

Memo

To: Rensselaer County Coalition on Homelessness

From: CARES Inc.

Date: April 17, 2018

Subject: Housing Inventory and Point-in-Time Count Summary

This memorandum summarizes highlights from the 2018 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) and Point-in-Time Count (PIT). The HIC-PIT will be submitted on the CoC's behalf on or before April 30, 2018 in accordance to HUD's requirement.

2018 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 2017 to 2018.

- **Emergency Beds:** The year-round bed count increased from 97 to 113.
 - This increase is due to the addition of the new IPH Medical Respite Center program that has 16 beds.
- **Emergency Seasonal Beds:** The seasonal bed count increased from 15 to 33.
 - This increase is due to reclassifying Code Blue beds as "Seasonal Beds" instead of "Overflow Beds."
- **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The overflow bed count decreased from 43 to 5.
 - Code Blue beds were reclassified as "Seasonal Beds" instead of "Overflow Beds."
 - There was a decrease in the number of DSS hotel/motel beds located in Rensselaer County on the night of the count.
- **Transitional Beds:** The transitional bed count decreased from 42 to 40 beds.
- **Permanent Housing Beds:**
 - **Permanent Supportive Housing:** The PSH bed count decreased from 715 to 604.
 - There was a decrease of 8 beds at Joseph's House Bethune Program.
 - There was a decrease of 85 beds in Unity House's Permanent Supportive Housing Program 800.
 - Unity House's HOPWA program (25 beds) is not listed on the HIC in 2018 because it does not have beds dedicated to homelessness.
 - **Rapid Rehousing:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count decreased from 200 to 158.
 - There was an increase in 15 beds in St. Paul's Center's STEHP RRH program.
 - There was a decrease of 6 beds in Joseph's House STEHP RRH program.
 - There was a decrease of 37 beds in Unity House's STEHP RRH program.
 - There was a decrease of 16 beds in Unity House's Rapid Rehousing program (352).
 - **Chronic Beds:** The number of dedicated chronic beds increased from 83 to 115.
 - Unity House's Permanent Supportive Housing Program 800 dedicated an additional 15 beds.
 - Catholic Charities' St. Peter's Residence dedicated an additional 17 beds.

Annual Comparison of the Point in Time Count

<i>Point-in-Time Overview</i>				
	<i>Emergency Shelter</i>	<i>Transitional Housing</i>	<i>Unsheltered</i>	<i>Total</i>
2018	135	37	6	178
2017	140	35	19	194

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2018 sheltered (172 persons) PIT with the 2017 PIT (175 persons) a slight decrease in the total number of persons sheltered is noted.
- In total, there was a decrease of 3 persons utilizing services on the night of the count with a 5 person decrease in emergency shelter and a 2 person increase in transitional housing.

Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals:* The number of chronically homeless sheltered individuals decreased from 9 persons in 2017 to 1 in 2018.
- *Chronically Homeless Families:* The number of chronically homeless sheltered families decreased from 8 persons in 2 households in 2017 to 0 persons in 2018.
- *Chronically Homeless Vets:* The number of chronically homeless sheltered veterans remained the same at 0.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:* The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness increased from 19 persons in 2017 to 22 persons in 2018.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of sheltered persons with substance use disorder decreased from 22 persons in 2017 to 13 in 2018.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS:* The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS remained the same at 0 persons.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence:* The number of sheltered persons noting DV decreased from 31 persons in 2017 to 16 in 2018.

Unsheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2018 unsheltered PIT with the 2017 PIT a decrease of 13 persons was noted.

Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals:* The number of chronically homeless unsheltered individuals increased from 1 person in 2017 to 6 persons in 2018.
- *Chronically Homeless Families:* The number of chronically homeless unsheltered families remained the same between 2017 and 2018 at 0 families.
- *Chronically Homeless Vets:* The number of chronically homeless remained the same between 2017 and 2018 at 0 persons.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:* The number of unsheltered persons with serious mental illness decreased from 11 persons in 2017 to 5 persons in 2018.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of unsheltered persons with substance use disorder decreased from 6 persons in 2017 to 5 persons in 2018.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS:* The number of unsheltered persons with HIV/AIDS remained the same between 2017 and 2018 at 0 persons.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence:* The number of unsheltered persons noting DV increased from 0 persons in 2017 to 1 person in 2018.