



Asheville-Buncombe
HOMELESS INITIATIVE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN
ON HOMELESSNESS IN
BUNCOMBE COUNTY**

2017-2022

Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee

- ▶ **Vision**: To prevent and end homelessness in Buncombe County.
- ▶ **Mission**: To develop strategies, gain alignment, work collaboratively and implement innovative models with all supporting agencies and the community in the effort to prevent and end homelessness in Buncombe County.
- ▶ **Operating Principles**:
 - ▶ Advise
 - ▶ Support a Unified Approach
 - ▶ Share Resources
 - ▶ Be Data Driven
 - ▶ Educate
 - ▶ Lead Through Change
 - ▶ Common Voice





Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee

► Duties

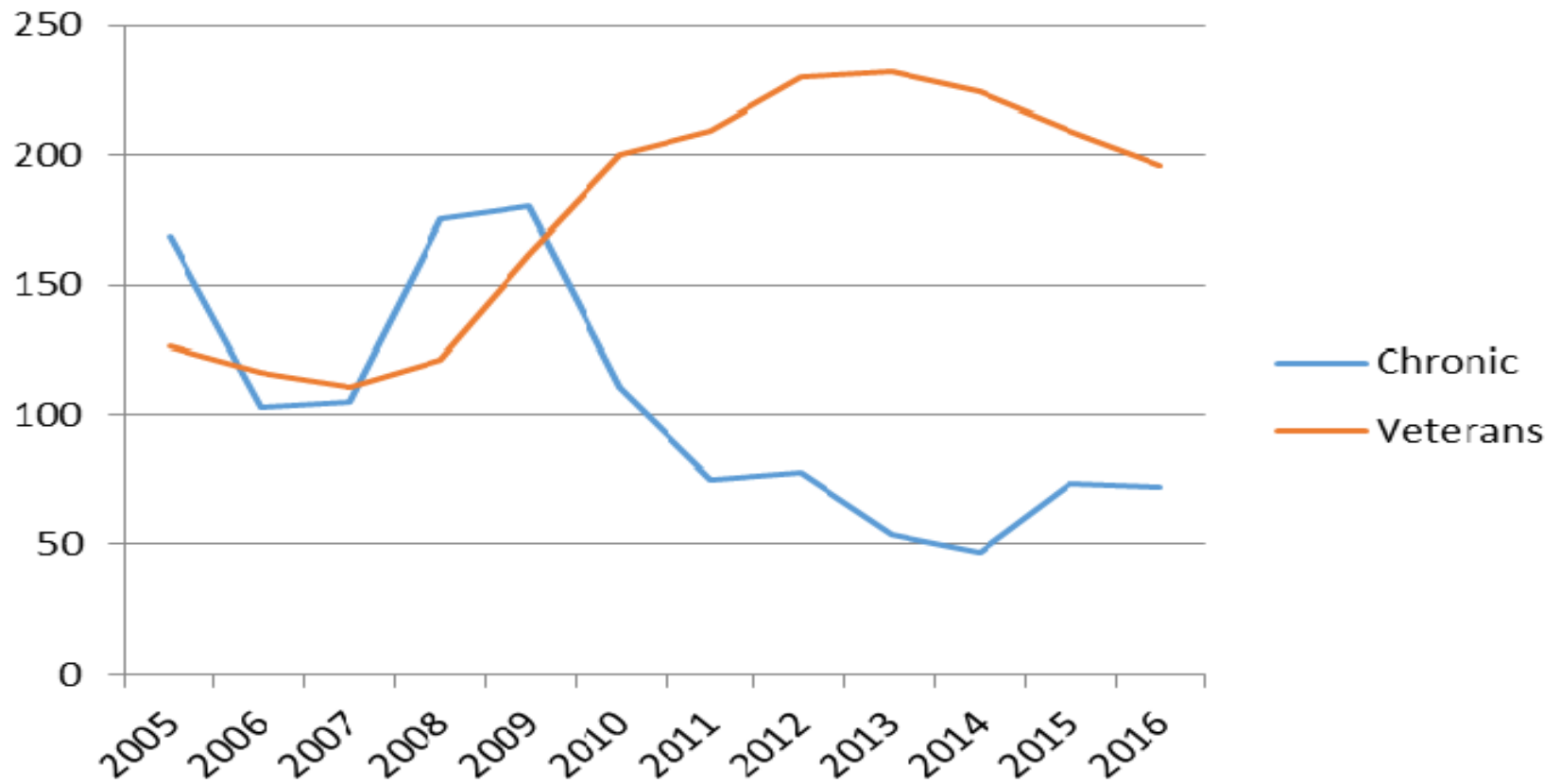
- Research/investigate issues impacting homelessness
 - Make recommendations to local government and social service agencies to reduce incidence of homelessness
 - Act as a clearinghouse for information about homelessness
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- Inclusive membership jointly appointed by Asheville City Council and Buncombe County Commission



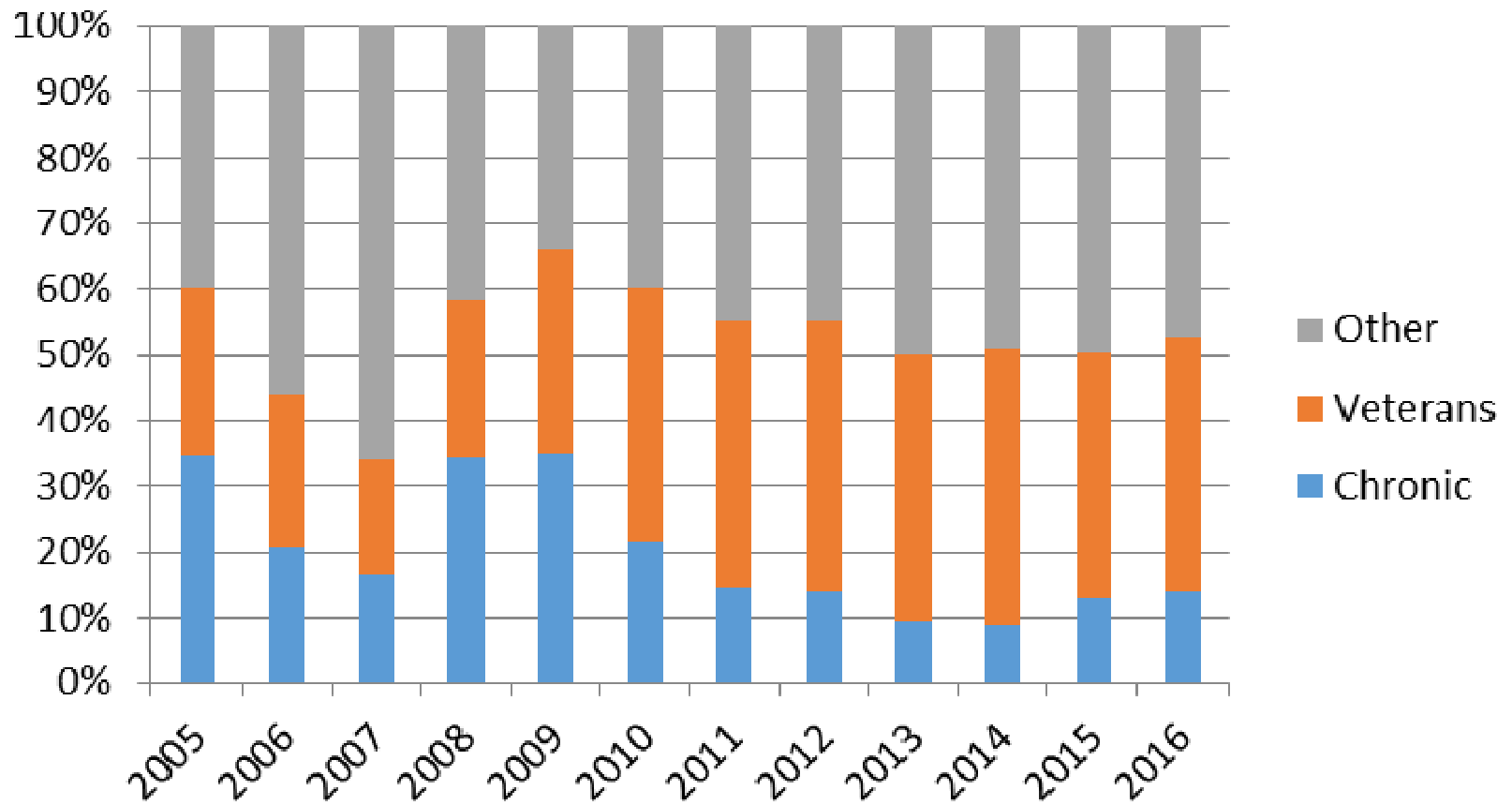
History

- 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness adopted in 2005, now expired
 - Led to increase in permanent housing and services for homeless families and individuals
 - Focused attention on chronically homeless individuals
- Since 2006, more than 1,700 homeless people have been housed as a result of efforts guided by the 10 Year Plan
- Development and implementation of system-wide strategies

Homelessness Data 10 Year Trend



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Development of Strategic Plan

- ▶ Created in collaboration with Homeless Coalition
- ▶ Incorporated subcommittee and workgroup recommendations
- ▶ Survey of individuals experiencing homelessness conducted in partnership with UNCA's Health and Wellness department
- ▶ Used Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data
- ▶ Addressed HUD guidance
- ▶ Multiple planning sessions conducted in HIAC



Strategic Priorities

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- Housing
 - Case Management
 - Safety and Transitional Services
 - Healthcare
 - Education and Employment
 - Transportation
 - Prevention and Diversion



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- Appointments
- Staff involvement
- Incorporating issues of importance to homelessness in county planning efforts
- Sharing costs with City of Asheville to support Homelessness Lead position for the Asheville-Buncombe Homeless Initiative

Request

- Adopt the 5 Year Strategic Plan on Homelessness

