MARSHALLING YARD EMERGENCY SHELTER UPDATE

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE BRIEFING JUNE 5, 2024

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Facility opened on August 22, 2023.

- Facility operator: Endeavors
- Capacity: 300 clients
- Entries thru May 1, 2024: 755

Clients receive multiple services, including:

- Daily transportation services, including door-to-door transfers.
- Three meals per day, provided through new partnership with Central TX Food Bank.
- Pet-friendly on-site boarding facility and pet food.
- Onsite wash, dry, and folding service.
- Onsite showering facilities.
- Onsite access to case management.
- Wellness activities (e.g., television area, open Wi-Fi network, etc.).
- Patio access for outdoor activities and smoking area.



MARSHALLING YARD WEEKLY CENSUS



March 27 Population Snapshot	
Male	192
Female	99
Gender Diverse	5
Service Animals & Pets	25

Average Length of Time in Shelter		
Current Participants	111 days	
Average for all who exit	49 days	
Positive Exit	64 days	
Negative Exit	51 days	
Unknown Exits	46 days	



MARSHALLING YARD REASONS FOR EXIT

Exits from Opening thru March 27, 2024



Additional Categories includes "Death," "Disagreement with Rules," and "Needs could not be Met." Each of these exit reason represents less than 1% of all exits.



COUNCIL AUTHORIZED EXTENSION THRU MARCH 2025

- Council extended the Marshaling Yard through March 2025.
- Council directed staff to provide a ramp down plan for the shelter, including ways to assist in serving current shelter clients with housing resources.
- Ramp down plan should identify when intakes will cease, estimated census counts over the period of ramp down, and types of placements enumerated for the current clients at the Marshalling Yard.







MARSHALLING YARD TENTATITIVE TIMELINE



unhoused environment.



Next Steps

Receive Council feedback from today's presentation and incorporate feedback into ramp down plans.

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