

CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) INTRODUCTORY WEB SERIES

Session One: Defining a CoC

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OBJECTIVES

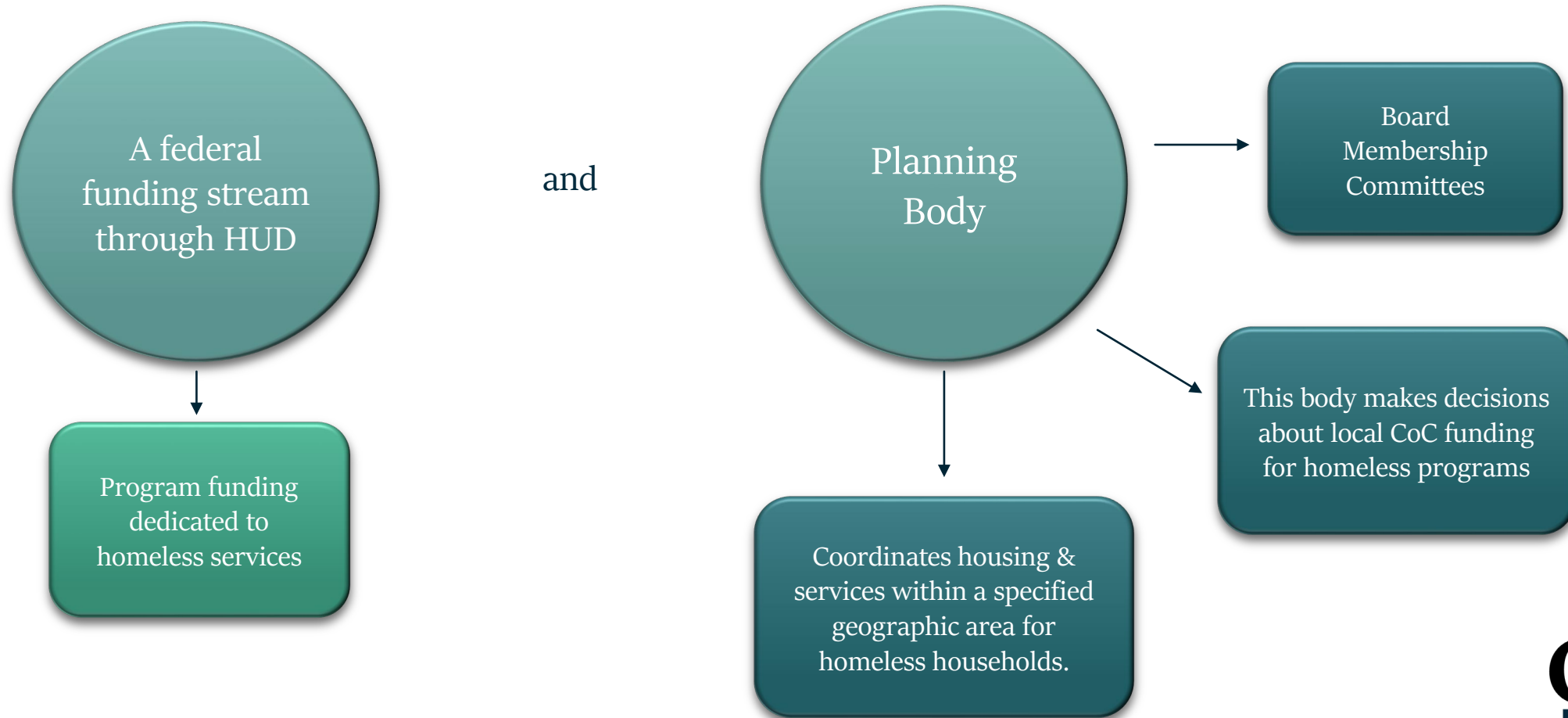
Series Goal

To provide a high-level overview of Continuum of Care (CoC) to encourage new membership and additional collaborations in the effort to end homelessness.

Session Goal

- What is a CoC?
- Who is part of a CoC?
- Planning Body Name
- Keys Roles of the Planning Body
- Executing Key Roles
- CoC funded Programs
- HUD Homeless Definition - who is eligible
- Racial Disparities

WHAT IS A CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC)?



Who is part of the CoC Planning Body?



COC PLANNING BODY NAME

Saratoga-North Country Continuum of Care (SNC)

Every CoC has a name which identifies their geographic area & planning body

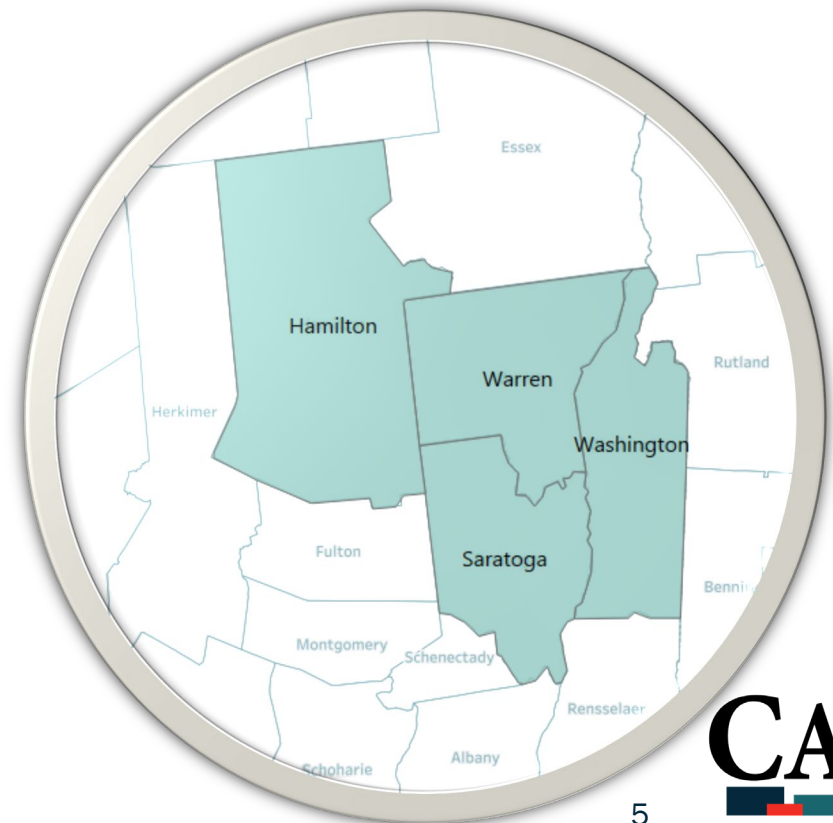
SNC

These acronyms refer to the same thing

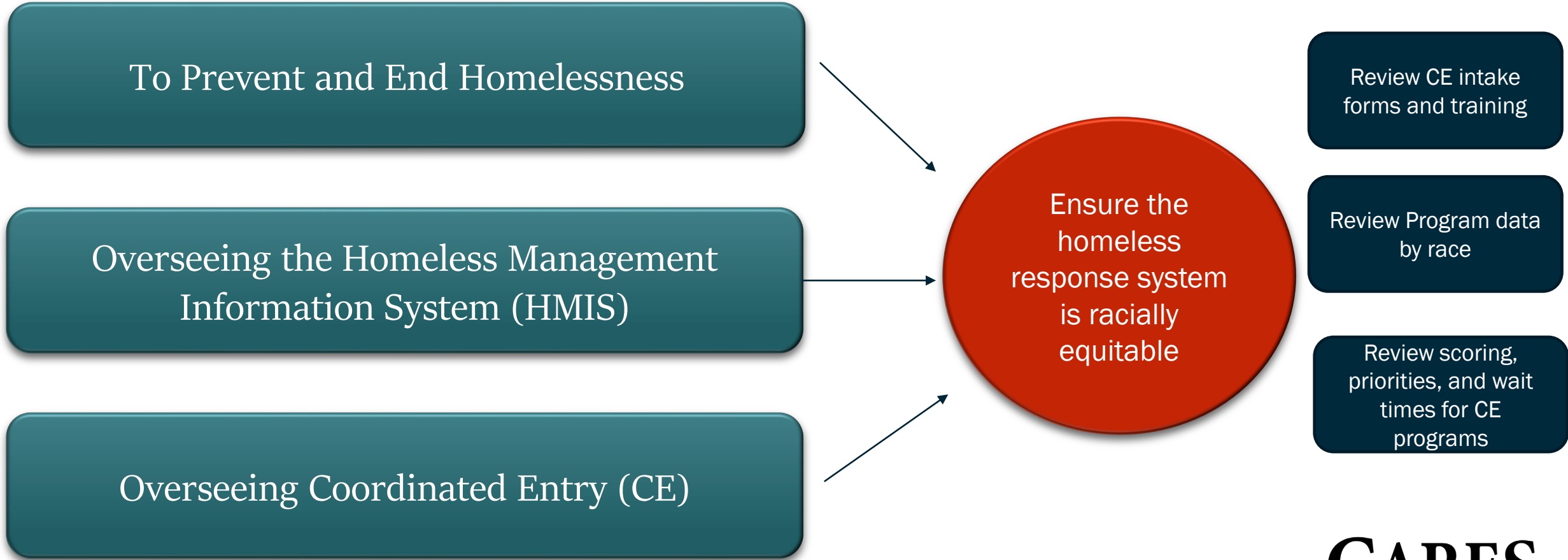


And are often used interchangeably

CoC



KEY ROLES OF A COC



HOW DOES THE COC EXECUTE KEY ROLE: PREVENT & END HOMELESSNESS

Review & Plan with
HMIS & CE Data to
ensure an efficient and
equitable system

Develop standards to
operate CoC-funded
programs and develop an
action plan to prevent
and end homelessness

Ensure the
submission of the
Annual CoC Program
Funding Application
to HUD

HOW DOES THE COC EXECUTE KEY ROLE: OVERSEE HMIS & CE

Establish an MOU between an Agency that provides the service (e.g.: Lead Agency) and the CoC

Develop a Committee of the CoC to work with the Lead Agency

The CoC monitors the work of the Lead Agency

COC FUNDED PROGRAMS

- **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)**– permanent housing with indefinite leasing or rental assistance paired with services to help homeless people with disabilities achieve housing stability (Referrals made through CE)
- **Rapid Re-housing (RRH)**- a model that emphasizes housing search and relocation services and short-and medium term- rental assistance to move homeless people as rapidly as possible into permanent housing (Referrals made through CE)
- **Transitional Housing (TH)**- Temporary housing units designed to help people gain stability through supportive services and successfully transition into permanent housing
- **Support Services Only (SSO)** - Conduct outreach to sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons, link clients with housing or other necessary services, and provide ongoing support

HUD HOMELESS DEFINITION

- HUD defines homelessness within 4 categories.
- HUD's Literally Homeless Status refers to someone living in a place not meant for human habitation or in a publicly or privately operated shelter
- Two categories of homelessness represented the most in the SNC system:
 - Literally Homeless
 - Fleeing/Attempting to flee a DV situation



Homeless Definition

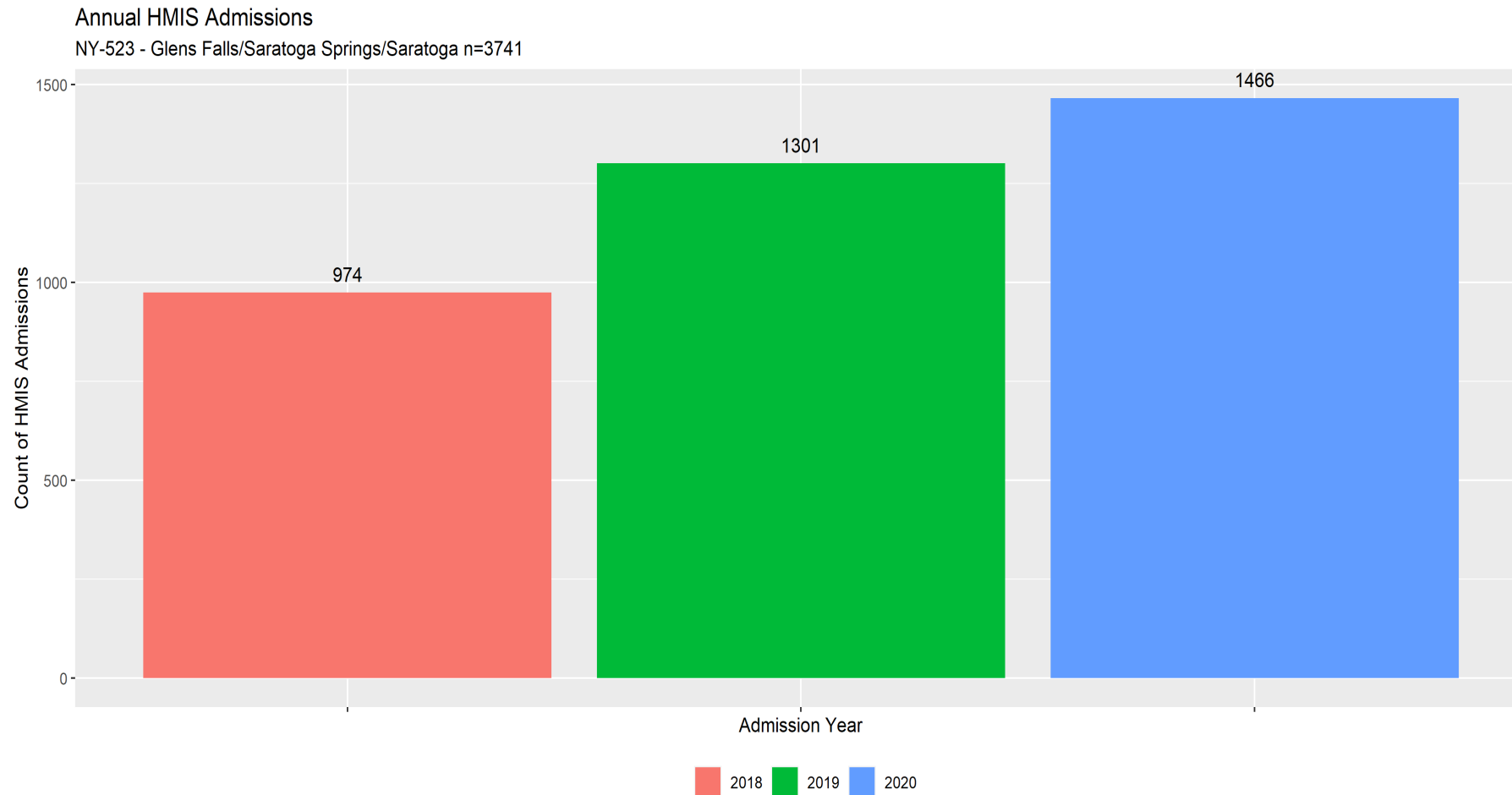
CRITERIA FOR DEFINING HOMELESS	Category 1	Literally Homeless	(1) Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; (ii) Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); <u>or</u> (iii) Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less <u>and</u> who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution
	Category 2	Imminent Risk of Homelessness	(2) Individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance; (ii) No subsequent residence has been identified; <u>and</u> (iii) The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing
	Category 3	Homeless under other Federal statutes	(3) Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Are defined as homeless under the other listed federal statutes; (ii) Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing during the 60 days prior to the homeless assistance application; (iii) Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during in the preceding 60 days; <u>and</u> (iv) Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time due to special needs or barriers
	Category 4	Fleeing/ Attempting to Flee DV	Any individual or family who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence; (ii) Has no other residence; <u>and</u> (iii) Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing

*You can find this document on the HUD Exchange website:
https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HomelessDefinition_RecordkeepingRequirementsandCriteria.pdf

These are the most common in SNC

SARATOGA NORTH COUNTRY HOMELESS POPULATION

HMIS Data Below

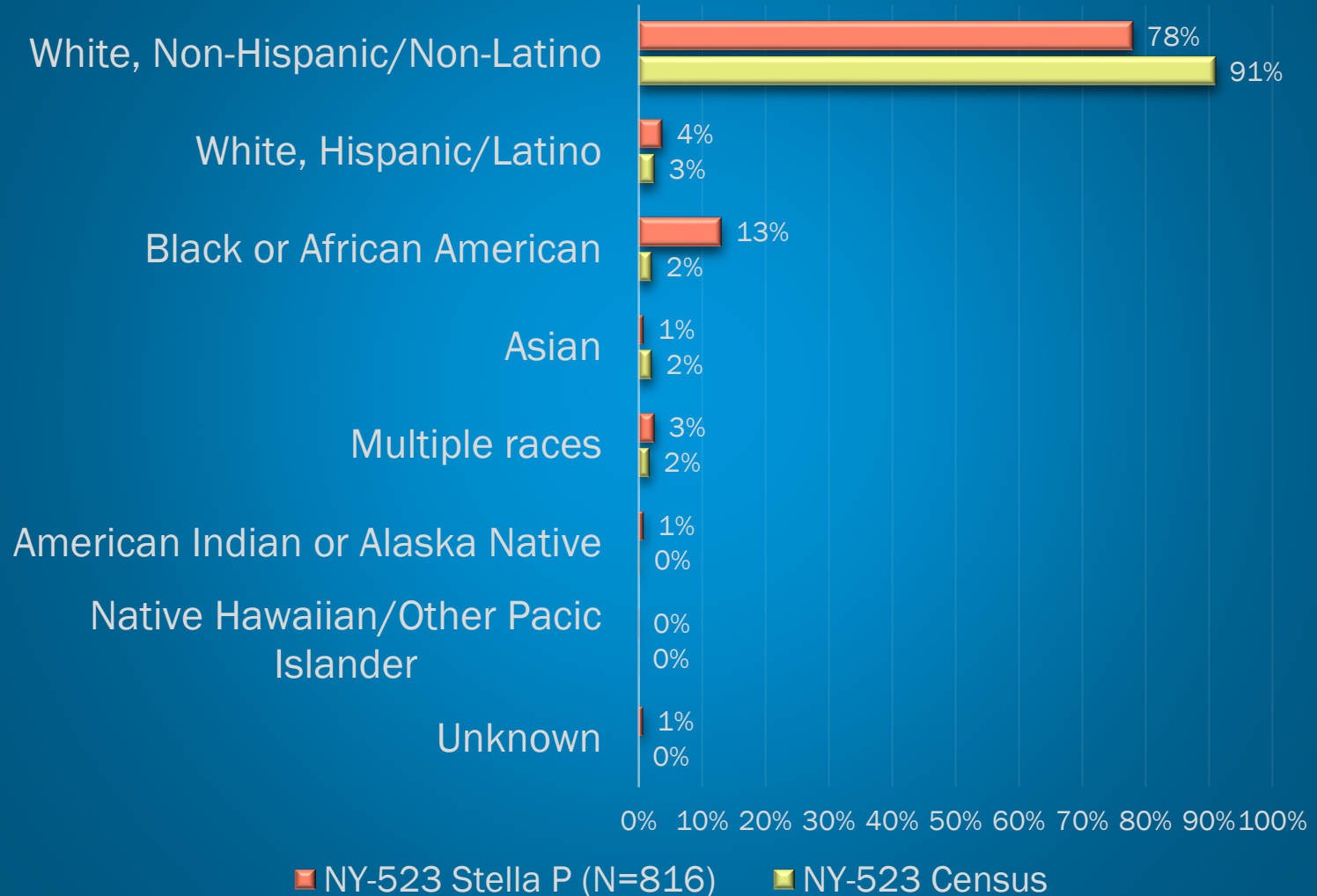


THE OVER REPRESENTATION OF BLACK & BROWN, INDIGENOUS, & PEOPLE OF COLOR(BBIPOC) IN THE HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM

- The **orange bar** represents the Homeless Population in Saratoga, Warren, Washington, and Hamilton Counties and the **yellow bar** represents the general population for those Counties
- The data clearly shows that the Black or African American population is overrepresented in the SNC homeless system.

Racial Disparities Data

NY-523 Saratoga North Country CoC Demographics Overview: Sheltered Homelessness



UPCOMING SESSIONS

Session 2: CoC Structure & Leadership

Session 3: Membership roles and benefits

Session 4: Operating a CoC: Details of operations

Session 5: Committee Responsibilities & Missions Statements