

# Making Enumeration Count:

Combining Point-in-Time Counts and Registry Weeks to Support By-Name Lists



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# The Combined PiT/RW Assessment Tool

# Development of the Tool

- 1. Developed with collaboration between HPS, OrgCode, CAEH and Community Solutions**
  - a. Used HPS' refined 2018 PiT Count Questions and combined them with the OrgCode and Community Solutions' VI-SPDAT to create one assessment tool
- 1. Informed by the experience of communities that held a joint PiT/RW in 2016**
  - a. Includes streamlined consent process
  - b. Removes duplicate questions between PiT survey and VI-SPDAT pre-screen, triage tool

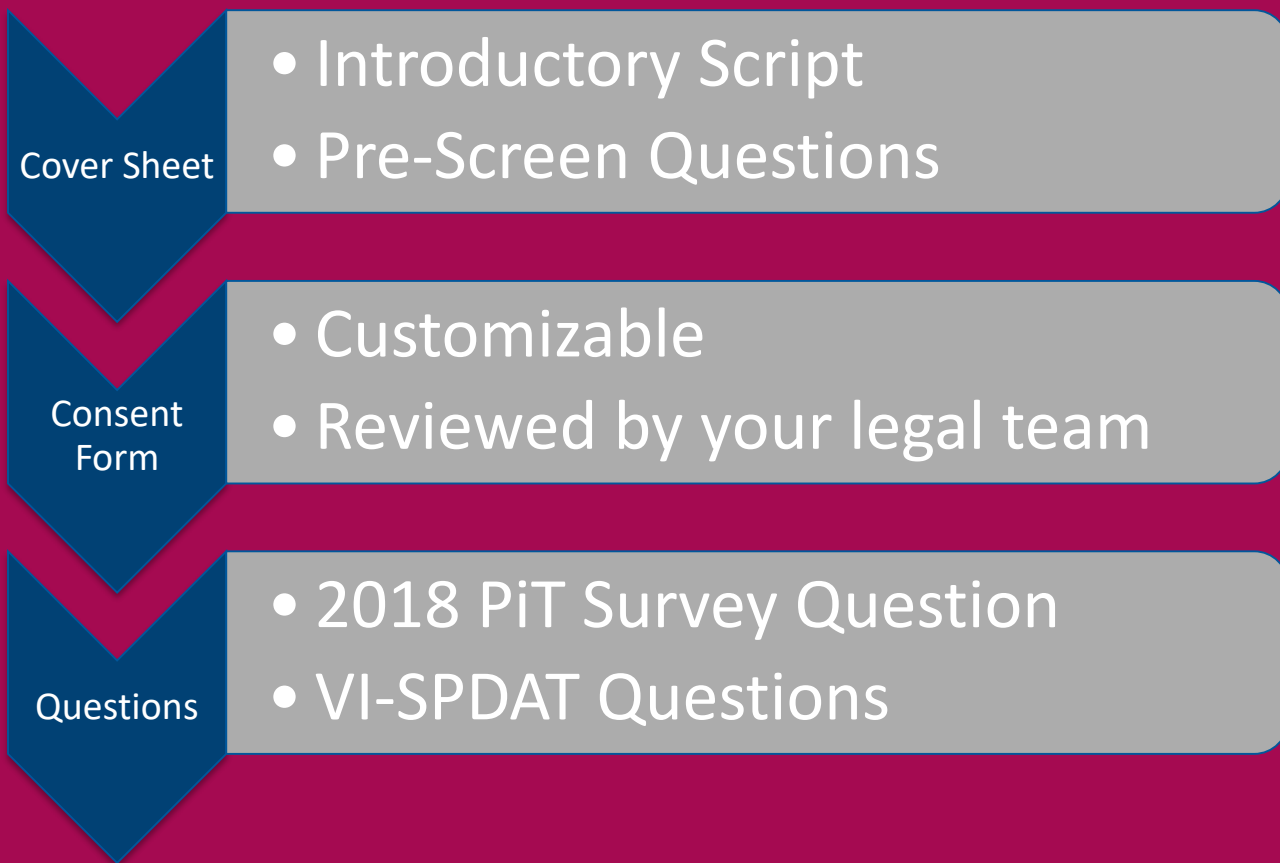
# The Joint PiT/RW Tool

## 1. Three separate assessment forms:

- a. Single Adults
- b. Youth
- c. Family

Your community can decide to use all forms, just one or any combination of the three

# The Flow:



# Training Your Volunteers

Using Assessments for Specific Populations

Using a Consistent Introductory Script

Obtaining Signed Consent

Skipping Duplicate Questions



# Using your Combined PiT/RW to Build a By-Name List

# What's a By-Name List?

1. A real-time list of everyone in your community that's experiencing homelessness
  - a. Not just those we have assessed,
  - b. Not a priority list,
  - c. It's the whole universe of people known to us that are experiencing homelessness in our community



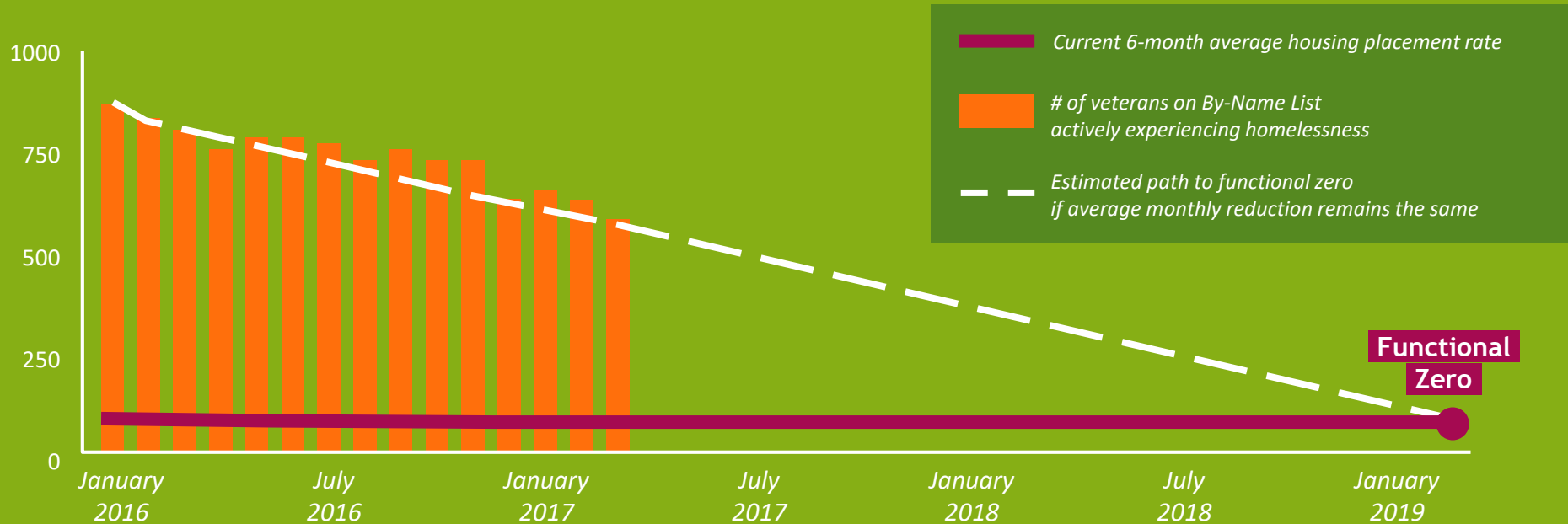
# By-Name List Data



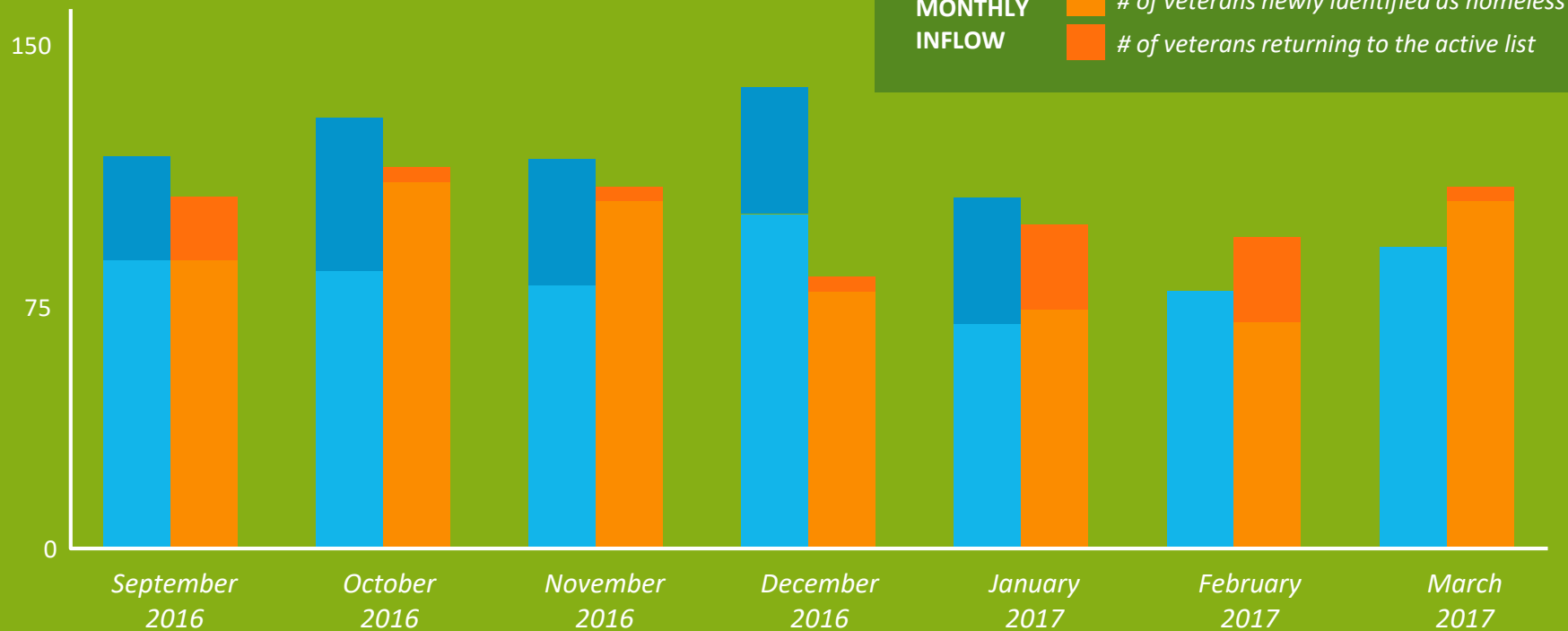
# Why a By-Name List?

## The Challenge of Counting Down

To end homelessness, communities must measure many variables.



# System Dynamics



# Combined PiT Count /Registry Weeks vs. By-Name Lists

**Combined PiT Counts/ Registry Weeks** are **one-time events** used to gather as much data as possible.

But without a backbone infrastructure, the list often becomes stale and ultimately unusable.



**By-Name Lists** are updated in real-time, and remain useful because the data is always recent.

\*Registry Weeks can turn into By-Name Lists, with the right planning and system in place.



# Going Forward: By-Name Lists

## Real-Time Data:

Data collected and tracked in a consistent, timely fashion (*hint: as often as possible!*) to help you understand *today's* landscape.



# What We've Learned

A Point in Time count, combined with a Registry Week, is a great start to getting the data that you need to end homelessness in your community.

## **Leverage your combined PiT Count/Registry Week to:**

- Build Relationships in your community
- Obtain the foundation of By-Name List data in your community
- Test processes for ongoing data collection and sharing

# From Combined PiT/RW to BNLs: Things to Consider

1. Common Assessment Tool
2. Provider Engagement and Collaboration
3. Data Sharing Agreements and Consent Forms
4. Data System and Data Management
5. Community Outreach Coverage
6. Prioritization Criteria

# Additional Resources

## 1. HPS 2018 PiT Count Information:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/communities/homelessness/point-in-time.html>

## 2. Registry Week Tool Kit:

<http://www.20khomes.ca/resources/registry-week-toolkit/>



Thank you!

Questions?

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