

St. Thomas-Elgin Housing Stability Alliance

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

MINUTES



Date	June 22, 2022
Time	10:30am to 12:00pm
Chair	Danielle Neilson
Location	Microsoft Teams
Attendance	Danielle Neilson , St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services Barry Fellingner , West Elgin community Health Centre Matt Wilson , CMHA Thames Valley Addiction & Mental Health Services Leticia Mizon , The Nameless Andrea Graves , St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services Melanie Rowley , Central Community Health Centre Ellen Hickey , St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services Suzanne Flier , Fresh Start Support Services Peter Heywood , Southwestern Public Health (<i>arrived at 11:30</i>) Chad Lovell , London St. Thomas Association of Realtors Natasha Thuemler , Indwell (<i>left at 11am</i>) Tanya Dale , West Elgin Community Health Centre Valerie Beneteau , YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin Jeanette Singh , YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin Elle Lane , The City of London Dawn Bailey , YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin Cherisse Swarath , The INN Michelle Koyle , St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services Connie Cooper , St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services

Agenda Items & Discussion

Order	Topic	Lead
1.	Presentation – Indwell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N. Thuemler joined the HSA to provide a brief presentation about Indwell and the Railway City Lofts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indwell is a Christian organization that supports over 800 people across Southwestern Ontario The Indwell difference is that they provide affordability, housing supports (including medication support, daily hot meals, and clinical staff on-site), and property maintenance (including relational landlords, secure and safe buildings, and proactive maintenance) In St. Thomas, they are currently operating at Railway City Lofts which is a high-support program that houses individuals directly from the By-Name List. There are 15 bachelor style rooms and a community 	Natasha

	<p>space. This program has the highest staff to tenant ratio out of all of our buildings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The second building in St. Thomas is currently under construction on Queen Street. The hope is that tenants are able to transition out of Railway City Lofts and move into this new building called “The Station” as this will have medium support. Indwell’s intent is always to provide housing stability, so we aim to support people, help them make community connections and transition them as needed. 	
2.	<p>Introductions and Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. Neilson welcomed everyone to the meeting. • Members took turns introducing themselves to the group. 	All
3.	<p>Approval of Minutes and Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. Neilson asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 27th, 2022, and the meeting agenda (noting changes) for June 22nd, 2022. <i>Motion made by V. Beneteau, second by M. Wilson. Carried.</i> 	All
4.	<p>Housing & Homelessness Update</p> <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"> - Work is ongoing with our rent supplement program and portable housing benefit - The annual 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan report was recently presented to Council and is available on the stthomas.ca website. 2023 marks the end of the 10-year plan at which time we will look for input from this group while we create the next plan. - Built For Zero has confirmed that we have achieved a quality By-Name List and we are nearing confirmation of our first reduction milestone. - Dates are secured for Indigenous Homelessness training through Atlosa. The entire Social Services office will be attending. Spaces are also available for the community. 	Danielle
5.	<p>Community Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>By-Name List</u> – V. Beneteau provided an update on the By-Name List: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In June, 11 individuals were admitted to the By-Name List. Of those 11, 6 have moved to housing in the same month - Currently, there are 79 people experiencing homelessness across St. Thomas-Elgin. Of those 79, 11 are in the rural community and 58 are experiencing chronic homelessness. <i>Presentation is attached.</i> • <u>Women, Youth and Family Homelessness</u> – D. Bailey provided an update on behalf of the Women and Family Homelessness Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They hosted their first women and family symposium last week with a guest host from OrgCode - Work is continuing on our women and family homelessness report with community consultations underway. They will also be looking to include a subgroup of women with lived experience 	Valerie Lori All

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Soon they will be able to start administering grants through a new program called NEST to support those who need to leave unsafe homes. They will share more details on this as it becomes available. • <u>The INN</u> – C. Swarath provided an update on behalf of The INN: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The hub model is up and running as they bring in organizations in an effort to connect guests with community services - Currently there are 67 unique individuals who visit during the day and at night. • <u>WECHC</u> – T. Dale provide an update on behalf of the West Elgin Community Health Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Homelessness numbers are on the rise in the rural communities, with a lot of complex situations. In many instances, people were long-term tenants and their landlord decided to list on the spring market and there is nowhere affordable for them to go. • <u>Other Updates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - L. Mizon shared that August 31st is Overdose Awareness Day. On that day, there will be a flag raising and a proclamation made. 	
6.	<p>Lost Lives Working Group Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are moving forward with creating a protocol of what happens after we lose someone in our community • V. Beneteau was able to get a copy of London's protocol for our reference. Our protocol is being driven by a grieving community • D. Neilson recently had a meeting with a possible donor for a memorial 	Danielle, Valerie, Tanya & Leticia
7.	<p>World Homelessness Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently, there was a community job fair that was quite successful. We would like to use that model and host a services fair in honor of World Homelessness Day • The group decided not to proceed with a walk this year 	Danielle
8.	<p>New Membership Inquiries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A. Graves presented the following new associate member for approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dawn Bailey, Housing Stability Project Manager, YWCA <i>Motion made by T. Dale, second by L. Mizon. Carried.</i> 	Andrea
9.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An invitation will be sent out for another meeting in September 	All

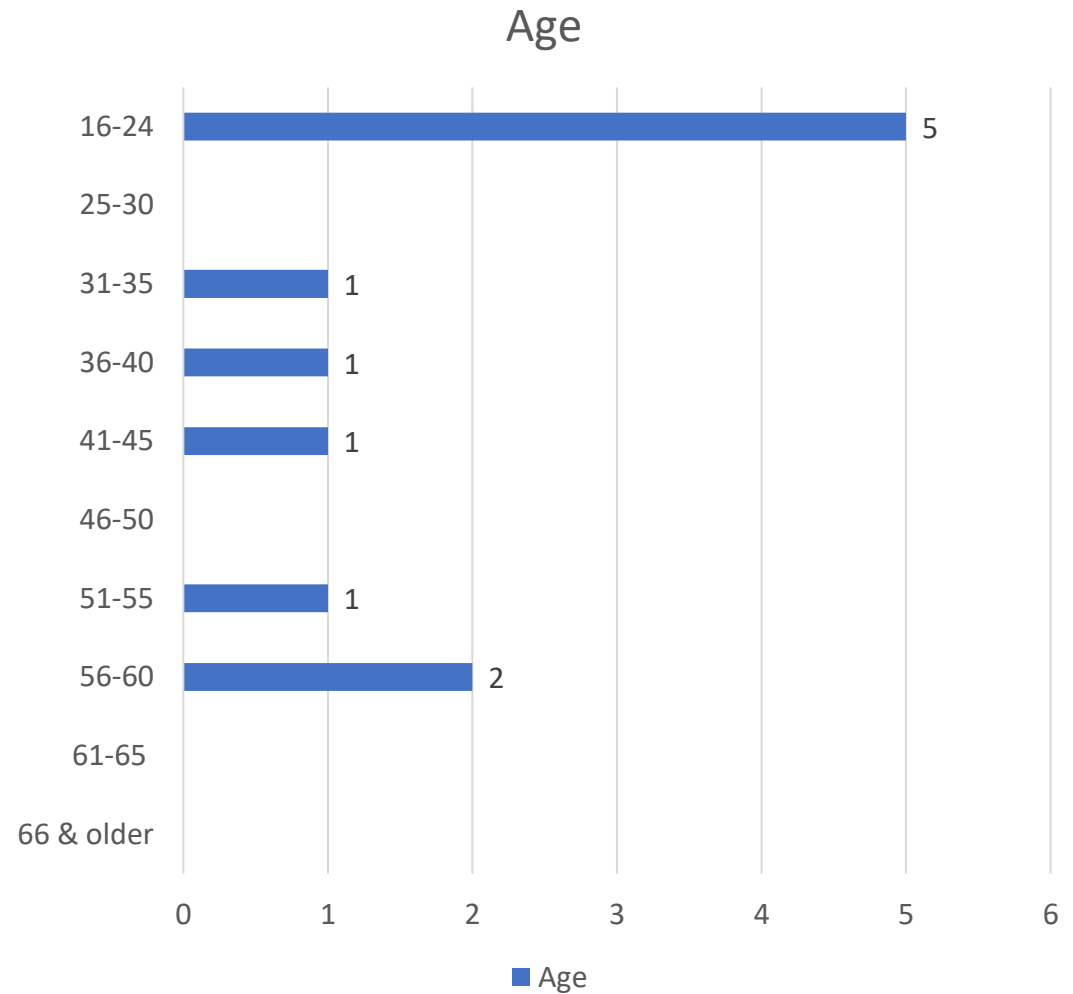


June 2022

New Entries

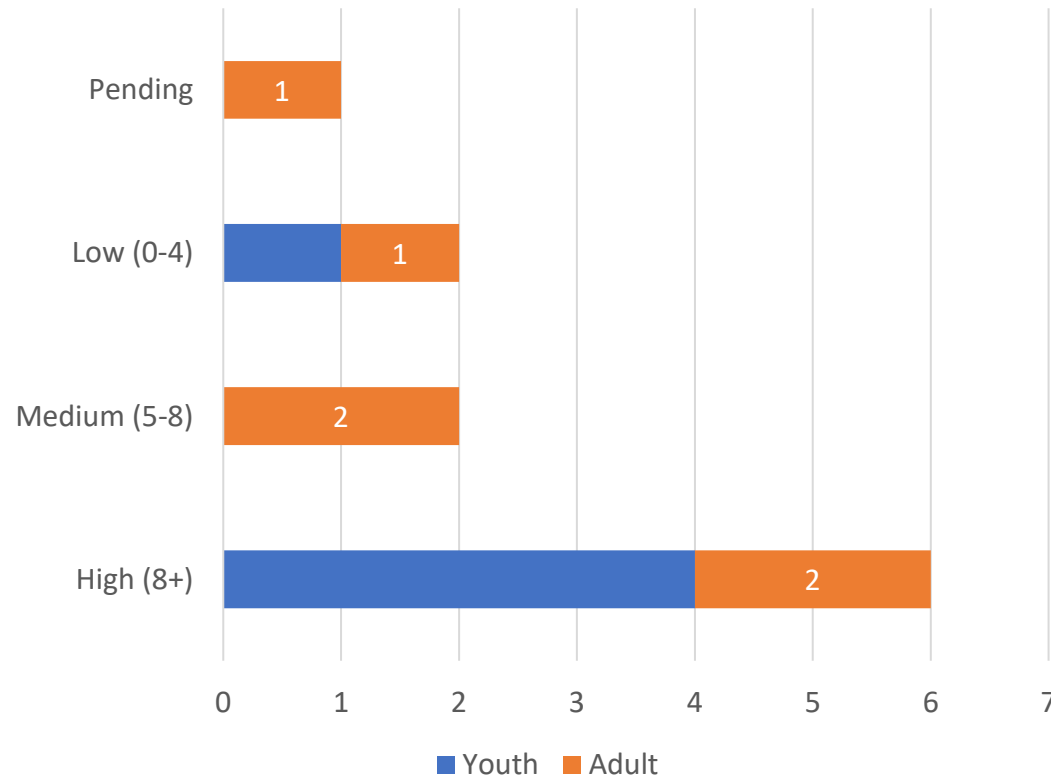
11 individuals admitted to the By Names List (BNL) so far in June 2022

- **5 adults**
- **1 family**
- **5 youth**

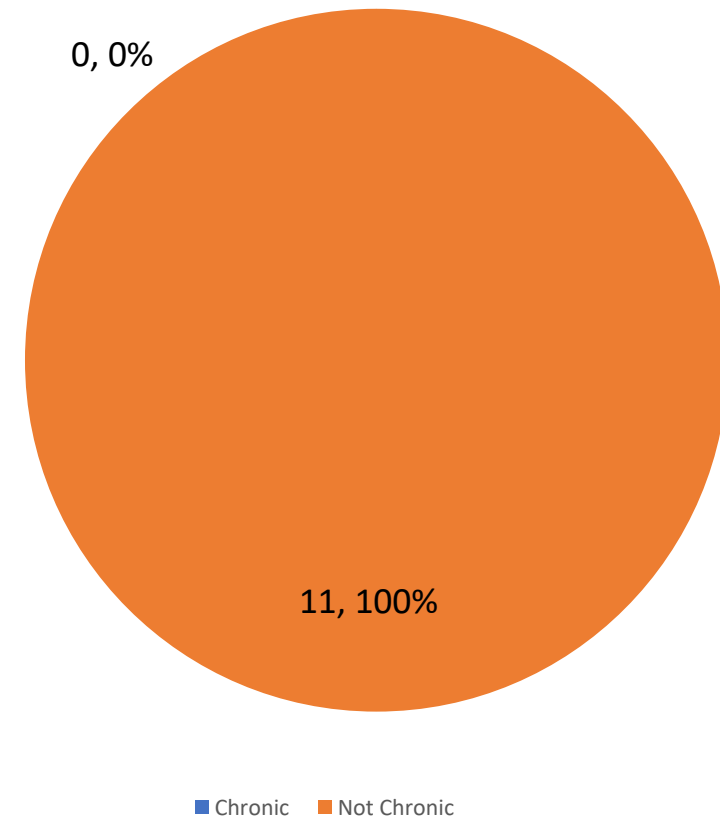


History of Homelessness

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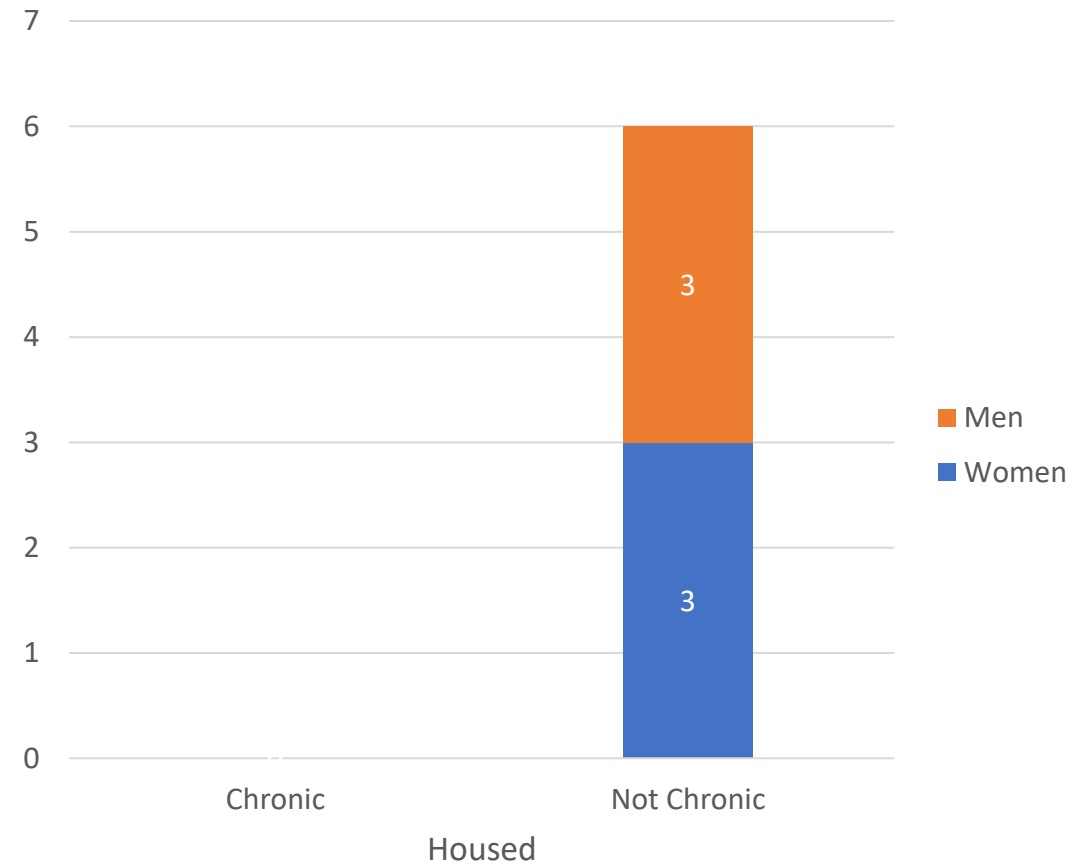


Length of Homelessness



Successes

- **6** folx moved from unhoused to **housed** on the BNL within the same month
 - 2 youth male
 - 2 youth female
 - 1 adult male
 - 1 adult female



Chronic By Names List Data – June 2022

	Active Homeless	Change (+/-)	Move-Ins	Moved to Inactive	Newly Identified	Aged In	Returned from Inactive	Returned from Housing
Total Chronic	58	0	1	1	0	1	0	1
Chronic Youth	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chronic Single Adults	55	0	1	1	0	1	0	1
Chronic Families	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chronic Indigenous	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chronic Veterans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

All Active Homelessness By Names List Data

June 2022

	Active Homeless	Change (+/-)	Move Ins	Moved to Inactive	Newly Identified	Returned from Inactive	Returned from Housing
Total	79	-5	11	2	11	0	1
Youth	12	-3	7	0	5	0	0
Single Adults	65	-1	3	2	5	0	1
Families	2	-1	1	0	1	0	0
Indigenous	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0