

Memo

To: Rensselaer County Coalition on Homelessness

From: CARES Inc.

Date: April 27, 2017

Subject: Housing Inventory and Point in Time Count Summary

This memorandum summarizes highlights from the 2017 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) and Point in Time Count (PIT). The HIC-PIT will be submitted on the CoC's behalf on or before May 1, 2017 in accordance to HUD's requirement.

2017 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 2016 to 2017.

- **Emergency Beds:** *The year-round bed count decreased from 100 to 97.*

The specific factor contributing to the decrease of year round beds was a decrease in Catholic Charities HCHV/EH – St. Peter's Veterans Emergency Housing beds by 3 due a shift from emergency shelter use to permanent supportive housing. This shift resulted from a decrease in need for emergency shelter beds for Veterans due to Rensselaer County's efforts to end Veteran Homelessness.

- **Emergency Seasonal Beds:** *The seasonal bed count increased from 10 to 15.*

The availability of season beds increased by five.

- **Emergency Overflow Beds:** *The overflow bed count increased from 29 to 43.*

The increase in overflow beds is due to an increase in the number of families utilizing motels on the night of the count.

- **Transitional Beds:** *The transitional bed count remained the same at 40 beds.*

- **Permanent Housing Beds:**

- **Permanent Supportive Housing:** *The PSH bed count increased from 660 to 715.*

The major factors that contributed to the increase in permanent housing were a result of the additional beds from Unity House 800 & 808, Joseph's House Bethune Program, Catholic Charities Shelter Plus Care, and YWCA of the Greater Capital Region Apartment Program and SRO.

- **Rapid Rehousing:** *The Rapid Rehousing bed count increased from 48 to 183.*

One major factor that contributed to the increase in rapid rehousing was the introduction of Unity House's Supportive Housing 352 program as a rapid rehousing program. Joseph's House STEHP Rapid Rehousing program also increased the number of beds, as in 2016 no beds were reported on the night of the count.

- **Chronic Beds:** *The number of dedicated chronic beds increased from 82 to 83.*

The increase is due to an increase in dedicated CH beds at Unity House's Permanent Supportive Housing Program UH 309 program.

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>
<i>2017</i>	140	33	19	192
<i>2016</i>	132	35	12	179

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2017 sheltered (173 persons) PIT with the 2016 PIT (167 persons) an increase in the total number of persons sheltered is noted.
- In total, there was an increase of 6 persons utilizing services on the night of the count with an 8 person increase in emergency shelter and a 2 person decrease in transitional housing.

Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals:* The number of chronically homeless sheltered individuals decreased from 12 persons in 2016 to 9 in 2017.
- *Chronically Homeless Families:* The number of chronically homeless sheltered families remained the same between 2016 and 2017 at 2 households, but the number of persons increased from 6 persons in 2016 to 8 in 2017.
- *Chronically Homeless Vets:* The number of chronically homeless sheltered veterans decreased from 1 person in 2016 to 0 in 2017.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:* The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness increased from 15 persons in 2016 to 19 in 2017.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of sheltered persons with substance use disorder increased from 16 persons in 2016 to 20 in 2017.
- *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 increased from 18 persons in 2016 to 63 in 2017. This increase is a result of expanding the count to include all members of the household, not just adults.

Unsheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2017 unsheltered PIT with the 2016 PIT an increase was noted.
- In 2017 there were 19 unsheltered individuals noted compared to 12 unsheltered individuals identified counted in 2016.
The increase was due to enhanced unsheltered youth outreach and an increase in the number of workers surveying on the night of the count.

Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals:* The number of chronically homeless unsheltered individuals remained the same between 2016 and 2017 at 1 person.
- *Chronically Homeless Families:* The number of chronically homeless unsheltered families remained the same between at 0 families.
- *Chronically Homeless Vets:* The number of chronically homeless remained the same between 2016 and 2017 at 0 persons.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:* The number of unsheltered persons with serious mental illness increased from 9 persons in 2016 to 11 in 2017.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of unsheltered persons with substance use disorder decreased from 9 persons in 2016 to 6 persons in 2017.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS:* The number of unsheltered persons with HIV/AIDS decreased from 1 person in 2016 to 0 in 2017.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence:* The number of unsheltered persons noting DV decreased from 1 person in 2016 to 0 in 2017.