

Governor's Coordinating Council on Homelessness

Monday, August 20, 2018 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Patrick Henry Building

West Reading Room

AGENDA

Presiding: The Honorable Brian Ball, Secretary, Commerce and Trade
The Honorable Daniel Carey, MD, Secretary, Health and Human Resources

- I. Welcome & Introductions – **Secretary Ball and Secretary Carey (2:00-2:10)**
- II. Review Minutes of April 24, 2018 Meeting – **Secretary Ball and Secretary Carey (2:10-2:15)**
- III. Performance and Impact Committee Report – **Director Erik Johnston (2:15-2:25)**
 - Preliminary Results of the 2018 Point in Time (PIT) Count – **Kathy Robertson**
 - Update on Data Merge Pilot Project – **Kathy Robertson**
- IV. Update on Veteran Homelessness – **Secretary Hopkins, Commissioner Newby, Matt Leslie (2:25-2:35)**
- V. Addressing Youth Homelessness Recommendation – **Commissioner Storen, Massey Whorley, Carl Ayers, Kathy Robertson (2:35-3:20)**
- VI. Medicaid Expansion – Housing Supports Impact on Homelessness – **Dr. Kate Neuhausen (3:20-3:40)**
- VII. Setting an overall Goal – **Secretary Ball and Secretary Carey (3:40-3:55)**
- VIII. Announcements – **All (3:55-4:00)**
- IX. Adjourn

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I. All were welcomed to the meeting.

II. Review Minutes of April 24, 2018 Meeting

Secretary Carey made a motion to accept the minutes from the 4/24/18 meeting, Kathy Robertson seconded the motion. There was no opposition, the motion passed.

III. Performance and Impact Committee Report

Director Erik Johnston introduced Kathy Robertson who provided preliminary results of the 2018 Point in Time (PIT) Count. She described what the PIT Count is and the process. Kathy shared the preliminary data via charts – attached.

Erik reported that the Performance and Impact Committee met once since the last GCCH meeting. The primary focus of the meeting was to receive an update on the Data Merge Pilot Project. Kathy provided a historical context for the data merge project and provided an update. Pamela Kestner explained the connection of the data merge project to the five strategies of the Homeless Policy Framework. Pam thanked Kelly King Horne from Homeward for her and her team's work on the data merge project and she thanked Kathy and her staff for their work. Secretary Carey asked about the timeline for the data merge project. Kathy reported that we anticipate adding Continua of Care (CoC) beginning in January with the goal of most if not all CoCs added by the end of 2019.

IV. Update on Veteran Homelessness

Matt Leslie advised that the areas currently being focused on are veterans with high barriers, creating better connections to resources and veterans involved with the criminal justice system. Matt reported that Donna Harrison is working closely with the Department of Corrections on this issue.

- a. Funding update – Last year 2017 there was no new HUD VASH, which is a key resource for vulnerable veterans. In 2018, 78 vouchers were received for Hampton Roads, Richmond, Northern Virginia and Charlottesville. There are plans to try to get vouchers for the Winchester area during the next round.
- b. Veteran Services Foundation has a partnership with non-profits to have a pilot in 2018 to serve 260 veterans with assistance. \$200,000 for a transition in place program.

- c. Veteran Services Foundation is also partnering with Dominion Energy for utility assistance for up to \$500 per year, per veteran in need. Dominion is looking to increase that amount to \$900.
- d. Secretary Carey asked what is the new goal for veterans – what needs to happen to get reduce the numbers further. Matt explained that a system is in place but with harder to serve veterans. Matt advised that the needs are related to the need for more affordable housing, more employment options and issues related to un/underemployment.

V. Addressing Youth Homelessness Recommendation

Commissioner Duke Storen gave an update of the definition of youth homelessness and an overview of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH). Carl Ayers, Co-chair of the Youth Homelessness Committee gave an update of the USICH criteria for ending youth homelessness and what that means. He discussed the current numbers of youth in Virginia that meet the HUD definition of homelessness. Pat Popp provided the Department of Education definition of youth homelessness and there was agreement around the table that the definitions had a large variation.

Carl then discussed the challenges with identification of homeless youth when there is no system in place. He advised that the youth committee will be tasked with identifying the population to get more information and data to then be able to create a goal. Carl went over the recommendations from the white paper distributed to all committee members and discussed the following items:

- i. There is currently an effort to develop a pilot project with youth aging out of foster care with Fostering Future participants in Richmond and Charlottesville – hopefully more information will be providing at an upcoming meeting.
- ii. **The Youth Homelessness Committee recommends implementing a pilot project to help communities create a system for identifying and serving youth experiencing homelessness. He discussed the pilot project timeline and said the youth committee is in the process of determining what resources may be needed.**

Secretary Carey opened the floor for questions.

- Jodi Manz wanted to know if there was a youth subpopulation that is overrepresented in those experiencing homelessness. Carl advised that youth aging out of foster care in Virginia is an overrepresented population. Nichele Carver talked about the

discussion on the national level that youth of color and LGBTQ identifying youth are overrepresented in homelessness.

- Joe Hilbert wanted to know how the assessment would take place. Kathy and Pam discussed how the assessment would take place through the distribution of a survey and discussion at the annual CoC meeting in November.

Kelly made a motion to accept the recommendation from the youth committee to create a pilot to look at creating a system to identify and assist youth experiencing homelessness. Joe seconded it.

Commissioner Storen that a placeholder be added to the budget for consideration in the upcoming General Assembly session. Secretary Ball and Secretary Carey will meet to discuss further.

There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Secretary Carey advised that he will be looking to Pam, Kathy, and Carl to put something together. He thanked the Youth Committee for their work.

VI. Medicaid Expansion – Housing Supports Impact on Homelessness Dr. Kate Neuhausen Pam provided a brief report for Dr. Kate Neuhausen, who had a conflict come up at the last minute, on the expansion of Medicaid in Virginia. DMAS is working on developing a waiver for housing supports through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS.) This will help those in the homelessness arena address the harder to serve.

- a. Pam discussed the steering committee work of those focused on housing persons with Serious Mental Illness (SMI). She also discussed the collective impact if resources are pooled between state agencies. Secretary Carey said the framework is on housing outcomes as it correlates directly to health status.
- b. Jodi advised that it must be budget neutrality because this cannot have an additional cost.
- c. Erik talked about the match of 9 to 1 and he explained that it would be a “game changer” for the cost savings.
- d. Secretary Carey explained that this does not include rent, but it can pay for many services that support efforts to stably house individuals and families, such as housing search, landlord-tenant relationship building, and other services.

VII. Setting an overall Goal

- a. Erik reported that setting an overall goal has not been vetted thoroughly yet but efforts focused on reducing chronic homelessness are underway.
- b. Matt discussed the work that community solutions has done with Built for Zero in Virginia in Roanoke, Arlington, Richmond, Charlottesville, and the Balance of

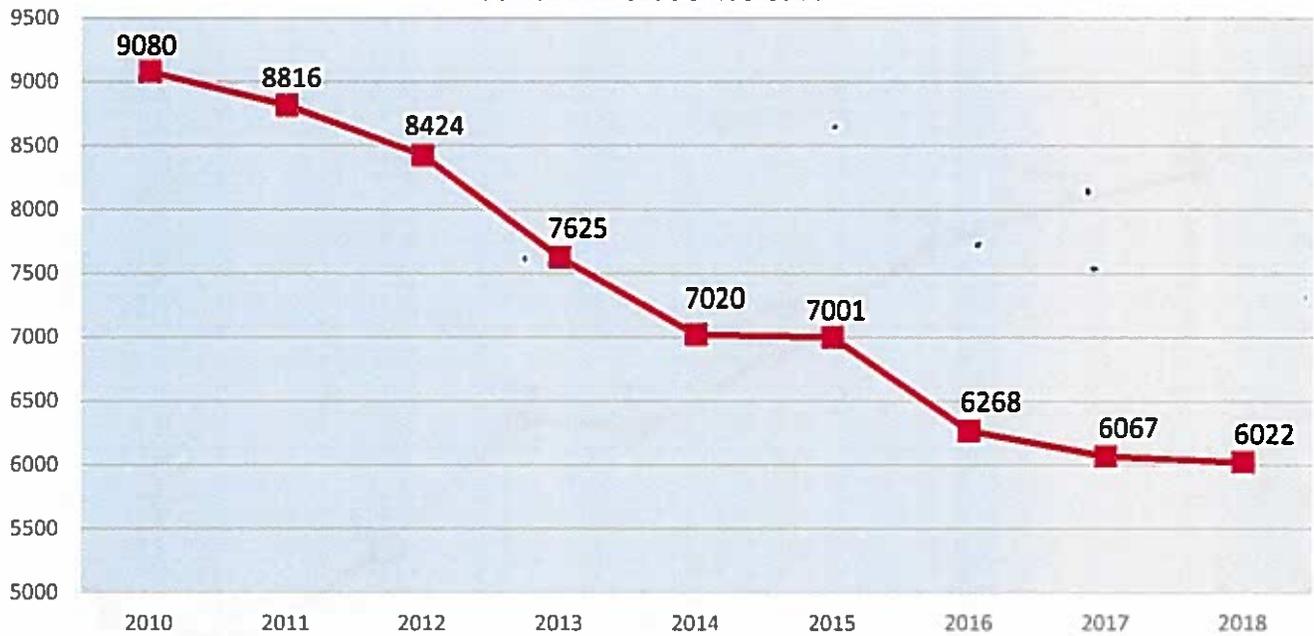
State, wants to get state support to expand the work being done in Virginia with a kick-off in October. They are coming to Virginia in October/November with another convening in the spring. The focus is on streamlining access and focusing on those who are most in need. Secretary Carey asked Matt if he was looking for an endorsement or just providing information. Matt advised he was providing information and that they are looking at adding additional communities: Lynchburg, Fairfax, Winchester, Harrisonburg, and Prince William County. Secretary Carey asked Matt to keep the GCCH informed of this effort.

VIII. Announcements

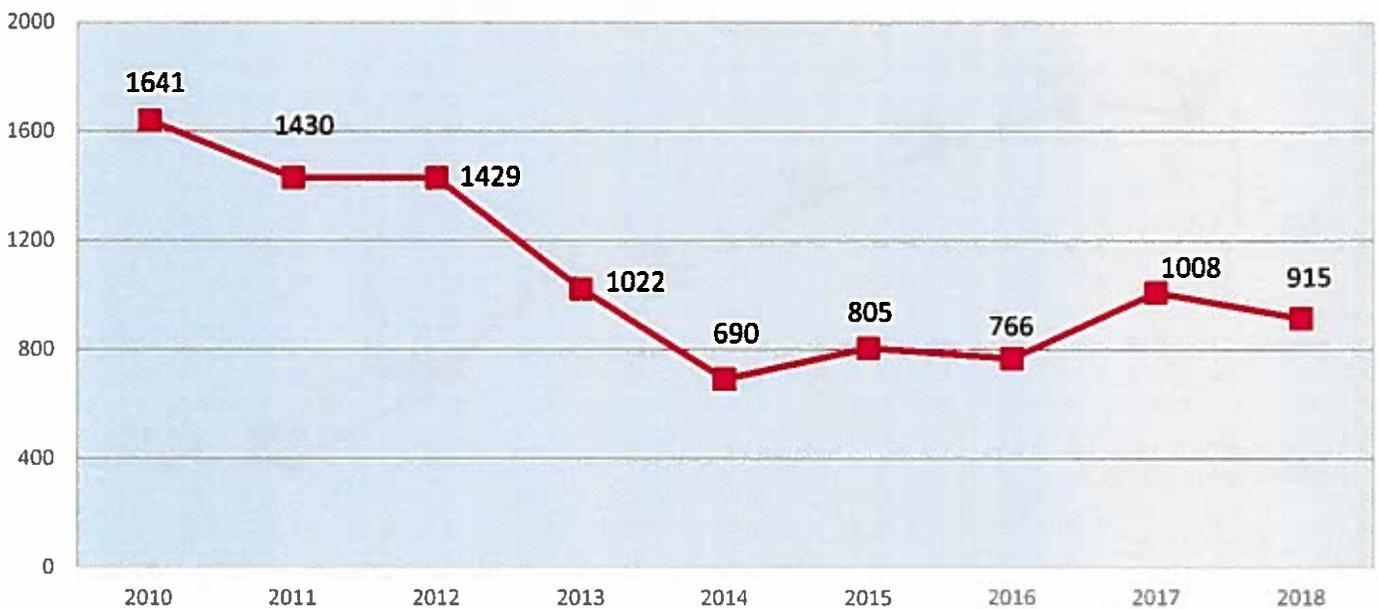
Chris Thompson reminded everyone that the Governor's Housing Conference November 14-16, 2018.

IX. Meeting adjourned

Total Homeless Persons
Virginia's CoC January 2018 Point-in-Time Count
33.6% decrease since 2010



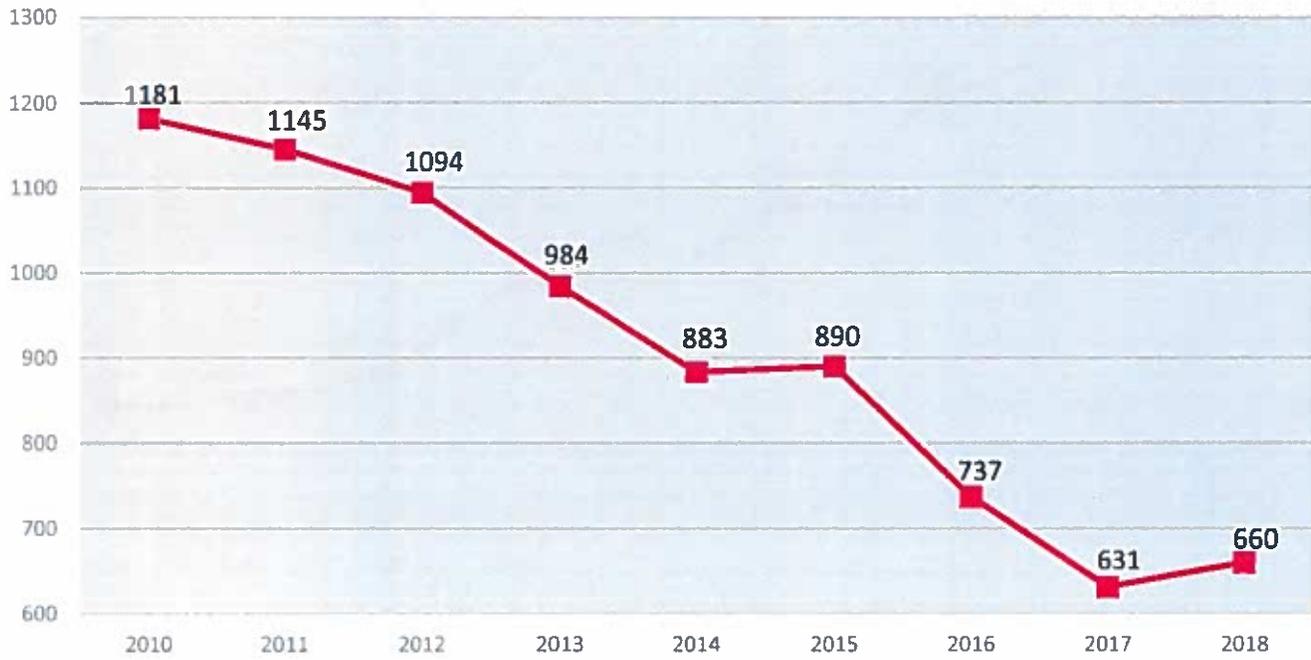
Total Number of Persons Unsheltered
Virginia's CoC 2018 Point-in-Time
44% decrease since 2010



Households with Adults and Children

Virginia's CoC January 2018 Point-in-Time Count

44% decrease since 2010



Persons in Families (adults and children)

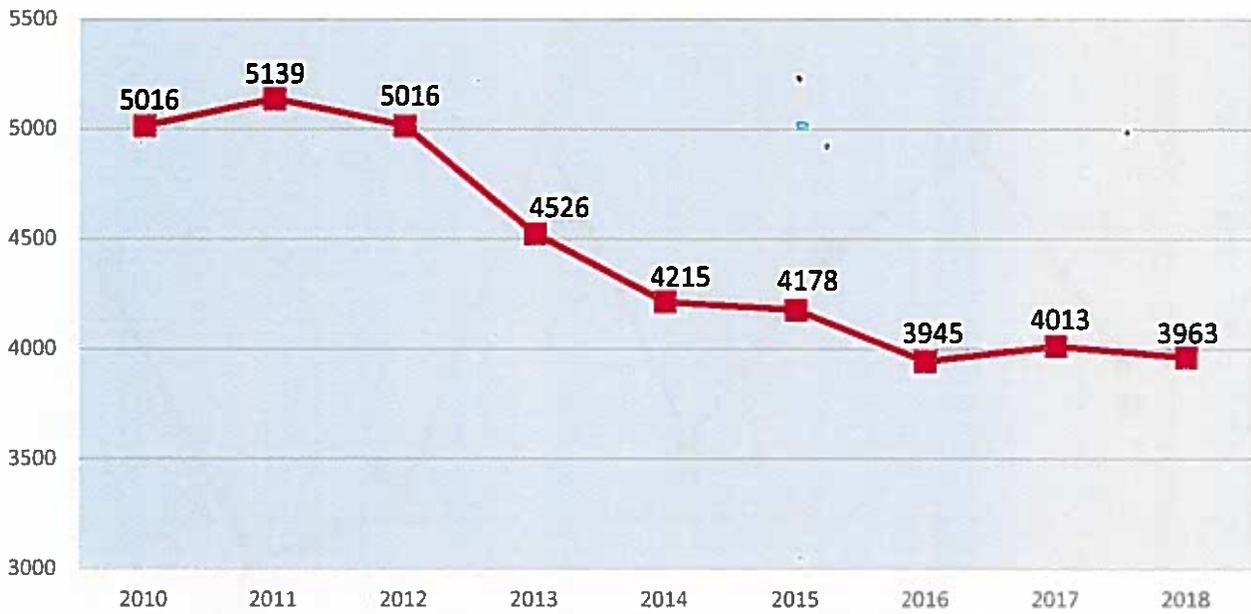
Virginia's CoC January 2018 Point-in-Time

40.6% decrease since 2010



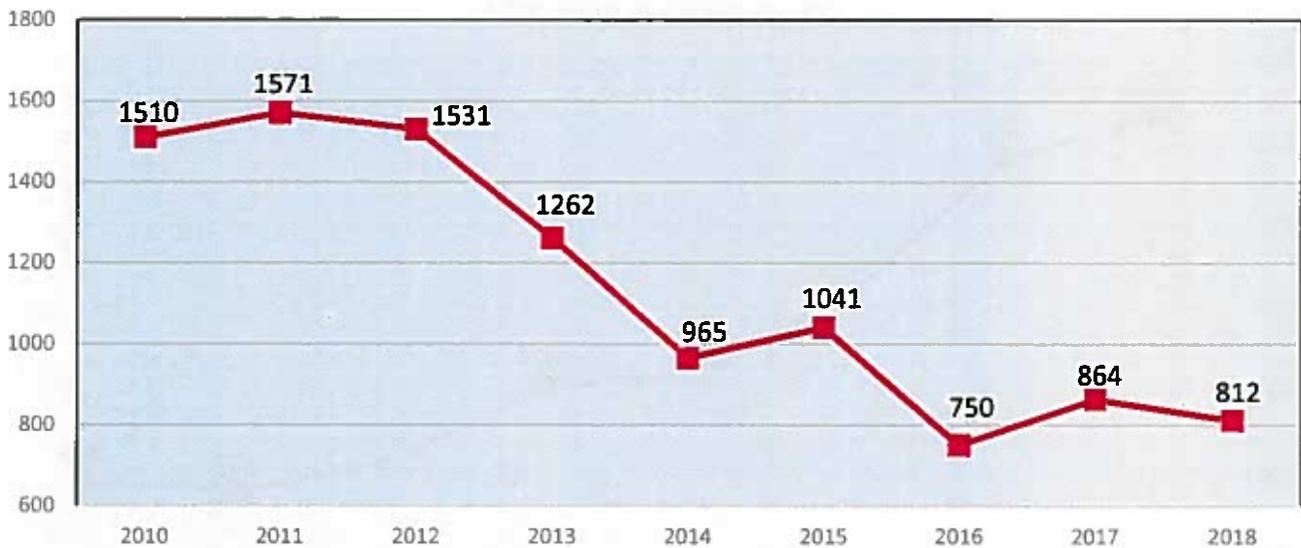
Individuals (singles)

Virginia's CoC January 2018 Point-in-Time
21% decrease since 2010



Chronically Homeless Individuals

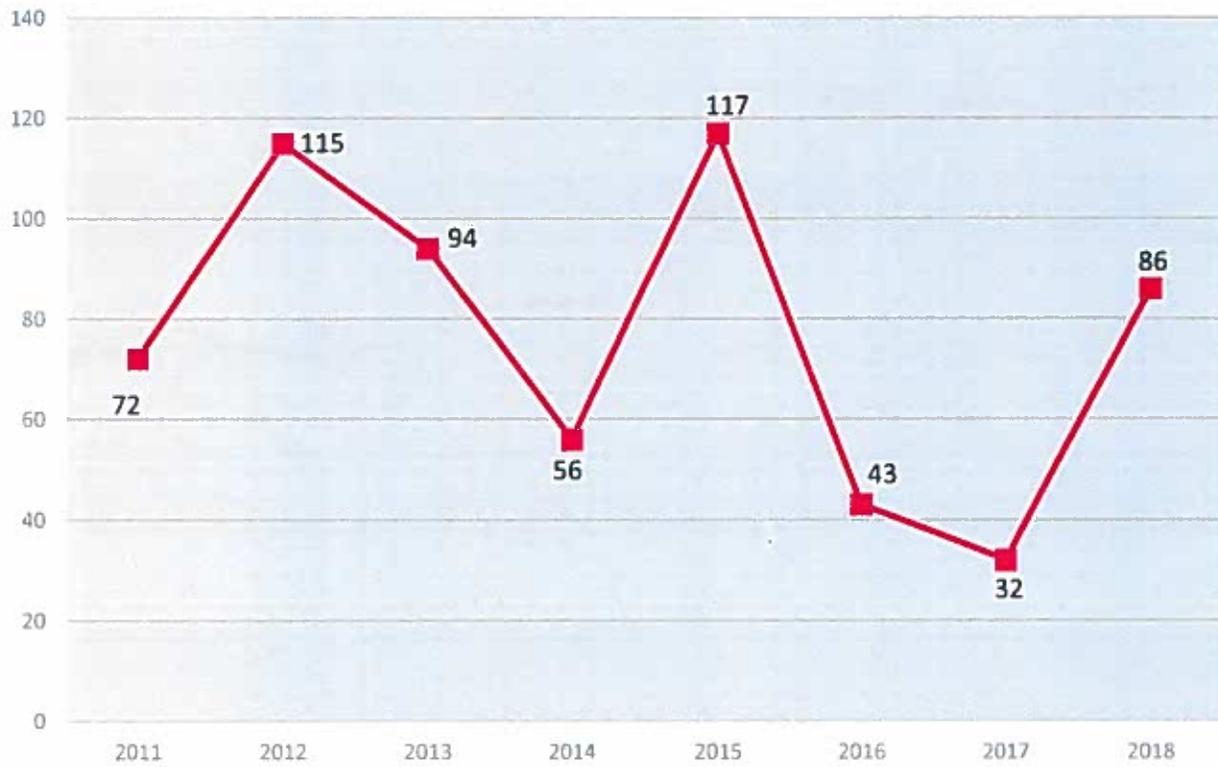
Virginia's CoC 2018 Point-in-Time Count
46% decrease since 2010



Chronically Homeless Persons in Families (adults and children)

Virginia's CoC 2018 Point-in-Time

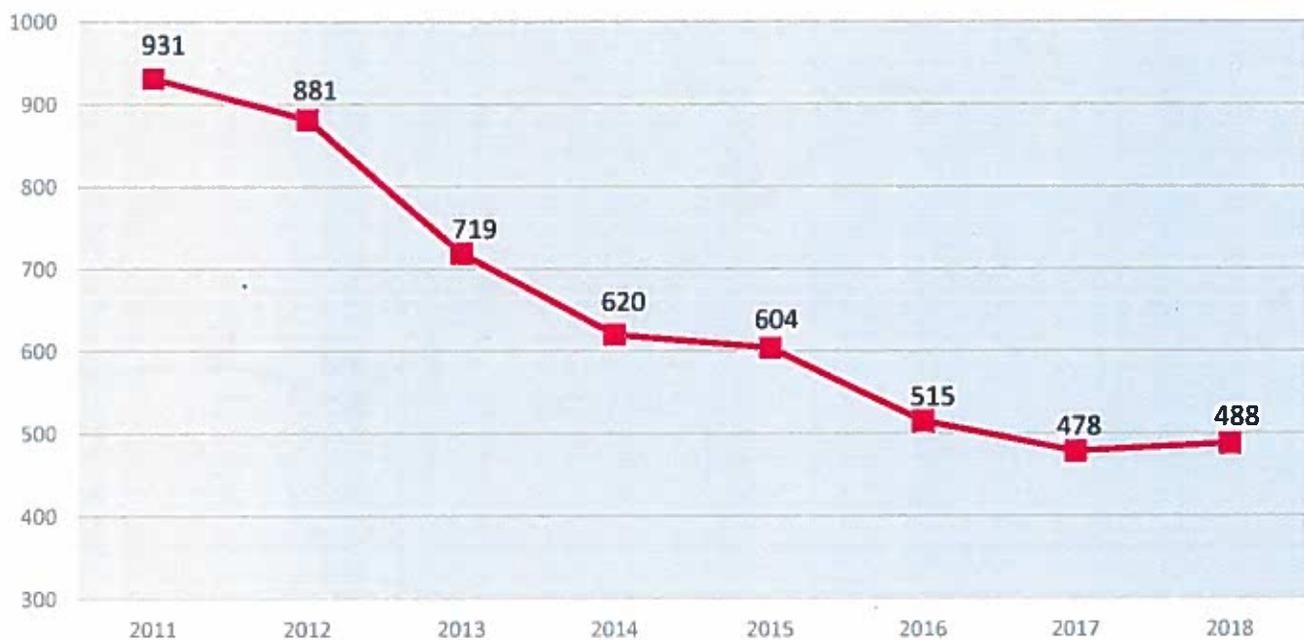
19.4% increase



Veterans

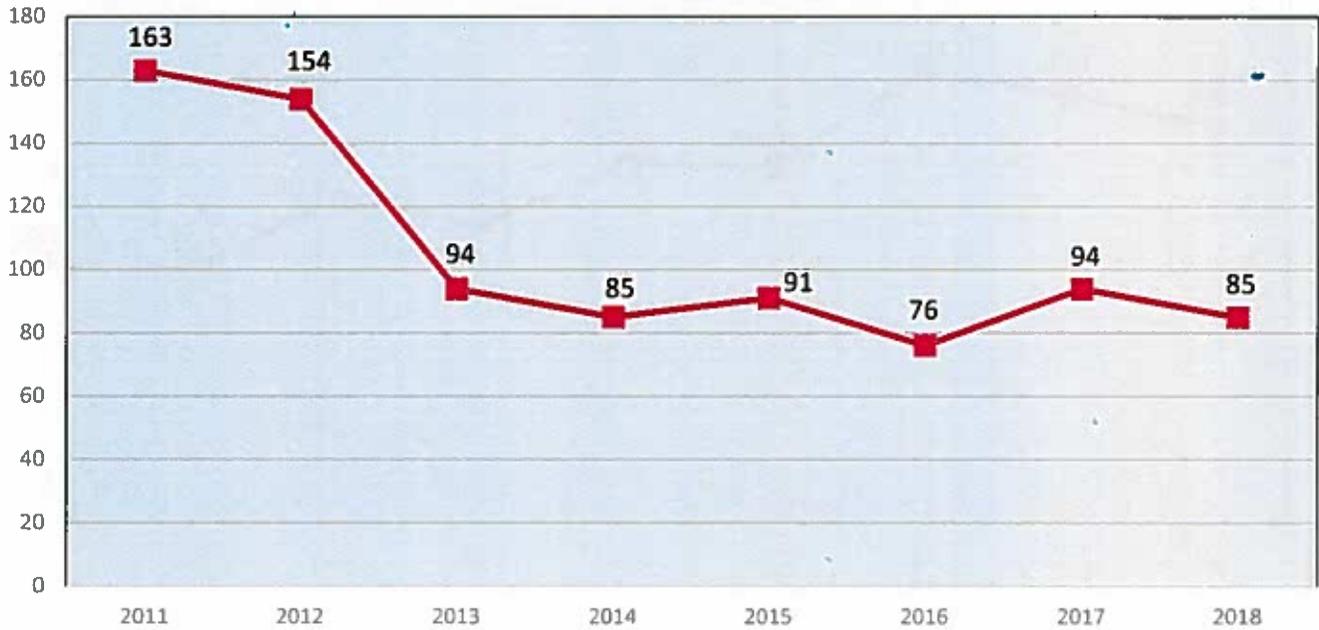
Virginia's CoC 2018 Point-in-Time

47.5% decrease since 2011



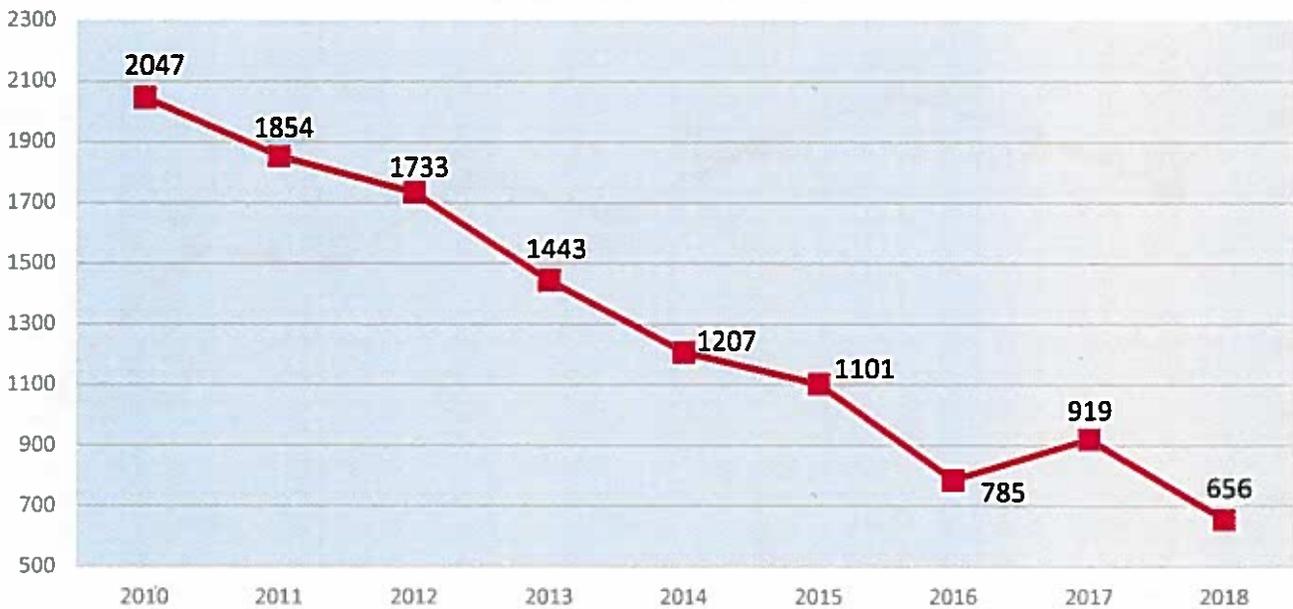
Unsheltered Veterans

Virginia's CoC 2018 Point-in-Time Count
48% decrease since 2011



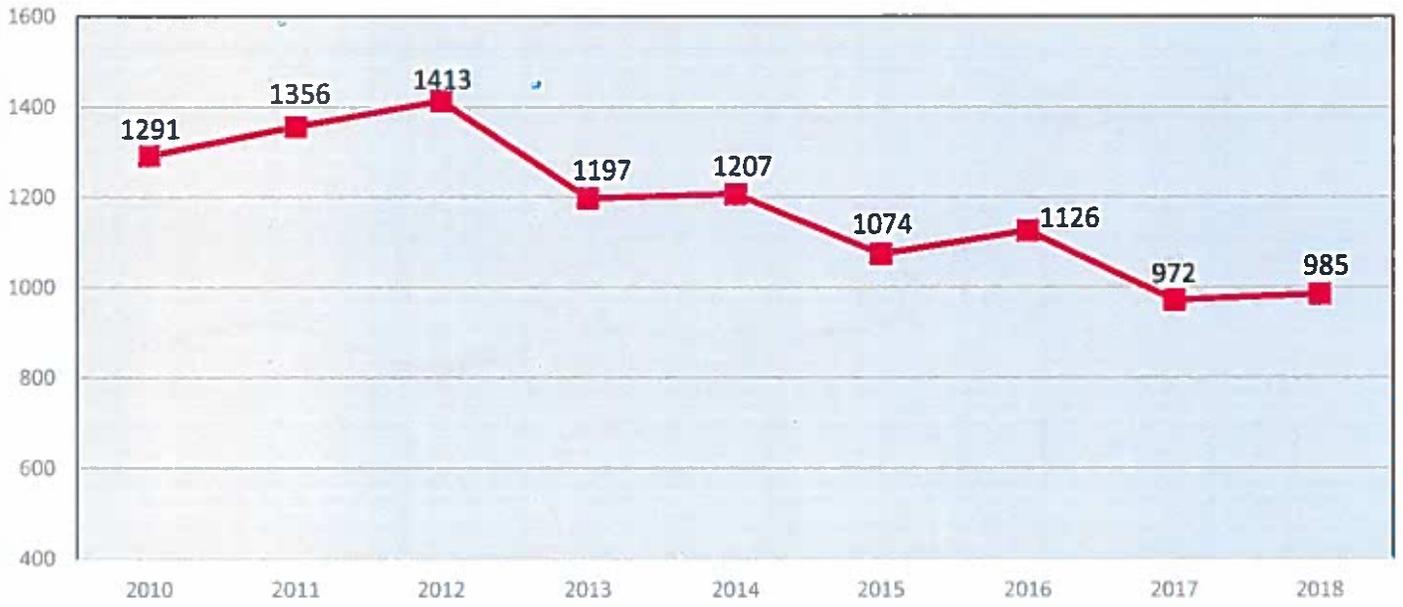
Substance Abuse

Virginia's CoC 2018 Point-in-Time
68% decrease since 2010



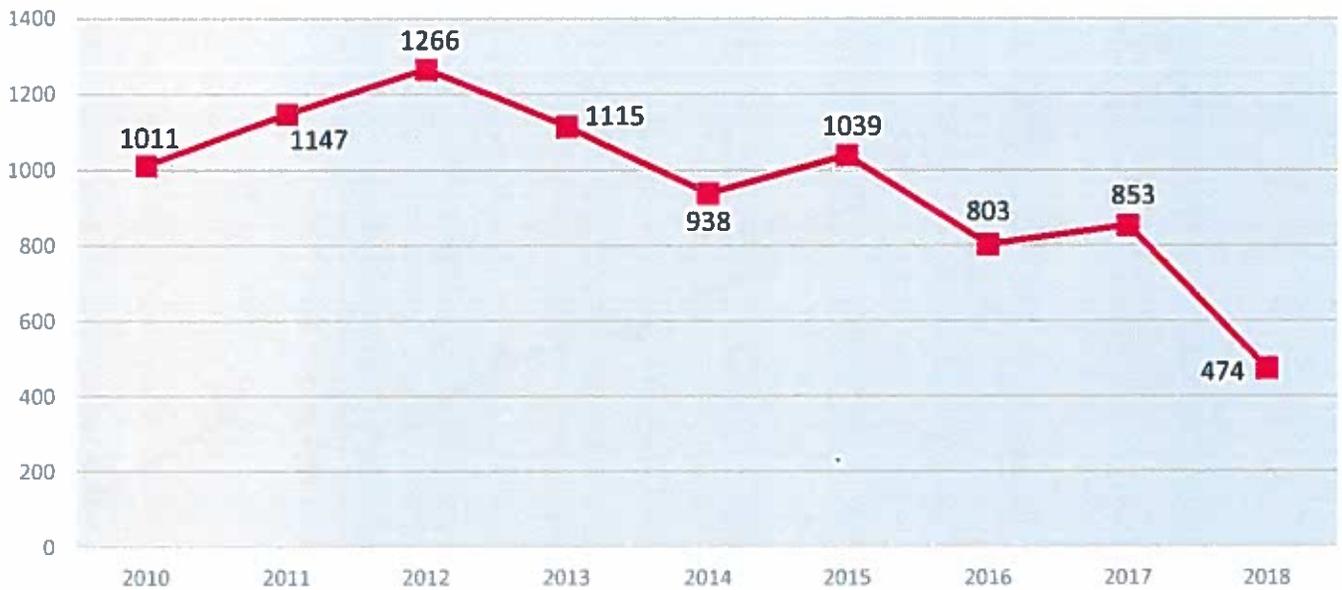
Serious Mental Illness

Virginia's CoC 2018 Point-in-Time
23.7% decrease since 2010



Victims of Domestic Violence

Virginia's CoC 2018 Point-in-Time
*53% decrease since 2010



* Definition change 2018 (currently fleeing DV)