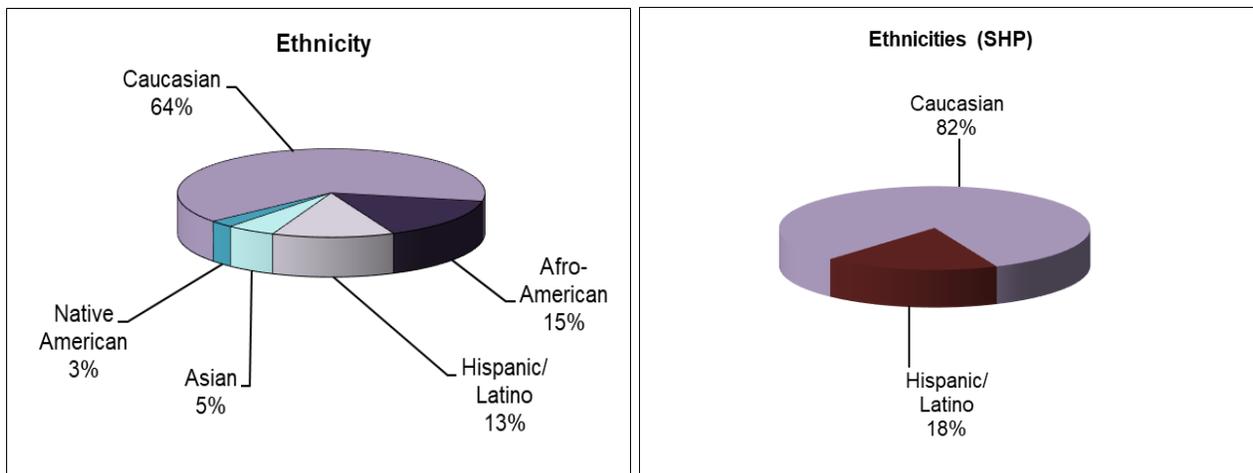
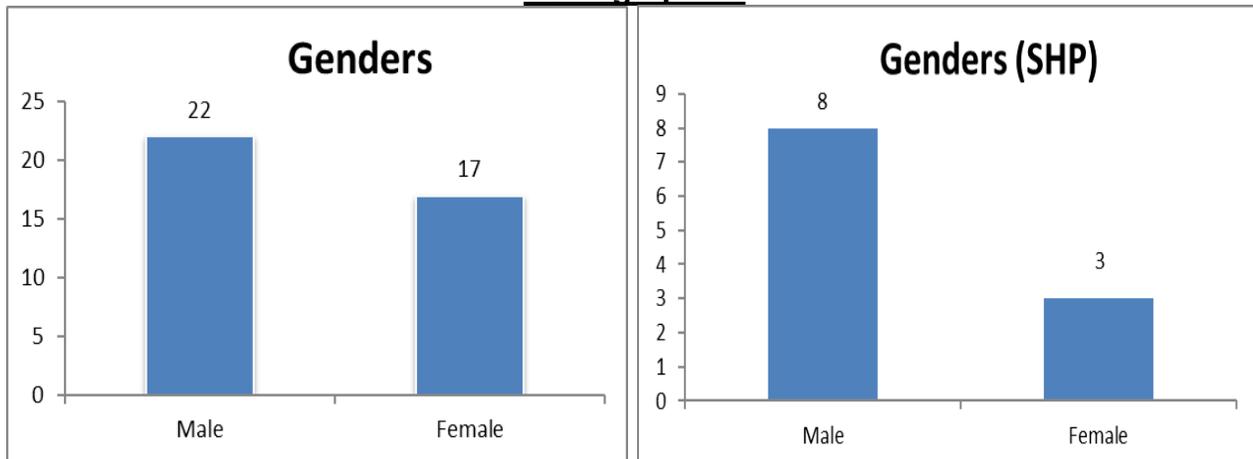

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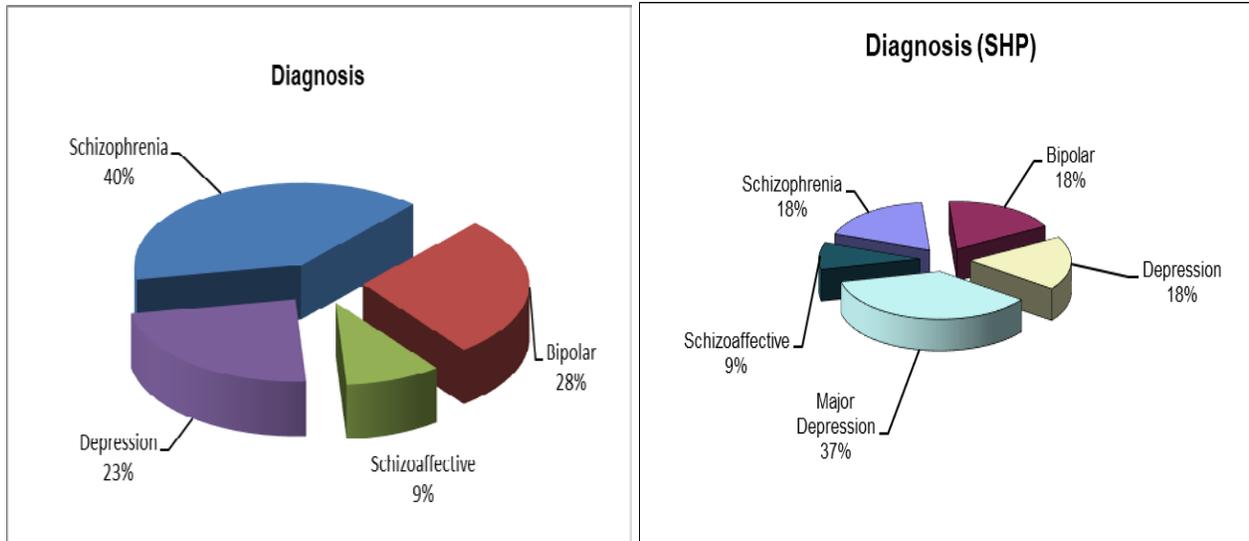
New Dimensions Supportive Housing Semi-Annual Report July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

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Yolo Community Care Continuum's New Dimensions Supportive Housing offers two categories of supportive housing which are equal as far as the type of housing provided but differ on how the housing is funded. The first category of housing is referred to as supportive housing, and it is for consumers that have their benefits, and as a result pay their own rent and pay for their basic needs. The second type of housing provides housing to consumers that are homeless and do not have their benefits, and is funded through the Supportive Housing Program grant, and here after will be referred to as SHP.

Demographics





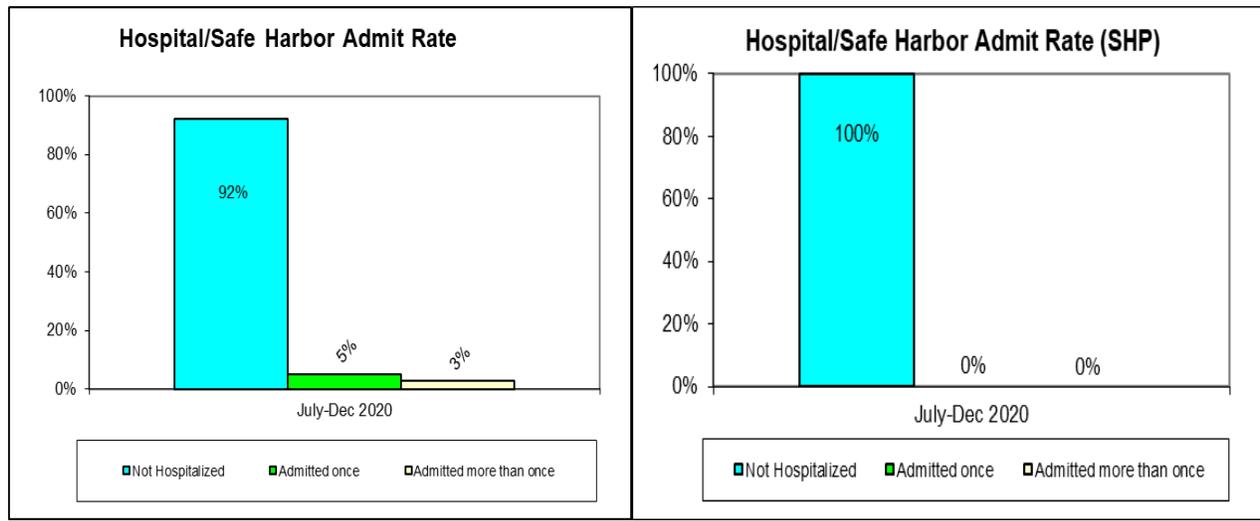
- The NDSH program currently has three co-ops in Woodland (two of which are SHP co-ops), the New Dimensions apartment complex (15 units in Woodland), and the Homestead apartment complex (21 units in Davis). During the first half of the fiscal year, the New Dimensions Supportive Housing Program was able to house a total of 50 individuals, 39 in the supportive housing program and 11 in the SHP program. The average length of stay for our current residents is 6.44 years.
- Fifty-six percent of the current residents in the supportive housing program either have a Housing Choice Voucher (HCV), or live in a unit that has a Project Based Voucher. Twenty-two percent are on the waiting list for a HCV or a Project Based Voucher, and the remaining twenty-two percent are either not on the HCV or Project Based Voucher waiting list, or do not qualify.
- From July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 the housing program provided a total of 8,946 bed days of housing and performed a total of 29 house meetings. Met with the resident's support providers five times and performed twelve housing team meetings with residents. The housing program assisted eight residents with their Housing Choice Voucher/Site Based Voucher recertification paperwork. The housing program performed seven crisis assessment meetings with residents and worked directly with four residents to assist them retain their housing.
- Please note: Due to the Corona Virus there was very little direct resident contact from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 resulting in lower numbers of meetings/contacts than a normal year.

Effectiveness

Supportive Housing measures program effectiveness by decreasing the number of hospitalizations needed, reducing homelessness, increasing independent living skills, reducing incarceration rates, and increasing vocational involvement.

- **Mental Health Stability**

The effectiveness of New Dimensions Supportive Housing is measured by the number of clients who can maintain their current level of housing without having admissions to either Safe Harbor or the hospital. **Goal: 80% of those housed remain in housing with out a hospitalization or Safe Harbor admission.**



During the fiscal year ninety-two percent of the residents in supportive housing did not have any admissions to either Safe Harbor or the hospital. The two residents who were admitted to either Safe Harbor or the hospital one time, were able to return to their housing placement after they stabilized. The one resident that was admitted to either Safe Harbor or the hospital more than one time returned to their housing placement after they stabilized.

In the SHP program, one hundred percent of the residents did not have an admission to either Safe Harbor or the hospital during the first half of the year.

Combining the total number of residents in NDSH and SHP, we see that ninety-four percent of our residents did not have a single admission to either Safe Harbor or the hospital. Four percent of the residents had one admission to either Safe Harbor or the hospital, and two percent of the residents had more than one admission during this period.

- **Homelessness**

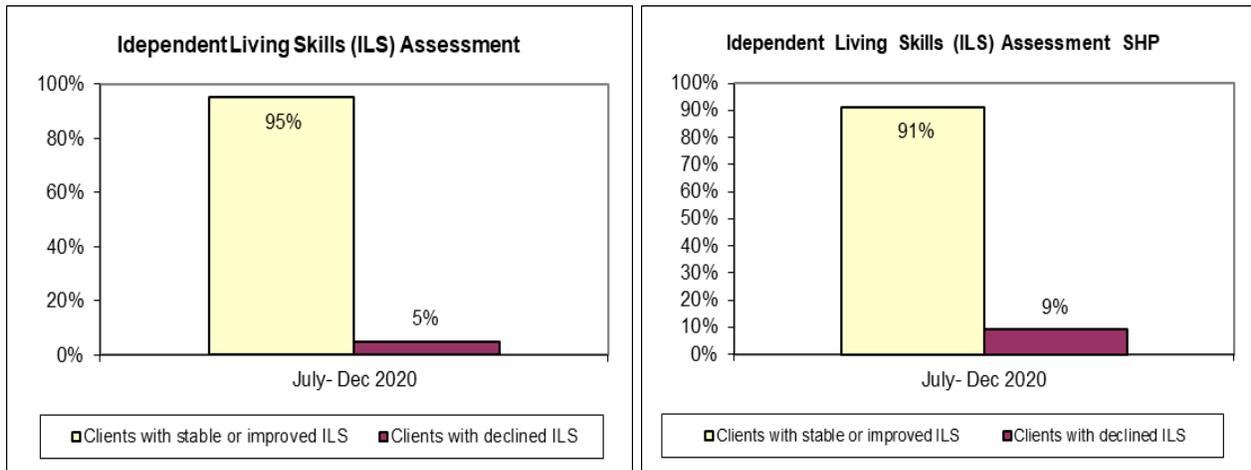
The effectiveness of New Dimensions Supportive Housing is measured by reducing homelessness within the Yolo County Mental Health Client population. **Goal: 70% of those housed were homeless or at risk of being homeless.**

NDSH was successful in transitioning two new clients into the supportive housing program during the fiscal year. The open SHP beds were delayed being filled due to the HUD mandated coordinated entry system and complications due to the Corona Virus.

There were three clients that left NDSH during the year. One client left the supportive housing program to move into their own apartments out in the community. One resident was moved to another county, and one resident was removed from their housing placement due to their behaviors and eventually moved back in with their family.

- **Independent Living Skills**

Effectiveness of New Dimensions Supportive Housing is measured by the number of clients who can improve or maintain their independent living skills (ILS), which ultimately results in the client’s ability to maintain their housing. **Goal: 80% show an increase or maintain their independent living skills.**



Ninety five percent of the residents in supportive housing were able to improve or maintain their ILS levels, while the remaining five percent of the residents had a decrease in their ILS levels.

Of the thirty-nine residents housed in the supportive housing program during the year, there were two residents who had a decrease in their ILS during the first half of the year. Both residents were able to maintain their housing placement due to the support they received. from the supportive housing program.

In the SHP program, ninety-one percent of the residents were able to improve or maintain their ILS levels. The resident that had a decrease in their ILS score was able to maintain their housing placement due to the support they received from the supportive housing program.

Recommendations for Continuous Quality Improvement

- **Program Development**
 1. Find a four-bedroom house out in the community to use for the CESH program.
 2. Once there is a housing site for the CESH program, hire additional staff to support the CESH program residents.
- **Fiscal**
 1. Search for alternate funding sources to fund the different departments within NDSH to counteract the funding cuts from existing funding sources.

Implementations of Last Period's Recommendations

- **Program Development**
 1. Once the CESH program has secured a house for the program, NDSH will hire additional staff to support the residents in that program.
 2. The housing program has started to look for a property for the CESH funded beds, but due to the housing market has not been able to lease a house.
- **Fiscal**
 1. Executive Director continues to find new funding sources for the supportive housing program (CESH, Sierra Health).