



# Group Homes Closures in MN

## March 1, 2022

# Resources Available Upon 60-Day Notice of Closure

- The current providers whose homes are closing are often the first champions for finding other placements for individuals.
- The county case manager has the legal accountability for finding services for individuals eligible for them.
- DHS has a Community Capacity Team who receives all 60-day notices of closure and calls out to county case managers to be sure individuals have new placements.

# Resources Available Upon 60-Day Notice of Closure

- The Disability Hub is available on-line with information and resources for counties, families, and individuals: [Disability Hub](#)
- The new Ombudsman for People with Disabilities is Barnett (Bud) Rosenfield: [Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities](#).
- The proposals for standing up a new temporary staffing pool and other ideas under consideration at the legislature could prevent future closures.

# Follow-up on 2022 Closures

## 26 Individuals Served by Cardinal Homes:

- 5 of these folks had their residence taken over by another provider – they stayed in the same location
- 17 folks had a plan for next steps that included a move to a new location at the time of our call
- 2 people moved to another site owned by Cardinal
- 2 people will remain at Cardinal for an additional 1-2 months until another provider can take them

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## 14 Individuals Served by ACR Homes:

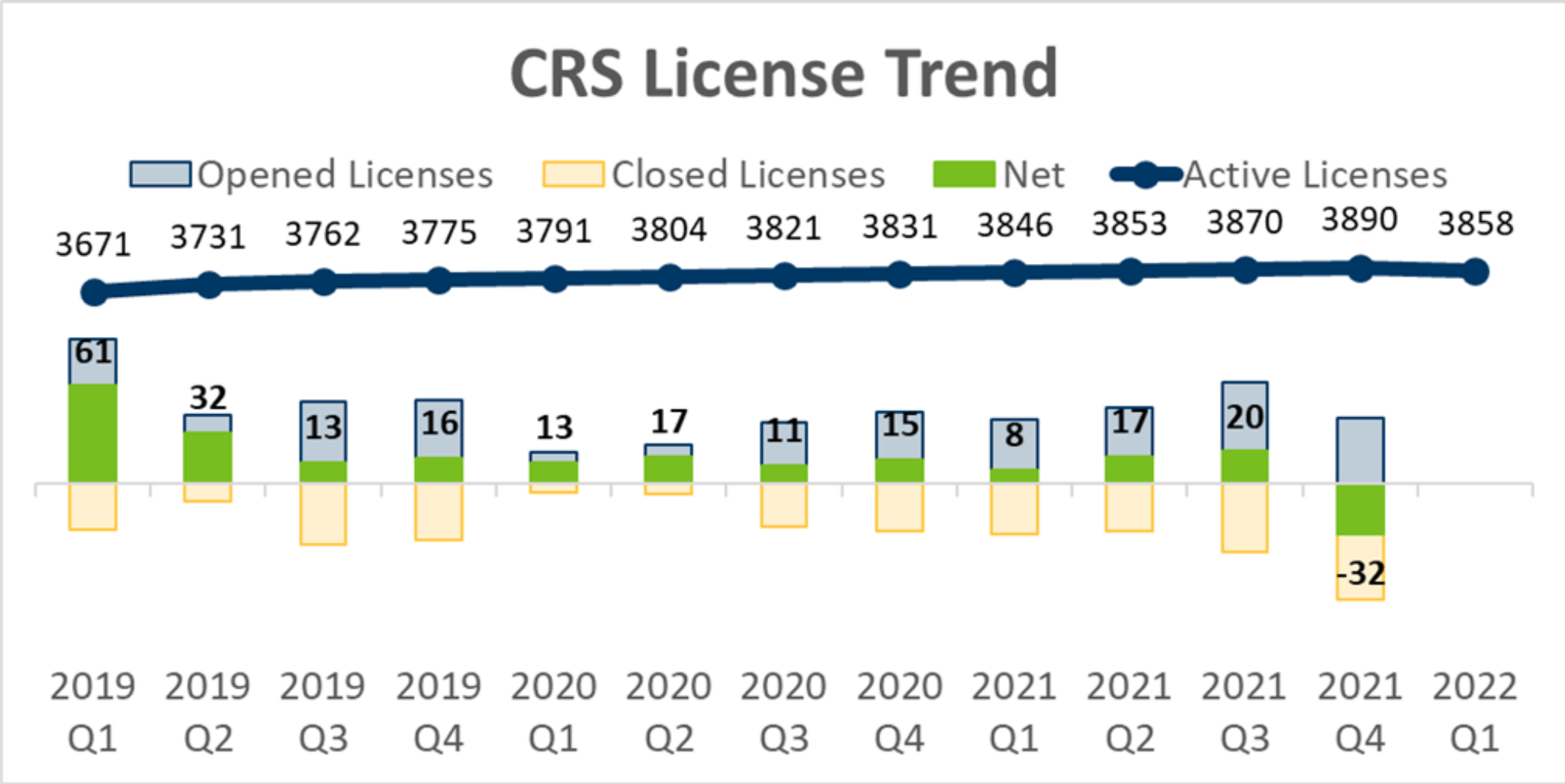
- 7 people have identified new providers and are at various stages of making a decision or getting ready to move
- 3 case managers have not responded to multiple calls from DHS
- 2 people moved home
- 2 case managers have been in contact with DHS and talked through resources, but no option yet identified for a move (case managers know they can call back if efforts to make a plan are not successful)

# Individuals Affected by Group Home Closures

- Number of people with disabilities impacted by closure of services:

2018	59	
2019	103	
2020	36	
2021	90	
2022	59	
Avg. per Past 5 Years		69

# Services Opening and Closing – Past 12 Quarters



- The proposals for standing up a new temporary staffing pool and other ideas under consideration at the legislature could prevent future closures.
- The waiver bill to allow new employees to work under supervision while awaiting background checks and a new deadline for statewide completion of all background checks will also help.
- Our new rollout plan for Electronic Visit Verification, MNChoices, Community First Services and Supports, and Waiver Reimagine will also reduce pressure on understaffed services.