

Memo

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

From: CARES Inc.

Date: April 13, 2018

Subject: Housing Inventory and Point in Time 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 2016 to 2017.

- **Emergency Year-Round Bed:** The year-round bed count increased from 146 to 178.
 - City Mission Family Life Center increased by 14 beds.
 - Salvation Army increased by 3 beds.
 - SAFE House decreased by 1 bed.
 - YWCA of Schenectady decreased by 4 beds.
 - Bethesda House's Code Blue program is now a full year-round shelter with 20 beds.
- **Emergency Overflow Beds:** Overflow beds increased from 117 to 176.
 - This change is due to reclassifying Code Blue beds as year-round beds.
- **Emergency Seasonal Beds:** Seasonal beds increased from 0 to 16.
 - This change is due to reclassifying Code Blue beds as "Seasonal Beds" instead of "Overflow Beds" based on HUD guidance.
- **Transitional Beds:** The year-round bed count increased from 34 to 49.
 - City Mission Transitional Housing increased by 11 beds.
 - SCAP Sojourn house increased by 4 beds.
- **Permanent Housing Beds:**
 - **Permanent Supportive Housing:** The PSH bed count increased from 384 to 464.
 - Bethesda House's Beacon Residential Program was added to this year's HIC, with 10 beds.
 - YWCA Single Room Occupancy Main Building was added to this year's HIC, with 55 beds.
 - **Rapid Rehousing:** The rapid rehousing bed count increased from 45 to 260.
 - SCAP's Rapid Rehousing program increased by 224 beds. This increase is due to a renting up the program in full in its second year of operation.
 - **Chronic Beds:** The number of dedicated chronic beds increased from 61 to 64.
 - Bethesda House's Beacon Residential Program was added to this year's HIC, with 8 chronic beds.
 - YWCA of Schenectady's ROSA's House Expansion dedicated 1 additional chronic bed.
 - It was clarified the VA does not dedicate any VASH vouchers to the chronically homeless, thus reducing 6 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	345	37	11	393
2017	217	34	23	274

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2018 sheltered PIT (382 persons) with the 2017 PIT (251 persons) a significant increase in the number of homeless persons sheltered is noticed.
- In total, there was an increase in 131 people utilizing services on the night of the count, with a 128 person increase in emergency shelter and a 3 person increase in transitional housing.
 - City Mission Code Blue was added to the PIT with 16 persons.
 - Persons in families housed in hotels/motels by DSS increased by 83 people.

Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals:* The number of chronically homeless sheltered individuals increased from 9 persons in 2017 to 32 adults and 2 unaccompanied minors in 2018.
- *Chronically Homeless Families:* The number of chronically homeless sheltered families increased from 1 households with 3 persons in 2017 to 2 households with 4 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 31 persons in 2017 to 95 in 2018.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of sheltered persons with substance use disorder increased from 57 persons in 2017 to 97 in 2018.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS:* The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS increased from 0 persons in 2017 to 2 in 2018.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence:* The number of sheltered persons noting DV decreased from 22 persons in 2017 to 10 in 2018.

Unsheltered PIT breakdown

- When comparing the 2018 unsheltered PIT with the 2017 PIT a decrease of 12 people was noted.

Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless:* The number of chronically homeless unsheltered individuals decreased from 3 persons in 2017 to 0 in 2018.
- *Chronically Homeless Families:* The number of unsheltered chronically homeless families remained at 0.
- *Chronically Homeless Vets:* The number of chronically homeless unsheltered veterans remained at 0.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:* The number of unsheltered adults with a serious mental illness decreased from 15 persons in 2017 to 6 in 2018.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of unsheltered persons with substance abuse disorder decreased from 14 persons in 2017 to 0 in 2018.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS:* The number of unsheltered persons with HIV/AIDS remained the same at 0.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence:* The number of unsheltered persons noting DV remained the same at 0.