Memo

To: Albany County Coalition on Homelessness
From: CARES, Inc.
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Subject: 2019 Housing Inventory and Point-in-Time Count Summary

This memorandum summarizes highlights from the 2019 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) and Point-in-Time Count (PIT). In accordance with HUD's requirement, the HIC-PIT will be submitted on the NY-503 CoC's behalf on or before April 30, 2019.

2019 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 2018 to 2019.

- *Emergency Year-Round Bed: The year-round emergency bed count decreased from 304 to 302.*
    - Two Catholic Charities Mercy House beds reported in 2018 as *Emergency* have been reclassified as *Transitional* in 2019.

- *Emergency Overflow Beds: The overflow bed count decreased from 327 to 284 (43 fewer overflow beds).* The specific factors resulting in this decrease include:
    - The DSS Schuyler Inn was newly added to the HIC as a project separate from DSS vouchers. In 2018 there were 159 DSS vouchers; in 2019 one DSS motel voucher and 107 beds at Schuyler Inn for a net decrease of 51 beds
    - The DSS inventory decrease (based on utilization on the night of the count) was offset by:
        - A six-bed increase in (correction to) Capital Area Council of Churches Overflow Shelter (from 0 beds in 2018 to six in 2019); and
        - A two-bed increase in CCRM overflow beds (from 124 in 2018 to 126 in 2019)

- *Emergency Seasonal beds: The number of seasonal beds remained the same at 39.*

- *Transitional Beds: The transitional bed count decreased by eight from 152 in 2018 to 144 in 2019.* The specific factors resulting in this decrease include:
    - The closing of the Joyce Center TLP Apartment Program (three beds)
    - Removal of the ACCA Community Residence from the HIC based on type of program (one bed)
    - Decrease of two beds in ACCA Vista House
    - Decrease of one bed in the CCRM Transitional Housing Program
    - Correction in the number of beds in Equinox Project Independence (one bed decrease)

- *Permanent Housing Beds:*
    - *Permanent Supportive Housing: The PSH bed count decreased from 899 to 887.* The specific factors contributing to this decrease include:
        - Ten fewer beds reported by VASH due to utilization night of count
        - Five fewer beds reported by SPARC
        - Additional slight increases in numerous other PSH programs offset the decreases mentioned above.
    - *Rapid Rehousing: The Rapid Rehousing bed count decreased from 207 to 186.* The specific factors contributing to this decrease include:
        - 40 fewer beds reported by the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York for their CoC-funded and STEHP RRH programs.
        - Increases in various other RRH programs.
    - *Chronic Beds: The number of dedicated chronic beds increased from 202 to 229.*
        - A total of 29 chronic beds were added for first time by five agencies.

Annual Comparison of the Point-in-Time Count

Point-in-Time Overview				
	Emergency Shelter	*Transitional Housing*	*Unsheltered*	*Total*
2019	*580*	*136*	*34*	*750*
2018	*657*	*143*	*35*	*835*
Difference	*-77*	*-7*	*-1*	*-85*

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2019 sheltered PIT count (716 persons) with 2018 (800 persons) a decrease of 84 persons sheltered is noted.
- In total, there was a decrease of 84 persons utilizing services on the night of the count, with 77 fewer persons utilizing emergency shelters and seven fewer persons utilizing transitional housing.

Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- ***Chronically Homeless Individuals:*** The number of sheltered chronically homeless individuals decreased from 72 in 2018 to 64 in 2019.
- ***Chronically Homeless Families:*** The number of sheltered chronically homeless families decreased from two in 2018 to zero in 2019
- ***Chronically Homeless Vets:*** The number of sheltered chronically homeless veterans decreased from five in 2018 to one in 2019.
- ***Chronically Homeless Youth:*** The number of sheltered chronically homeless unaccompanied youth increased from one in 2018 to four in 2019.
- ***Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:*** The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness remained the same at 92 in 2018 and 2019.
- ***Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:*** The number of sheltered persons with substance abuse disorders decreased from 104 in 2018 to 98 in 2019.
- ***Adults with HIV/AIDS:*** The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS increased from 12 in 2018 to 15 in 2019.
- ***Victims of Domestic Violence:*** The number of sheltered persons noting DV increased from 23 in 2018 to 32 in 2019.

Note: Special populations (e.g., persons living with HIV/AIDS) often do not disclose their status which may indicate a lower than actual total number reported.

Unsheltered PIT breakdown

- When comparing the 2018 unsheltered PIT with the 2019 unsheltered PIT, a one-person decrease was noted.
- In 2018 there were 35 unsheltered individuals identified compared to 34 in 2019.

Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- ***Chronically Homeless Individuals:*** The number of unsheltered chronically homeless individuals remained the same at 27 in 2019.
- ***Chronically Homeless Families:*** The number of unsheltered chronically homeless families remained the same at 0 in 2019.
- ***Chronically Homeless Vets:*** The number of unsheltered chronically homeless veterans remained the same at zero in 2019.
- ***Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:*** The number of unsheltered persons noting a serious mental illness decreased from 22 in 2018 to four in 2019.
- ***Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:*** The number of unsheltered persons noting a substance use disorder decreased from 23 in 2018 to six in 2019.
- ***Adults with HIV/AIDS:*** The number of unsheltered persons noting HIV/AIDS remained at 0 in 2019.
- ***Victims of Domestic Violence:*** The number of unsheltered persons noting DV decreased from 1 in 2018 to 0 in 2019.

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