1** male (original entry date: 30/04/2021)
 - **1** male (original entry date: 28/05/2021)
 - **1** female (original entry date: 16/11/2021)

Chronic By Names List Data

November 30, 2021

	Active Homeless	Move-Ins	Moved to Inactive	Newly Identified	Aged In	Returned from Inactive	Returned from Housing
Total Chronic	68	5	0	3	2	0	0
Chronic Youth	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
Chronic Single Adults	61	3	0	3	2	0	0
Chronic Families	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chronic Indigenous	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chronic Veterans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Chronic By Names List Data

October 31, 2021

	Active Homeless	Move-Ins	Moved to Inactive	Newly Identified	Aged In	Returned from Inactive	Returned from Housing
Total Chronic	71	13	2	4	5	0	0
Chronic Youth	5	2	0	0	1	0	0
Chronic Single Adults	62	9	1	3	3	0	0
Chronic Families	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chronic Indigenous	3	2	1	1	1	0	0
Chronic Veterans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

All Homelessness By Names List Data

November 30, 2021

	Active Homeless	Move Ins	Moved to Inactive	Newly Identified	Returned from Inactive	Returned from Housing
Total	92	9	0	15	0	0
Youth	14	5	0	6	0	0
Single Adults	71	4	0	8	0	0
Families	3	0	0	1	0	0
Indigenous	4	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	0	0	0	0	0	0

All Homelessness By Names List Data October 31, 2021

	Active Homeless	Move Ins	Moved to Inactive	Newly Identified	Returned from Inactive	Returned from Housing
Total	88	16	2	16	0	0
Youth	12	3	0	6	0	0
Single Adults	70	11	1	8	0	0
Families	2	0	0	0	0	0
Indigenous	4	2	1	2	0	0
Veterans	0	0	0	0	0	0