



Chronic Health Care Issues in the Homeless Mentally III

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BRC: Who We Are



- Voluntary nonprofit agency serving over 6,000 homeless clients per year. BRC operates 24 programs throughout the city with a staff of 500 and a \$34 million dollar budget.
- Gateway Programs
- Transitional Housing
- Permanent Housing
- Day Treatment Programs

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- Prevalence of chronic medical problems among homeless people is estimated to be between 30% and 50%.
- New York City released a report in 12/05 further detailing the rate of mental illness and chronic medical problems among the homeless population.

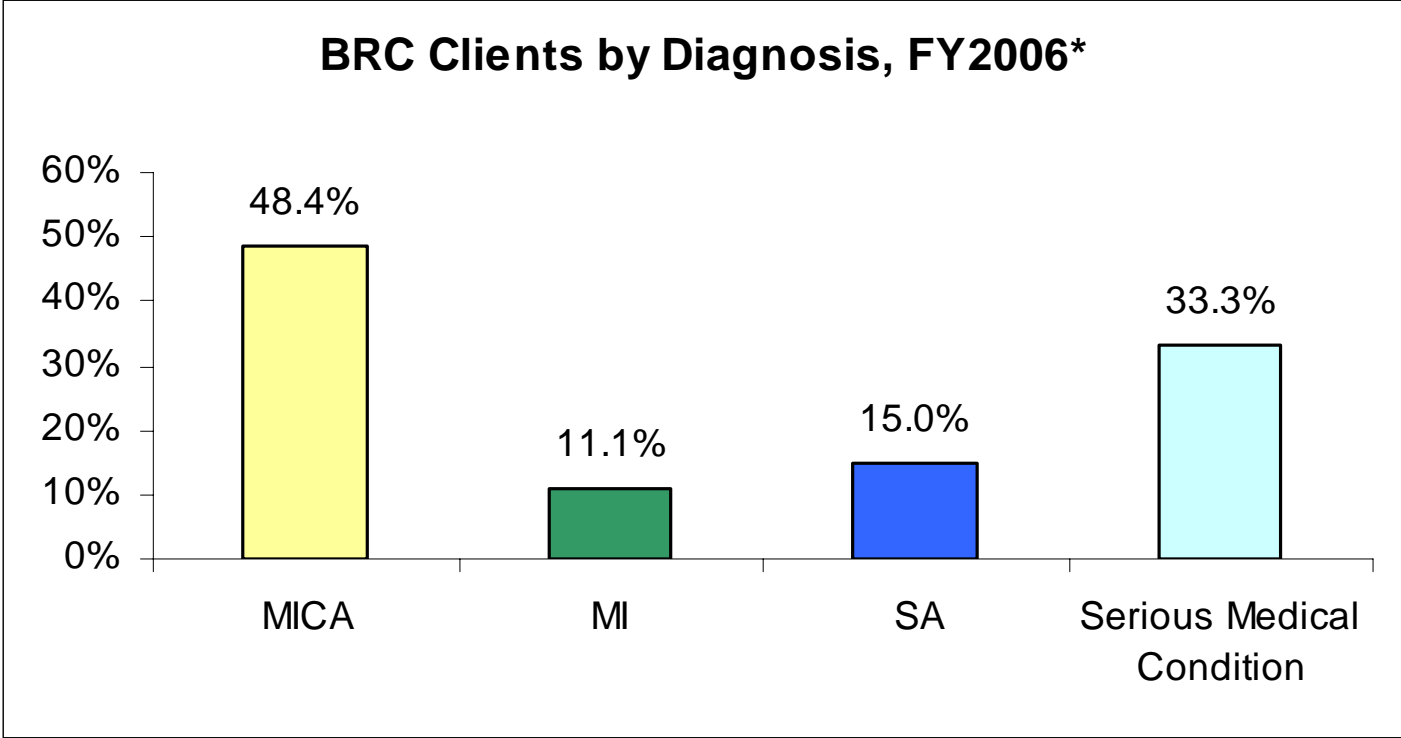
Most Common Health Care Issues

- Diabetes
- Hepatitis C
- HIV
- Tuberculosis
- HTN and Cardiovascular Disease
- Cancer

Report from DOHMH and DHS on the Health of Homeless Adults in NYC

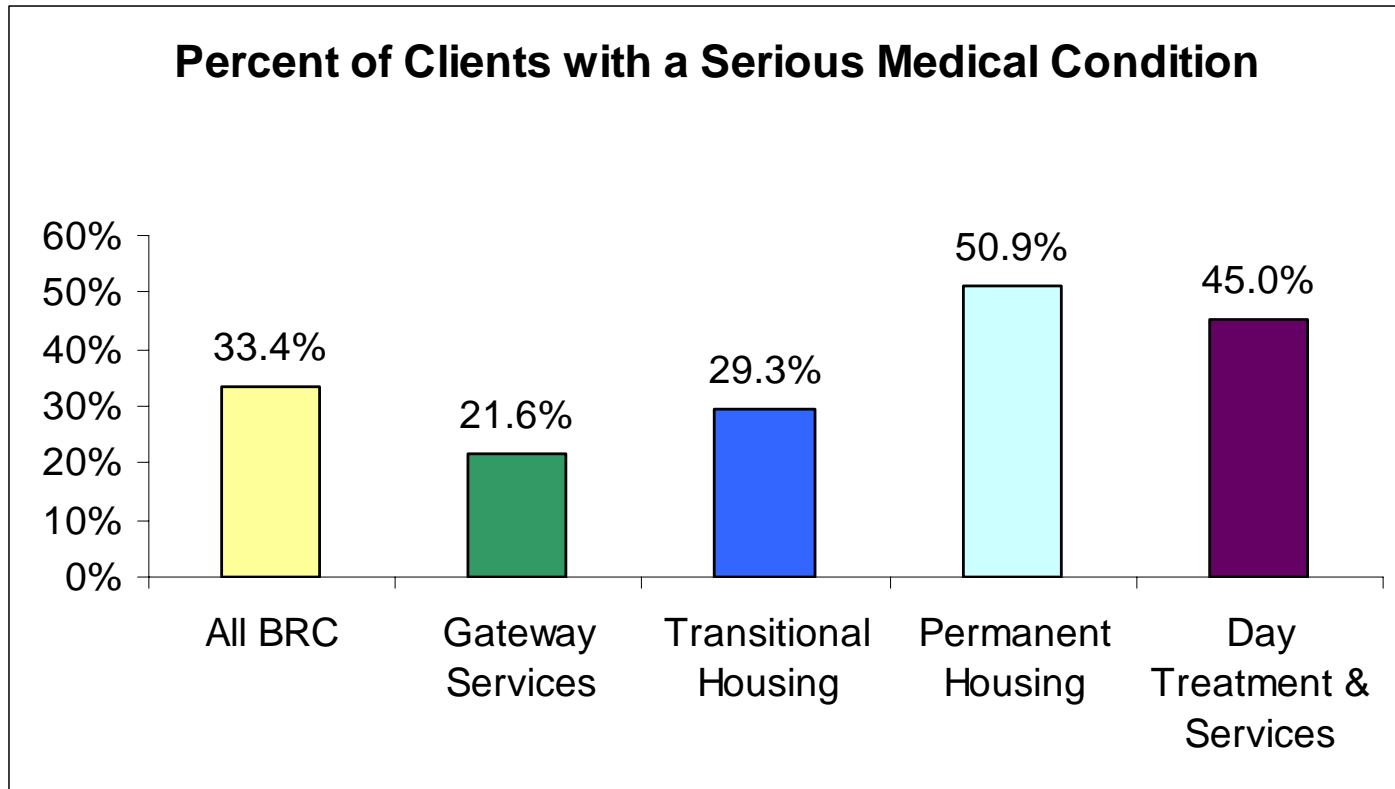
- Death rate of homeless adults is twice the general population rate.
- Heart Disease and Cancer are the leading causes of death.
- In single adults, substance abuse and AIDS accounts for 30% of all deaths compared to 5% general population.
- Homeless adults have twice the hospitalization rate.
- Substance Abuse and Mental Illness account for 69% of hospitalizations, compared to 10% general population.
- The rate of TB and new HIV diagnoses are 11 and 16 times higher respectively among homeless adults.

Client Health Issues at BRC

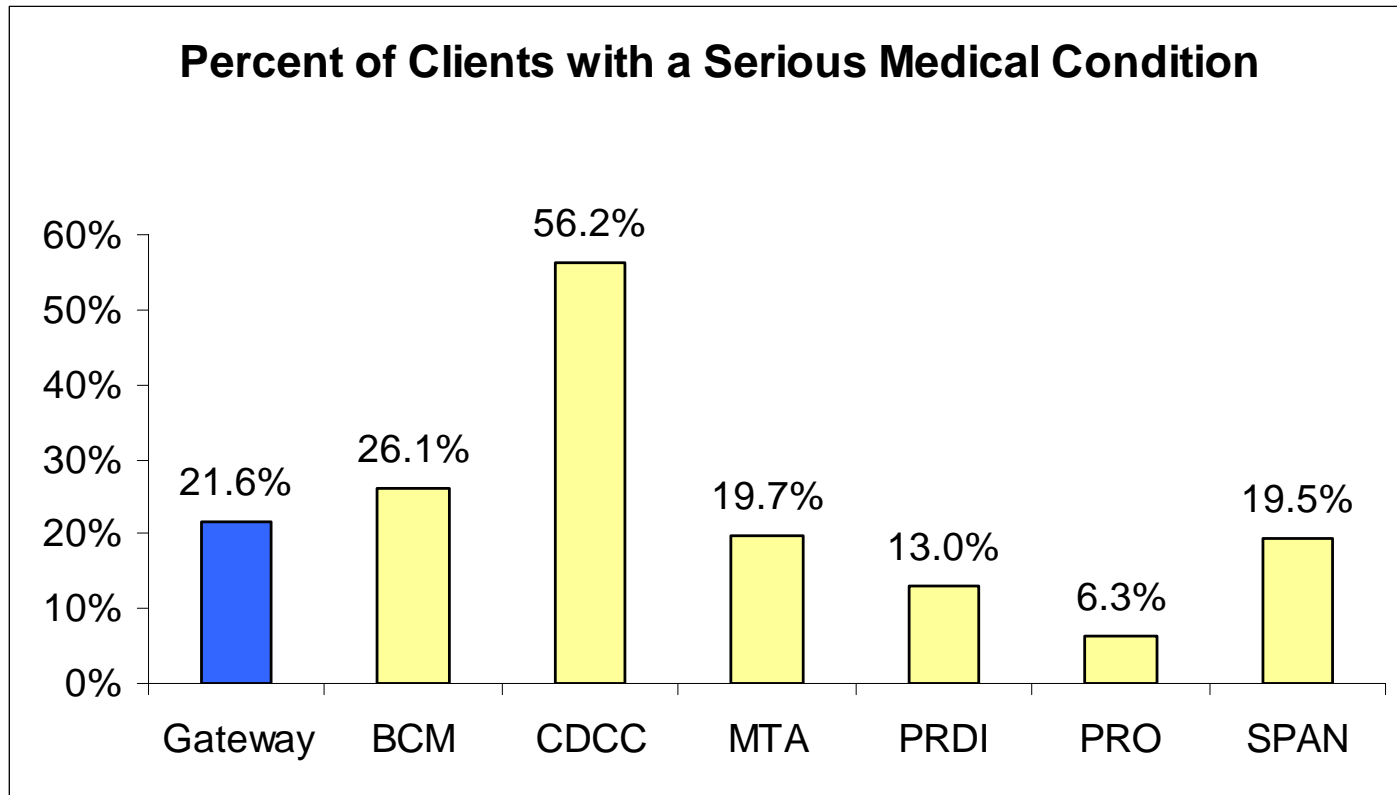


*excluding MTA Connections, Project Rescue Drop-In, Project Rescue Outreach and Senior Center

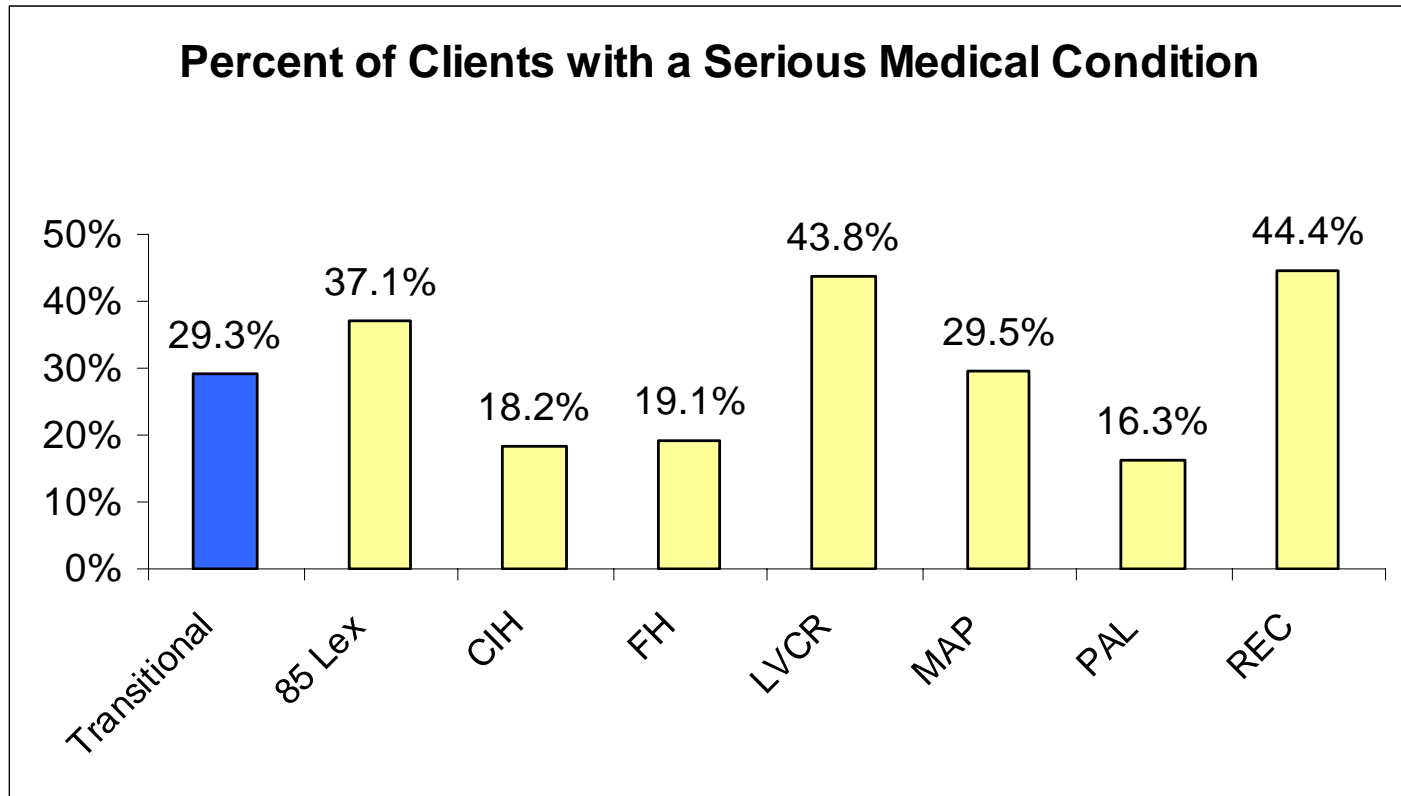
Medical Condition Survey



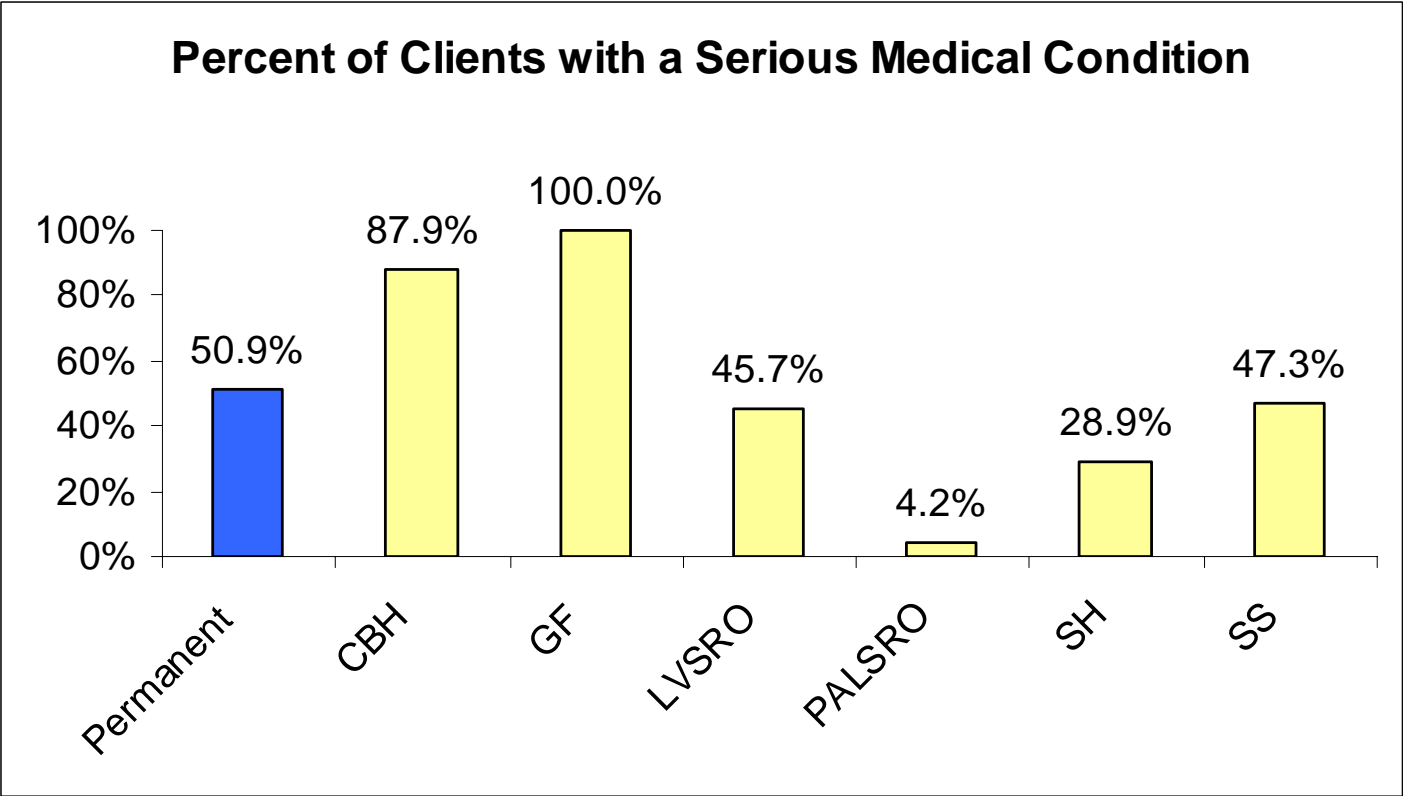
Gateway Programs



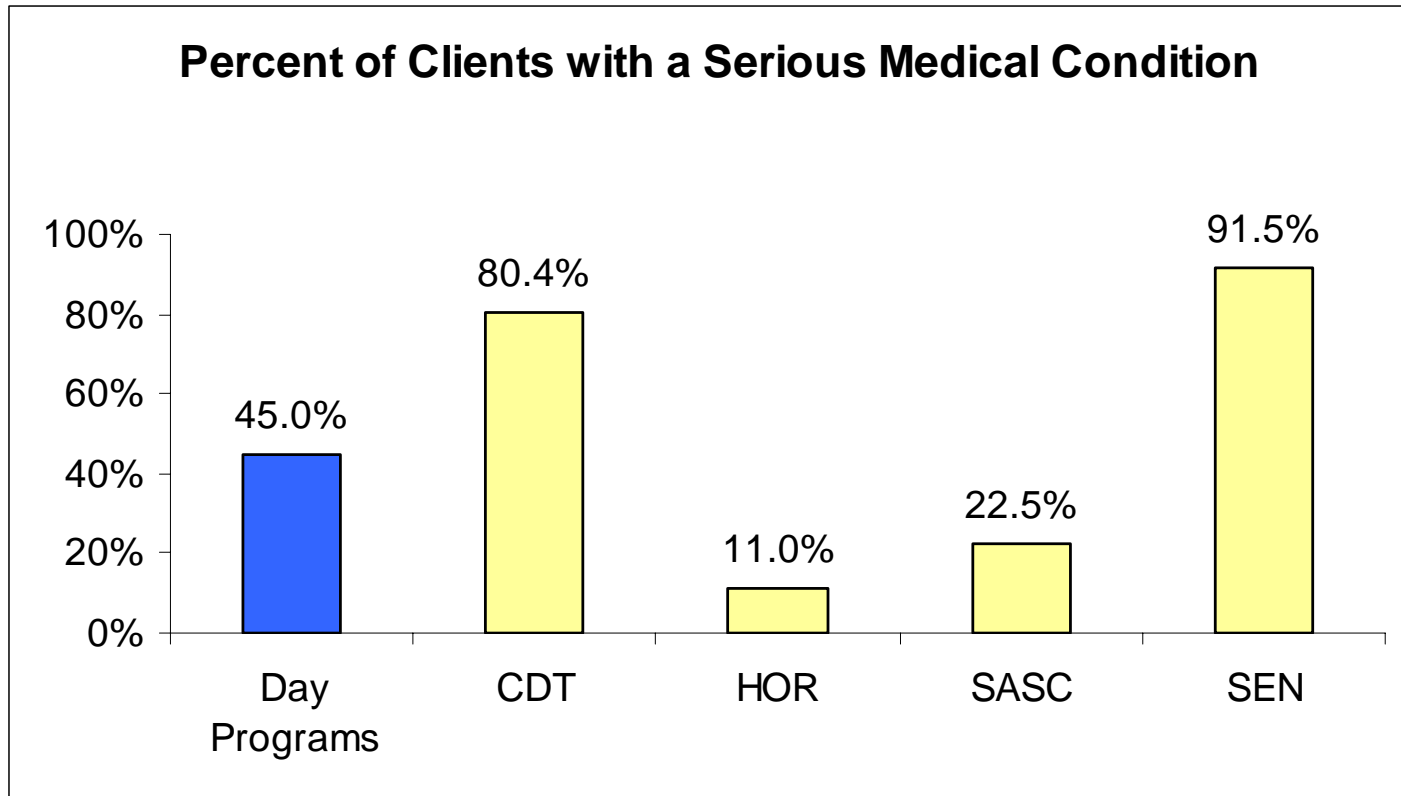
Transitional Housing



Permanent Housing



Day Treatment & Services



Agency Approach in Addressing Medical Issues



- Nursing Role
- Collaboration with SVH-HCH
- Health Education Workshops
- Local Hospitals and Outside Agencies
- Staff Trainings
- Health Fair



Further Questions?

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