**Memo**

**To:** Homeless Services Planning Board – Schenectady County Continuum of Care Membership

**From:** CARES Inc.

**Date:** April 25, 2016

**Subject:** Housing Inventory and Point in Time Summary

This memorandum summarizes highlights from the 2016 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) and Point in Time Count (PIT). The HIC-PIT will be submitted on the CoC’s behalf on April 30, 2016 in accordance to HUD’s requirement.

**2016 Housing Inventory Summary**

Continuums are required to report annually on the number of available beds dedicated to homeless persons; these beds include emergency, transitional and permanent housing. Below is a summary of changes within these beds from 2015 to 2016.

* ***Emergency Year-Round Bed***: *The year-round bed count decreased from 169 to 150.*

The significant factors that contributed to the change in bed numbers include: a shift of Salvation Army beds from “year round” to “overflow.” These beds are now identified under DSS. In addition, YWCA DV beds decreased by 7 due to the normal change in household composition.

* ***Emergency Overflow Beds:*** *Overflow beds* *decreased from 142 to 117.*

It must be noted the decrease in Emergency Overflow does not represent the true decrease, as 2015 numbers were inaccurate. In 2015, DSS overflow beds also included beds already counted within year-round beds at Sojourn House & Booth Home.

* ***Transitional Beds:*** *The year-round bed count decreased from 44 to 41.*

Transitional beds decreased due to a shift in family composition at City Mission of Schenectady.

* ***Permanent Housing Beds:*** 
  + ***Permanent Supportive Housing:*** *The PSH bed count decreased from 396 to 362.*

Permanent Supportive Housing beds decreased due to a shift in family composition at SMHA’s Shelter Plus Care Program.

* + ***Rapid Rehousing:*** *The Rapid Rehousing bed count increased from 26 to 47.*

Rapid Rehousing increased due to a shift in family composition in Bethesda House’s HOME program and SCAP’s HOME Project.

* + ***Chronic Beds:*** *The number of dedicated chronic beds increased from 56 to 58.*

**Annual Comparison of the Point in Time Count**

*Sheltered PIT Breakdown*

* When comparing the 2016 sheltered PIT (231 persons) with the 2015 PIT (322 persons) a decrease in the total number of persons sheltered is noted.
* In total, there was a decrease of 91 persons utilizing services on the night of the count, with an 84 person decrease in emergency shelter and a 7 person decrease in transitional housing.

The decrease in sheltered persons does not represent a true decrease, as 2015 numbers were inaccurate. In 2015, DSS overflow beds also included beds already counted within year-round beds at Sojourn House & Booth Home.

*Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information*

* Chronically Homeless Individuals: increased from 19 to 22.
* Chronically Homeless Families: increased from 3 to 13.
* Chronically Homeless Vets: increased from 3 to 7.
* Adults with a Serious Mental Illness: increased from 38 to 42.
* Adults with a Substance Use Disorder: increased from 62 to 64.
* Adults with HIV/AIDS: increased from 0 to 2.
* Victims of Domestic Violence: decreased from 15 to 8.

*Unsheltered PIT breakdown*

* When comparing the 2016 unsheltered PIT with the 2015 PIT an increase was noted.
* In 2016 there were 69 unsheltered individuals identified compared to 27 unsheltered individuals counted in 2015.

Specific factors that resulted in this increase include: weather (the PIT was conducted on a warm day), when Code Blue was not in effect, as it had been the previous 4 years. This led to more people on the street. In addition, the PIT included additional volunteers who canvased new areas.

*Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information*

* Chronically Homeless: decreased from 8 to 5.
* Chronically Homeless Families: Stayed the same at 0.
* Chronically Homeless Vets: increased from 0 to 1.
* Adults with a Serious Mental Illness: decreased from 12 to 10.
* Adults with a Substance Use Disorder: decreased from 16 to 8.
* Adults with HIV/AIDS: increased from 0 to 2.
* Victims of Domestic Violence: decreased from 2 to 1.