



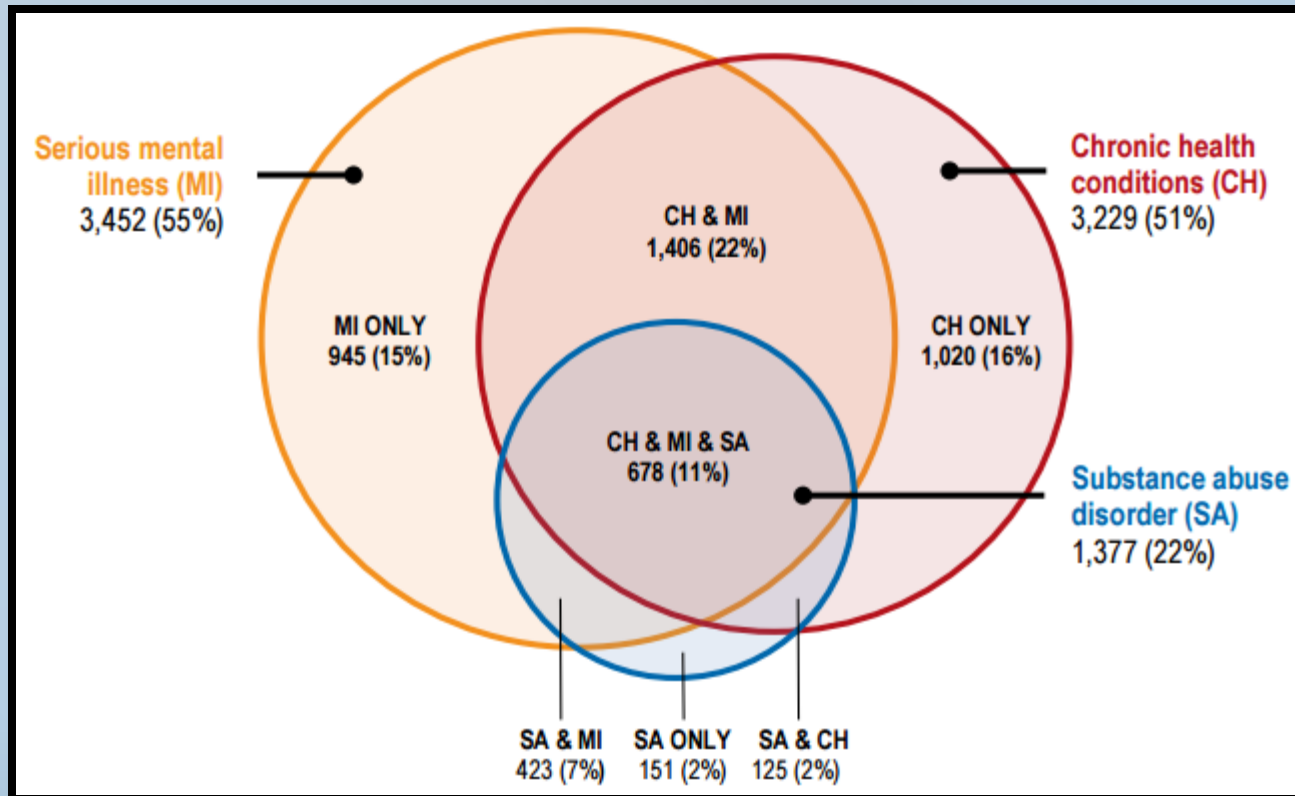
Homelessness and Mental Health

Metro Transit Police Homeless Outreach
Sgt. Mario Ruberto

Problem Oriented Policing Project



Connection between Mental Illness and Homelessness



Source: Wilder Research: Homelessness in Minnesota; Findings from the 2012 Statewide Study. September 2013.

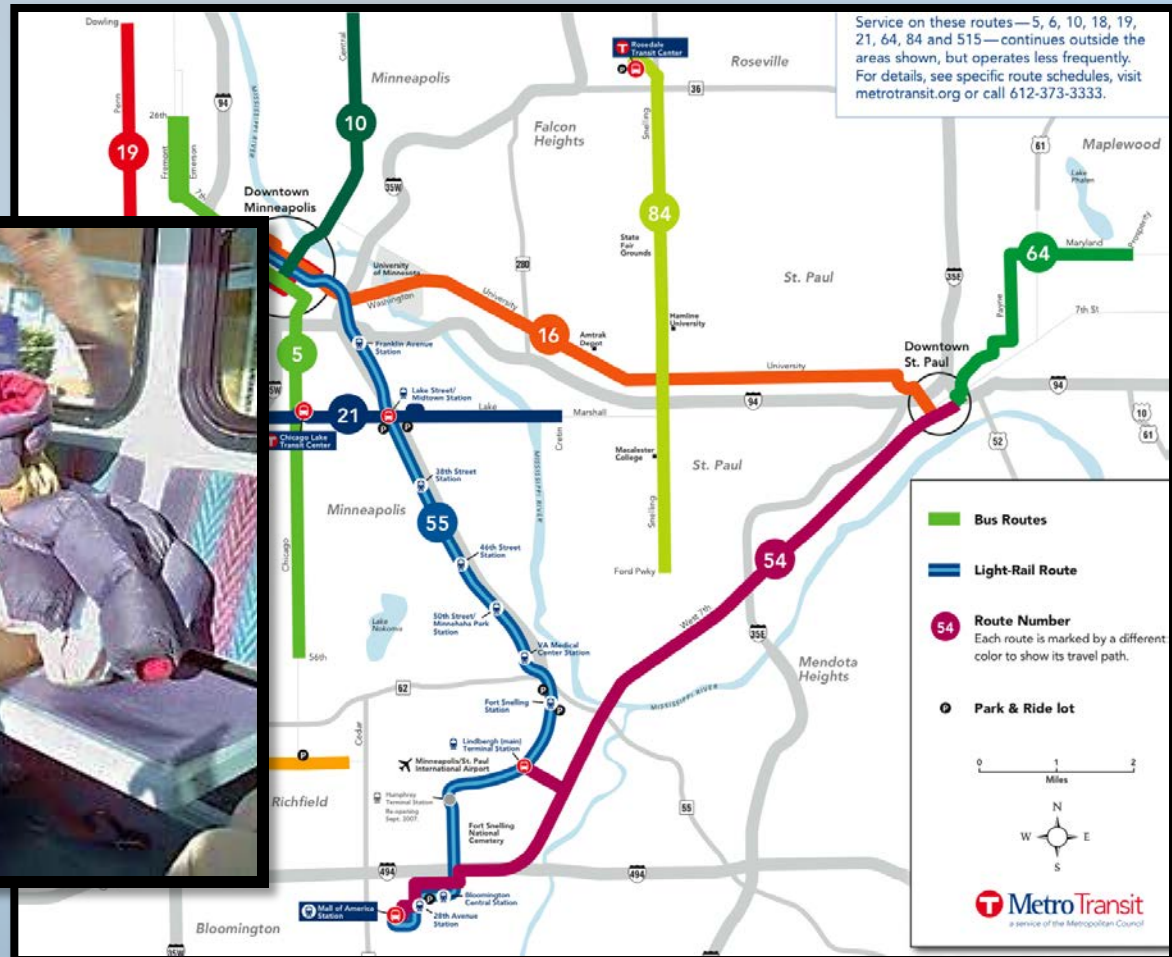
The Cost of the Endless Cycle

- Emergency Room
- Jail
- Detox
- Transit



“Bermuda Triangle”



Twin Cities’ Largest Homeless Camp



Houston Homeless Outreach Team

■ Shepherds in Blue


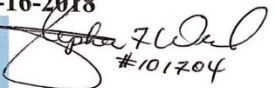



 From the desk of
Stephen F. Wick
Tuesday, October 11, 2016 

To: **Whom it may concern**
Subject: **Identification of Terry Lamonte** [REDACTED]

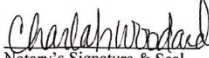
The listed identification on this document was obtained from the Houston Police Department's Records Management System.


Terry Lamonte [REDACTED]
B/M 08-16-1963, 5'06, 150 lbs., Blk/Brn
Texas Identification Card #227 [REDACTED]
Expires: 08-16-2018

 
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HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My e-mail at work is Steve.Wick@HoustonPolice.org

This document has been subscribed and affirmed before me in the County of Harris, State of Texas, this 11th day of October, 2016.


Notary's Signature & Seal
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 **CHARLAH C WOODARD**
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF TEXAS
MY COMM. EXP. 1/26/19

Cost of Mistreatment of Homeless

- Fresno
 - \$2.35 million class-action settlement
- Honolulu
 - Police sued over trespass statute





Working Toward Solutions

Improving the Law Enforcement Model





Police Training

- Crisis Intervention and De-escalation
- Autism Spectrum Disorders for LE
- LE Active Diffusion Strategies
- Mental Health First Aid
- Understanding Addiction

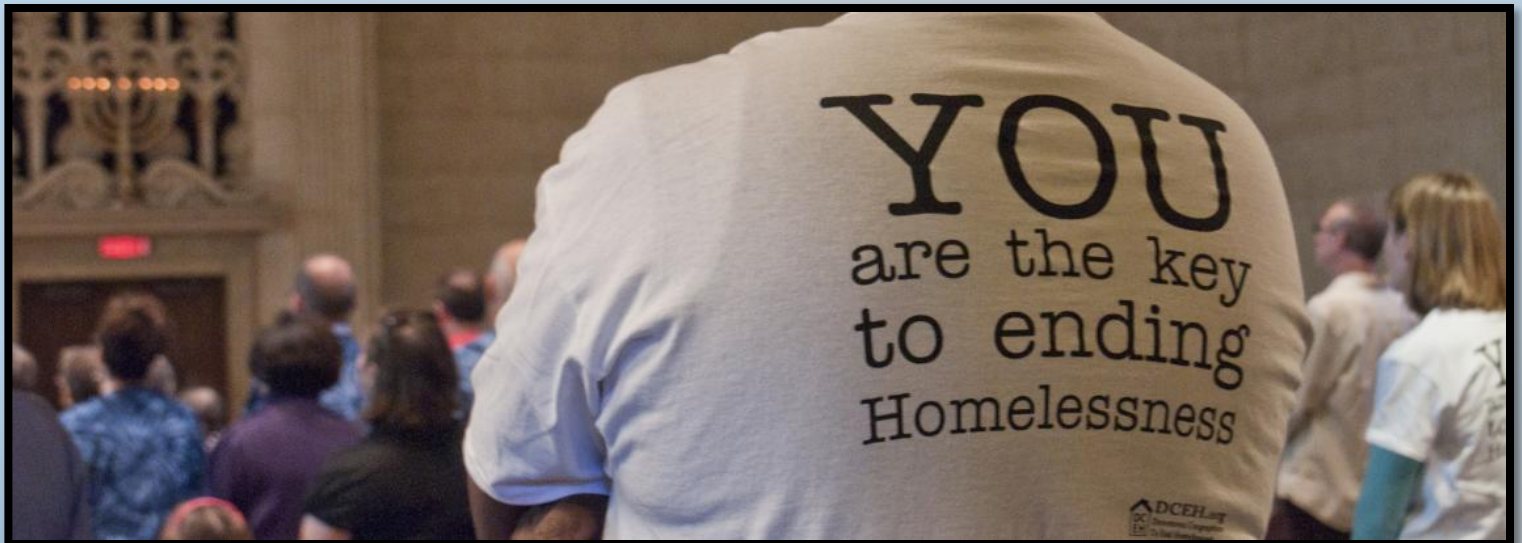


Police Accountability

- Early Warning System tracks complaints about officers
- Decrease DOC & Obstruct cases
- The future of law enforcement?

Improving Outreach Solutions

- Overnight outreach team
- Overnight drop-in shelter



Proposed St. Stephen's Street Outreach Transit Unit

- Overnight hours
- Focus—high users of EMS & Transit
- Reduce arrests
- Follow up with services



Ongoing Challenge



Thank you!

