



# Montgomery County Homelessness Taskforce

8-25-23



- Kenneth E. Lawrence, Jr., Chair
- Jamila H. Winder, Vice Chair
- Joseph C. Gale, Commissioner

# Agenda

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1. Housekeeping and meeting rules
2. Introductions & Chairperson Statements
3. Summary of Task Force Operations Workgroup Meeting 8/8/23
  - a) Implementation Plan
4. Review data on last known zip code x municipality
5. Vision Statement and Guiding Principles
6. Next Steps
7. Adjourn

# Introductions



## **Please take a moment to introduce yourself in the Chat**

Please add your name and organization

New Member Introduction: Jason Bobst



## **A Word from Our Chairs...**

Commissioner Ken Lawrence

Kim Krauter

Dr. Tamra Williams

# Housekeeping



Please remain on mute to minimize noise distraction through these meetings



Please utilize the "raise hand" feature if you want to talk and we will call on you to speak



You can type questions and comments into the "chat" and we will check periodically

# Operations Workgroup Summary

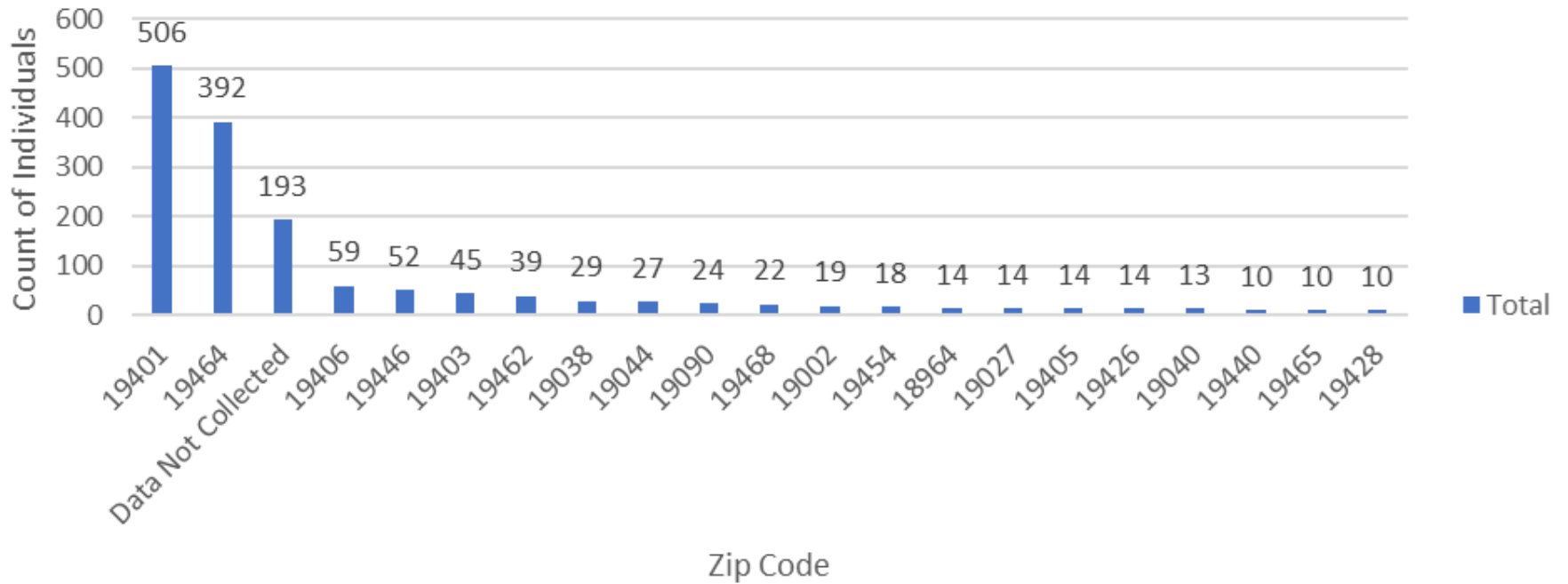
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- Strategically place shelters and mobile services for the unhoused
  - Engaging faith-based partners to increase the number of faith-based organizations that can provide things like shelters throughout Montgomery County
  - Address zoning, especially to ease shelter establishment for faith-based organizations
- Four municipalities
  - Upper Moreland
  - Lower Merion
  - West Norriton
  - Lansdale

## Panel Discussion:

- Marsha Eichelberger, Exec Director, Family Promise of Montgomery County
- Mark Lanan, Trinity Lutheran Church
- Christina Jordan, Program Director, Resources for Human Development

## Last Self-Reported Residence: 7/1/22 - 6/30/23



# Vision Setting and Guiding Principles

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- Housing is a basic need.
- It is vital that our communities look out for their most vulnerable populations in order to maintain the health and safety of those communities.
- Montgomery County has more residents who are homeless than there are places for them to live that they can afford.
- Accessible housing in relative proximity to their prior residence.

# Vision Setting

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- The role of the County is to provide planning and governance of affordable housing and homeless services using Federal and State funding
- Municipalities are responsible for building development and zoning, not county planning.
- The County and Municipalities need to work together to use county, state, and federal resources dedicated to housing
- Montgomery County's solution includes housing with services; services help keep the person housed, and housing is what makes the services effective.



# Adjourn

Closing Comments

Future Meetings are scheduled for the last Friday of the month at 12:00pm through November 2023

Next Task Force Meeting: **9/29/23**

THANK YOU