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HMIS Annual Report: Rensselaer County CoC

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The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a secure, computerized data collection system used to produce an unduplicated count of persons using homeless services. The system is used by multiple agencies to capture client-level information, over time, regarding the characteristics and service needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. This information is then used for reporting, grant writing, and community planning¹



All recipients of The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds for homelessness and homelessness prevention services are required to participate in the HMIS. This includes recipients of Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds, Supportive Housing Program (SHP), Shelter Plus Care (S+C), Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation for Single Room Occupancy (SRO) program, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). In addition, HUD encourages participation of other federal programs that serve homeless persons. Participation of other organizations that do not receive HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) funding is voluntary, but strongly encouraged in order to achieve an accurate accounting of homeless services in the community.

The purpose of this report is to inform the Continuum of Care and community on the state of homelessness in the stated counties using data from the CARES Regional Homeless Management Information.

The Policy and Procedures Manual for the CARES Regional HMIS can be located at <http://caresny.org/hmis-user-resources>.

Annual Homeless Assessment Report

The Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) is a report to the U.S. Congress on the extent and nature of homelessness in America, prepared by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It provides nationwide estimates of homelessness, including information about the demographic characteristics of homeless persons, service use patterns, and the capacity to house homeless persons.

The AHAR Local Report is meant to be a resource for stakeholders in each community to view their data in a variety of user friendly tables and charts. The report is based primarily on

Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) data about homeless persons who used emergency shelter, transitional housing or permanent supportive housing programs during the 12-month period between Monday, October 1, 2012 to Monday, September 30, 2013. The data are collected in six categories: Persons in Families in Emergency Shelter, Individuals in Emergency Shelter, Persons in Families in Transitional Housing, Individuals in Transitional Housing, Persons in Families in Permanent Supportive Housing and Individuals in Permanent Supportive Housing.²

While this community participates in the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) for HUD, participation in the database is voluntary for non-HUD funded programs.

The 2013 AHAR submissions for the City of Troy and Rensselaer County included the following tables:⁴

- Emergency Shelter Families
 - Emergency Shelter Families VET Subpopulation
 - Emergency Shelter - Individuals
 - Emergency Shelter - Individuals VET Subpopulation
 - Transitional Housing-Families
 - Transitional Housing-Families VET Subpopulation
 - Permanent Supportive Housing- Individuals
 - Permanent Supportive Housing- Individuals VET Subpopulation
 - Permanent Supportive Housing- Families
 - Permanent Supportive Housing- Families VET Subpopulation
- AND: in Rensselaer County outside the City of Troy:***
- Emergency Shelter Families
 - Emergency Shelter Families VET Subpopulation

Support services, Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing programs collected in the HMIS are not, at this time, collected in the AHAR, but is reflected in the data provided within this report.

HMIS Annual Report

The data contained in the HMIS Annual Report differs from the AHAR in two distinct ways; date range and scope of data reported on. The AHAR, as noted above, reports on the Federal fiscal year cycle, but most researchers, grant writers and community planners require a calendar

year reporting cycle. This Annual Report will cover all data reported within the HMIS, regardless of HMIS bed coverage, making the Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) an invaluable companion when analyzing any data contained herein. A copy of the most recent HIC is available upon request from CARES, Inc. and the 2014 HIC will be posted to the website once it has been formally submitted to HUD on April 30, 2014.

Over the past ten years, CARES, inc. has continually revised the format of this report to continue to meet the needs of the community with a standardized system of data collection and reporting across agencies, programs and service categories. However, it can be difficult to compare reports from year to year due to changes at the Federal level and community participation at the local level. When HUD redefines programming specifications for the HMIS, as happened in 2010 and will happen again in 2014. Your HMIS System Administrator is available to assist in navigating this complex landscape of data. Please contact CARES at (518) 489-4130 or hmis@caresny.org for any assistance in interpreting the data presented in this report. A time period of two weeks is appreciated for additional data requests.

Summary of Demographic Data

In the 2013 calendar year, 1,929 unduplicated persons in 1,080 households were served by the community as reported in the HMIS, including 733 children under the age of 18.

14% of those served reported as Hispanic/Latino, 83% non-Hispanic/Latino and the remainder was unknown

44% were white, with 2% unknown race and the remainder a mix of minority races, primarily Black or African/American at 48% of the total population served.

47% were male, 52% female and <1% transgendered, although that population was represented

5% of adults served were veterans, well below the 10% national average.

13% of those served qualified as Chronically Homeless under the HUD definition of being homeless 4 or more times in 3 years or for a period of 1 year or longer AND having a disabling condition.

29% of all persons served reported one or more disabling conditions;

- HIV/AIDS - 0.3%
- Physical Disability - 8%
- Chronic Health Condition - 11%
- Mental Health Problem - 28%
- Substance Abuse
 - Alcohol Abuse - 5%
 - Drug Abuse - 7%
 - Both Alcohol and Drug Abuse - 11%

Discharge Destination:

- 8% of those served were discharged to literal homelessness.
- 9% of those served were unstably housed at discharge.
- 29% of consumers were discharged to stable housing.
- 2% of consumers were discharged to unknown circumstances
- 51% of consumers remained in program at the end of the reporting period.

Annotations

1- This report includes homeless prevention and housing programs participating in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for your community but does not include domestic violence providers as per Federal Law and may not include homeless programs by non-mandated providers who have chosen not to participate in the HMIS database. Domestic Violence dedicated programs are not included above.

2- Taken from the cover sheet of the 2013 AHAR report provided by HUD. Please contact the CoC Collaborative Applicant for a copy of the 2013 AHAR

Eligible Programs participating in the HMIS and included in this report.

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UH - THA 1234-YWCA
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UH 625 MRT Supported Housing
UH 625 Supported Housing
Women in Transition
YWCA GCR ESG Rapid Rehousing
YWCA Rensselaer STEHP
YWCA of Troy Cohoes - SRO Permanent
YWCA of Troy-Cohoes Ready for Work Program

NOT Reporting:

Rensselaer Department of Social Services Hotel Motel Emergency Placements

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Annual
Total Record Count:	1,057	1,444	1,307	1,388	1,929

PROGRAM CATEGORY	%	%	%	%	%
ES Emergency Shelter	17.4%	18.1%	12.9%	12.20%	25.70%
PH Permanent Housing	29.7%	32.3%	27.9%	25.20%	19.80%
TH Transitional Housing	2.1%	3.8%	2.4%	60.10%	51.10%
SSO Supportive Services Only	50.8%	45.7%	56.9%	2.40%	3.20%

Persons in HOUSEHOLDS WITH:	%	%	%	%	%
Only Adults	39.5%	34.5%	31.4%	30.3%	37.7%
Adults and Children	60.1%	64.4%	67.7%	68.7%	61.3%
Only Children	0.4%	0.7%	0.9%	1.0%	0.9%

RELATION TO PRIMARY CLIENT	%	%	%	%	%
Child	30.2%	32.4%	36.6%	39.2%	38.0%
Other Adult	3.0%	4.1%	4.4%	4.8%	4.4%
Self	65.2%	62.3%	57.3%	55.1%	56.0%
Other	0.9%	0.7%	1.2%	0.9%	1.6%

AGE AT INTAKE	%	%	%	%	%
0-17 :	30.4%	32.4%	36.3%	38.3%	37.9%
18-61 :	67.5%	65.9%	62.4%	60.4%	60.8%
61+:	2.1%	1.7%	1.4%	1.3%	1.7%

GENDER	%	%	%	%	%
Female	52.4%	54.2%	54.2%	55.0%	53.3%
Male	46.7%	45.2%	45.0%	44.2%	46.1%
Transgendered Male to Female	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%
Don't Know	0.7%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%

RACE	%	%	%	%	%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.4%	0.6%	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%
Asian	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Black or African-American	36.6%	36.2%	38.3%	40.7%	47.6%
Multi-Racial	1.7%	1.9%	2.3%	2.6%	3.6%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
White	40.4%	38.0%	40.1%	36.7%	43.6%
Don't Know	2.0%	2.3%	2.4%	2.7%	2.5%
Refused	0.2%	0.2%	1.3%	1.5%	1.6%
No Data	18.4%	20.4%	14.5%	14.9%	0.1%

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ETHNICITY	%	%	%	%	%
Hispanic / Latino	11.5%	11.8%	12.2%	86.2%	14.2%
Non-Hispanic / Non-Latino	85.2%	79.9%	85.5%	11.5%	83.4%
Don't Know	1.6%	2.6%	1.9%	1.6%	1.9%
Refused	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.4%
No Data	1.6%	5.6%	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%
VETERAN? *adults only	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	5.8%	4.6%	6.2%	5.9%	4.7%
No	71.9%	71.9%	86.2%	86.5%	79.3%
Don't Know	6.7%	5.2%	7.4%	7.2%	6.1%
Refused	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%
No Data	15.5%	18.1%	0.0%	0.0%	9.5%
CHRONICALLY HOMELESS	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	13.7%	13.7%	13.7%	13.3%	13.2%
No	77.0%	78.8%	78.8%	79.7%	79.9%
No Data	9.2%	7.5%	7.5%	7.0%	7.0%
DISABLING CONDITION	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	42.0%	41.7%	36.6%	34.3%	29.4%
No	47.2%	47.6%	50.1%	53.4%	59.4%
Don't Know	10.1%	10.0%	11.3%	11.3%	10.3%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	1.0%	0.7%
HIV/AIDS (ADMISSION)	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	1.1%	1.1%	0.8%	0.2%	0.3%
No	77.0%	79.5%	75.9%	81.4%	78.6%
Don't Know	17.8%	16.1%	19.4%	14.8%	18.4%
Refused	0.1%	0.1%	0.5%	0.9%	0.7%
No Data	4.0%	3.3%	3.4%	2.7%	2.1%
PHYSICAL DISABILITY (ADMISSION)	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	9.5%	9.0%	8.0%	7.2%	8.2%
No	75.9%	77.5%	76.1%	78.4%	79.0%
Don't Know	10.3%	10.0%	11.8%	10.9%	10.1%
Refused	0.1%	0.1%	0.6%	0.9%	0.7%
No Data	4.3%	3.4%	3.5%	2.6%	2.0%
CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITION (ADMISSION)	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	12.0%	11.8%	10.6%	10.3%	11.1%
No	72.2%	74.0%	73.1%	75.0%	75.6%
Don't Know	11.3%	10.5%	11.9%	11.0%	10.4%
Refused	0.1%	0.1%	0.7%	0.9%	0.8%
No Data	4.4%	3.6%	3.7%	2.7%	2.1%
MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEM (ADMISSION)	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	38.4%	38.1%	33.8%	32.6%	28.3%
No	46.4%	47.5%	50.0%	52.7%	58.6%
Don't Know	11.8%	11.8%	12.6%	11.6%	10.4%
Refused	0.0%	0.1%	0.7%	0.9%	0.8%
No Data	3.4%	2.6%	2.8%	2.2%	1.7%

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Annual
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEM (ADMISSION)	%	%	%	%	%
Alcohol abuse	8.1%	7.3%	5.5%	5.2%	4.8%
Drug abuse	5.6%	6.9%	5.0%	6.4%	6.8%
Both alcohol and drug abuse	8.7%	8.2%	6.9%	11.7%	10.7%
No	61.8%	63.3%	66.0%	4.8%	4.2%
Don't Know	11.3%	10.5%	12.2%	68.2%	70.5%
Refused	0.4%	0.4%	1.0%	1.2%	1.0%
No Data	4.2%	3.3%	3.4%	2.5%	2.0%

MONTHLY INCOME SOURCES (ADMISSION) *ages 18-65	%	%	%	%	%
Earned Income	12.5%	8.6%	9.1%	10.1%	9.9%

MONTHLY INCOME SOURCES (DISCHARGE) *ages 18-65	%	%	%	%	%
Earned Income	4.5%	2.7%	2.1%	1.7%	5.5%
Still In Program	71.3%	73.8%	82.1%	87.4%	51.2%

RESIDENCE PRIOR TO PROGRAM ENTRY	%	%	%	%	%
Emergency	30.3%	28.5%	26.2%	22.2%	24.4%
Temporary	4.4%	3.8%	3.9%	5.7%	9.1%
Permanent	22.3%	21.2%	21.2%	20.4%	25.9%
Don't Know	2.5%	2.1%	2.6%	2.6%	2.3%
Other	0.6%	0.7%	1.8%	2.1%	1.8%
No Data	40.2%	43.7%	44.2%	46.7%	36.2%

DESTINATION	%	%	%	%	%
Emergency	3.6%	4.0%	1.9%	2.4%	3.9%
Permanent	15.3%	13.5%	8.8%	4.8%	27.3%
Temporary	5.9%	6.1%	5.7%	4.1%	14.3%
Don't Know	1.8%	1.5%	0.7%	0.7%	1.9%
Other	1.0%	0.8%	0.1%	0.6%	1.0%
Still In Program	72.5%	74.1%	82.9%	87.5%	51.6%

HOUSING STATUS (ADMISSION)	%	%	%	%	%
Literally homeless	73.0%	75.3%	61.5%	59.9%	68.4%
Imminently losing their housing	3.3%	3.5%	6.1%	5.8%	7.0%
Unstably housed and at-risk of losing their housing	9.0%	8.4%	16.9%	19.2%	14.4%
Stably housed	10.0%	9.1%	10.7%	10.2%	6.6%
Don't Know	3.6%	2.9%	3.1%	3.2%	2.2%
No Data	1.0%	0.8%	1.2%	1.0%	0.8%

HOUSING STATUS (DISCHARGE)	%	%	%	%	%
Literally homeless	5.3%	4.6%	2.5%	3.2%	8.1%
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Stably housed	16.5%	15.6%	9.2%	5.4%	28.9%
Don't Know	2.5%	1.7%	0.7%	0.9%	2.3%
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