

JAMES CITY COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION

STATUS REPORT ON
HOMELESSNESS
October 25, 2005

DEFINITIONS

A homeless person includes persons
residing in:

- Areas not meant for human habitation
- In violation of leases or regulations
- In emergency shelters
- In transitional housing

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A person is also homeless if he or she:

- Is in any of the aforementioned places but spending a short time in an institution
- Is being evicted within a week
- Is being discharged from an institution
- Is fleeing domestic violence

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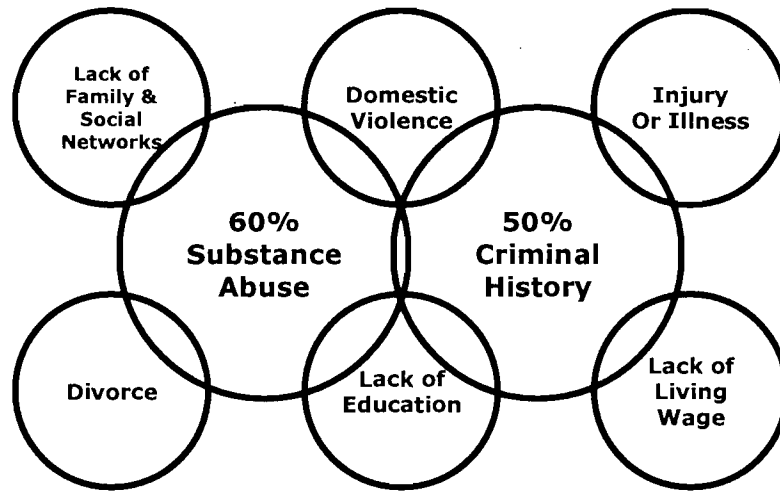
Chronic homelessness:

- Unaccompanied individual
- Disabling condition

Who has been homeless:

- Continuously for over one year, or
- At least four times in the past three years

CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS



PORT STATISTICS

PORT Guests FY 2005

	Newport News	Hampton	Wmbg/JCC	York	Other	Unknown
Men	218	36	37	26	76	59
Women	58	8	5	11	14	10
Children	20	4	0	2	5	1
TOTAL	276	44	42	37	88	71

Black	234	45	36	27	68	52
White	57	1	6	11	24	15
Other	5	2	0	1	3	3

Vet	53	14	0	0	26	13
TANF	4	0	0	2	0	2
HIV/AIDS	20	3	1	0	7	4
Chronic SA	64	13	3	2	17	10
Alcohol Dep	121	14	11	7	32	26
Drug Dep	104	19	5	7	26	19
Mental Illness	72	13	6	4	23	12

UNITED WAY/SALVATION ARMY STATISTICS

Men	43
Women	34
Children	31
TOTAL	90

Wmbg	JCC	York	NN	VB	Glou	Woods	Unk	Other
22	35	4	1	1	1	6	26	12

African-American	48
Caucasian	34
Other	18

AGE					
0-18	19-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	Unkn
32	24	15	18	10	9

Adults Employ	19
Adults Unemployed	43
Adults Unknown	13

Spent previous night						
Motel	Fam	Auto	Unkn	Shelt	Othr	Woods
28	21	7	6	21	17	8

Lost Job	2
Legal - release	8
Eviction	14
Financial Problems	36
Transient	1
Other - fire, family problems	22
Unknown	27

Data: 1/1/05-5/31/05
From United Way and Salvation Army

Peninsula Mayors and Chairs Commission on Homelessness June 2005

CONTINUUM OF SERVICES

- Prevention
- Emergency Placement
- Transitional Housing
- Permanent Housing
- Permanent Supported Housing
- Supportive Services

CURRENT EFFORTS

- Homeless Intervention Program (HIP)
- Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
- Social Services
- Salvation Army
- Community Services Board
- Avalon
- Churches and Individuals

SUMMARY OF AVAILABLE SERVICES IN THE AREA

Prevention

HIP-JCC OHCD

Emergency Shelter

Avalon

Various charities and individuals

Transitional Housing

Salvation Army

Community Services Board

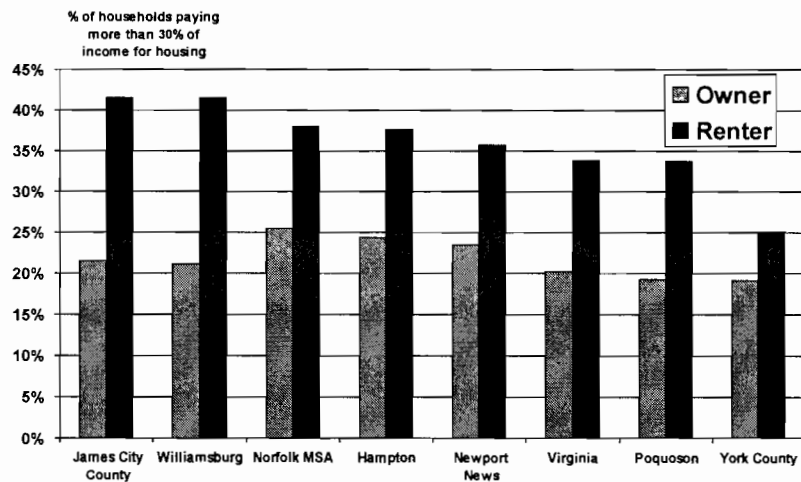
Permanent Housing

Section 8

CURRENT REGIONAL EFFORTS

- Mayors and Chairs Commission on Homelessness
- Continuum of Care

COST OF HOUSING



CONCLUSIONS

- Emergency needs of homeless in the area are generally met
- Focus should be on prevention and permanency
- Transitional housing is an important step toward permanent housing
- Efforts should focus on underserved – chronically homeless males and families

CONCLUSIONS

- Regionalism
- Partnerships
- Data Collection
- Focus should continue on self sufficiency

OPTIONS

- Prevention – HIP
- Transitional Housing
 - Amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow more unrelated individuals to live together
 - Operate within the current Zoning Ordinance
 - Increase funding for Salvation Army's existing transitional housing program

OPTIONS

- Permanent Housing Programs
 - Lafayette Apartments
 - Ironbound Elderly Apartment Complex