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I was surprised to find this on the agenda tonight, I'm in a car traveling with my staff to Toronto for a Street Medicine Conference, but I will register to answer questions and try to get a few other folks in Madison to do so as well in case we have technical issues. We were still trying to connect with neighbors who haven't been at our monthly neighborhood meetings and have questions and I suspect this will not go over well if you move ahead tonight.

If you do move ahead tonight, here's a some stats about what we have been able to accomplish in 10 months. As a reminder, our campers are some of the folks in the community with some of the highest needs.

We have had 50 people have stayed at Dairy Drive, 49 we enrolled plus one who stayed a few days and we didn't enroll because we let them stay until they got into the hotel (we had a second person also stay temporarily but they became a resident)

Of the 49 people that have stayed  
- 16 were (or will be next week) exited to housing and so far only one returned to homelessness

- 5 we asked to leave, 3 went to jail for the reasons we asked them to leave (all were violence or arson). Of those 2 moved out of state to live with relatives, 3 returned to homelessness.
- 1 additional person we asked to leave, they appealed and we accepted the appeal and they moved back after they got out of jail.
- 3 people passed away before getting into housing (a 4th passed away after getting into housing)
- 1 exited to another program (correctional)

We have 24 people currently living at Dairy that are not moving into housing next week, 2 people moving in this week and 2 more next week and 1 more depending upon how long it takes for the 2 people to move out and us to clean the cabins. At which point we will have enrolled 54 people in the program in roughly 10 months.

Of the 24 people who will be there after the two move out, 8 are the original campers in the original move in list but all have left for some period of time for a variety of reasons or have switched cabins, so none have been in the same cabin for more than 8 months.

The death part may be a little jarring, but its real. In 2021 we had nearly 3 times as many deaths in the community of people experiencing homelessness as we did in 2020 and as far as we can tell, its not related to COVID. In 2021 60 people experiencing homelessnes in our community passed away that we know of.

If you have any other questions, I can be available to answer them by email or phone (608) 345-8720..

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