SUSTAINING A CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (CQI) DASHBOARD

A Visual Tool for Program Performance & Improvement

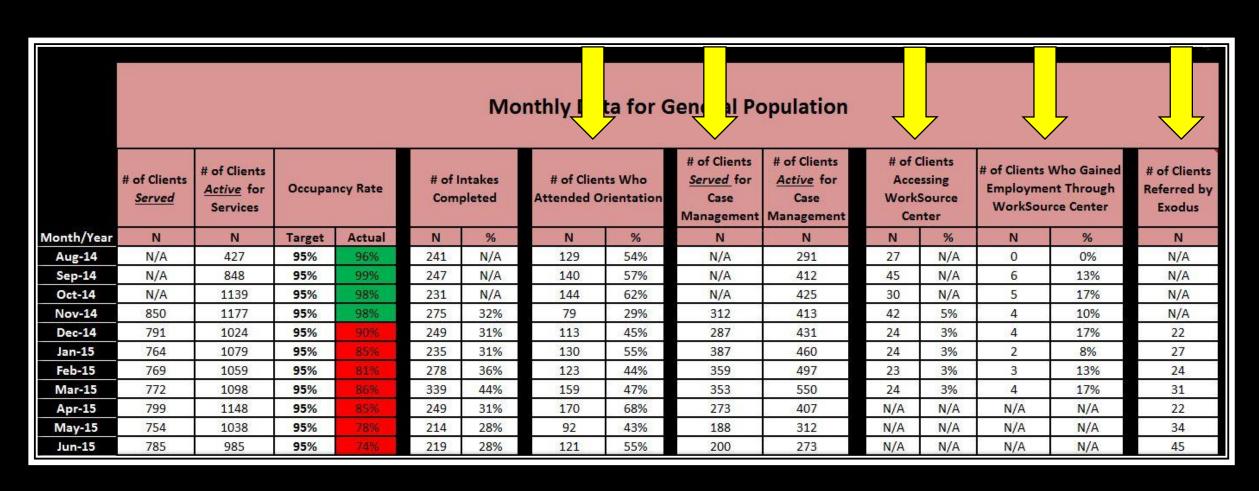
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BACKGROUND: VOALA PATHWAYS TO HOME

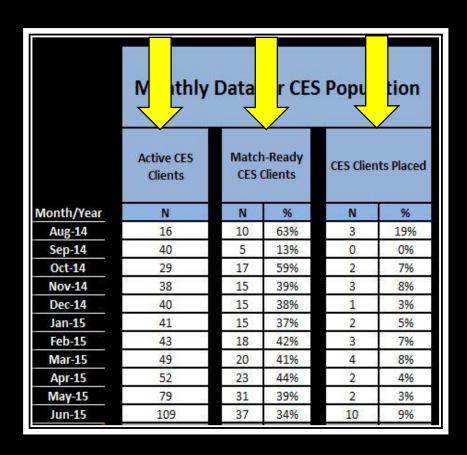
- VOALA acquired shelter on November 2012
- Largest emergency shelter in South Los Angeles
- Serves 3,000+ homeless individuals a year
- Program Manager implemented new program model

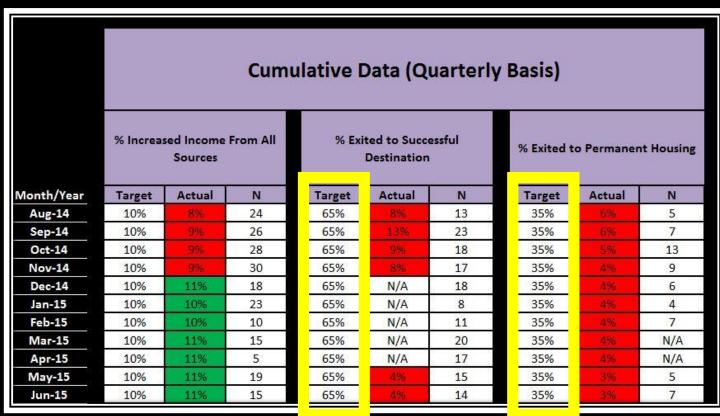


EMERGENCY SHELTER DASHBOARD GENERAL POPULATION

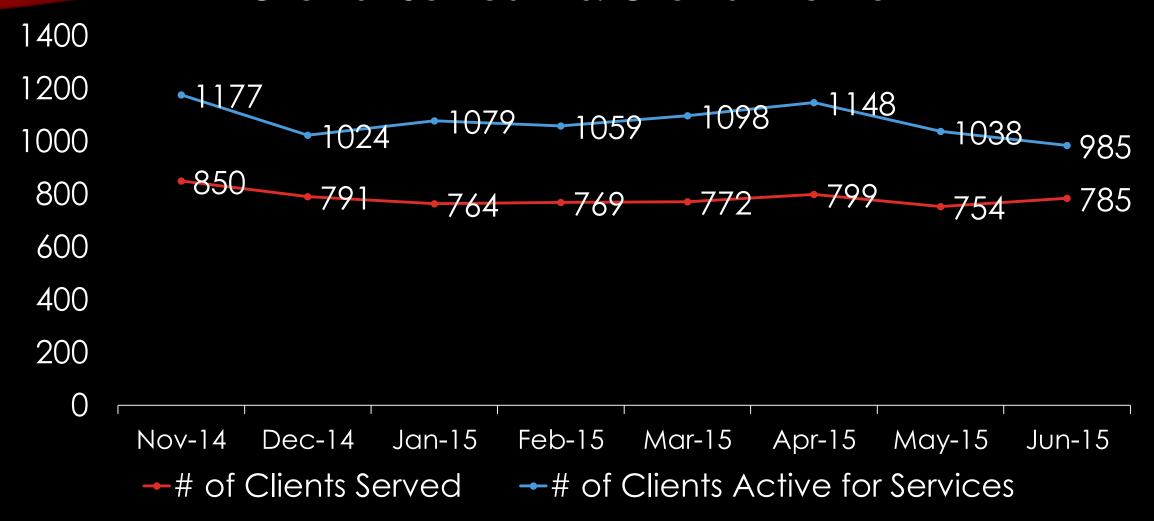


EMERGENCY SHELTER DASHBOARD SUBPOPULATION & PERFORMANCE MEASURES





Clients "Served" vs. Clients "Active"



Case Management Data

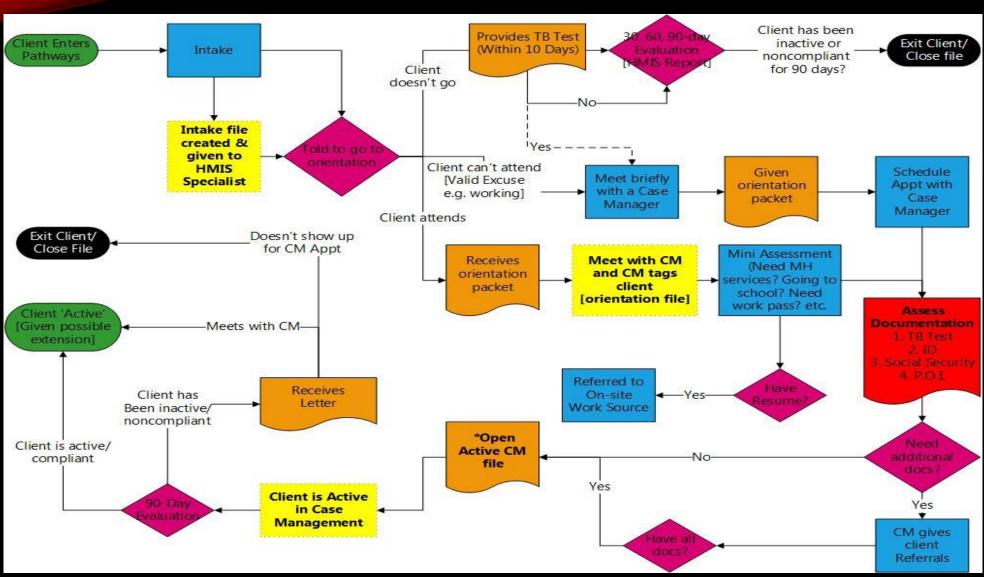


CHALLENGES

- Not everything can be tracked (database capabilities)
- Manually tracking data is time-consuming
- Staff turnover

- Defining some measures (i.e. case management services)
 - Used process maps

MAPPING OUT THE PROCESS: "ACTIVE" VS. "INACTIVE" CASE MANAGEMENT



DASHBOARD SUCCESSES

- Progress Report
 - Celebrate the good!
 - Pinpoint areas of improvement
 - Ask questions behind the data
 - Grant compliance
- Used dashboard to address concerns
 - Funder listened & applied changes to new contracts



DASHBOARDS ARE ONLY TOOLS! EFFECTIVENESS DEPENDS ON ITS USE!



- Dashboards are most effective if it fits the program's needs.
 - A way to visualize and monitor performance
 - Increases accountability and transparency
 - Helps with decision-making

EVOLUTION OF THE DASHBOARD "WHEN A PROGRAM NO LONGER NEEDS YOU..."

- Fully understands dashboard's effectiveness
- Best practices carried over to new programs
- † Staff empowerment
- ↑ Teamwork
- † Capacity building
- † CQI culture

