Memo

To: Homeless Services Planning Board – Schenectady County Continuum of Care Membership
From: CARES Inc.
Date: 4.15.19
Subject: Housing Inventory and Point in Time Summary

This memorandum summarizes highlights from the 2019 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, 2019 in accordance to HUD's requirement.

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 bed count decreased from 178 to 166.
    - City Mission Family Life Center decreased by 16 beds.
    - Bethesda House re-designated 7 Emergency year- round beds to seasonal beds

- ***Emergency Overflow Beds:*** Overflow beds decreased from 176 to 118
    - DSS funded motel vouchers decreased by 58 beds
- ***Emergency Seasonal Beds:*** Seasonal beds increased from 16 to 23
    - This change is due to Bethesda House Code Blue having 10 "Seasonal Beds"
    - City Mission of Schenectady Code Blue decreased by 3 beds
- ***Transitional Beds:*** The year-round bed count increased from 49 to 50.
    - City Mission Transitional Housing increased by 1 bed due to family composition
- ***Permanent Housing Beds:***
    - ***Permanent Supportive Housing:*** The PSH bed count increased from 464 to 509.
        - New Choices Recovery Center Permanent Supportive Housing program increased by 11 beds
        - SCAP PHP 27 increased by 6 beds
        - SCAP SMHA S+C increased by 26 beds due to an increase in voucher utilization
    - ***Rapid Rehousing:*** The rapid rehousing bed count decreased from 260 to 122.
        - SCAP's Rapid Rehousing program decreased by 140 beds. In 2018 this program experienced a large increase due to renting up in its full second year of operation. This decrease is due to many those persons exiting the program at the same time at the time of the HIC/PIT count.
    - ***Chronic Beds:*** The number of dedicated chronic beds increased from 64 to 65.
        - YWCA of Schenectady's ROSA's House Expansion dedicated 1 additional chronic bed.
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Annual Comparison of the Point in Time Count

Point-in-Time Overview				
	Emergency Shelter	*Transitional Housing*	*Unsheltered*	*Total*
2019	*300*	*50*	*22*	*372*
2018	*345*	*37*	*11*	*393*

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2019 sheltered PIT (350 persons) with the 2018 PIT (382 persons) a decrease in the number of homeless persons sheltered is noticed.
- In total, there was a decrease of 32 people utilizing services on the night of the count, with a 45 person decrease in emergency shelter and a 13 person increase in transitional housing.
    - Bethesda House Code Blue was added to the PIT with 10 persons.
    - Persons in families housed in hotels/motels by DSS decreased by 58 people. This is most likely due to the Home Connections program.

Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals*: The number of chronically homeless sheltered individuals decreased from 32 adults and 2 unaccompanied minors in 2018 to 17 adults and 2 unaccompanied minors in 2019
- *Chronically Homeless Families*: The number of chronically homeless sheltered families decreased from 2 households with 4 persons in 2018 to 0 in 2019.
- *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 decreased from 95 persons in 2018 to 57 in 2019
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of sheltered persons with substance use disorder decreased from 97 persons in 2018 to 65 in 2019.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS:* The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS increased from 2 persons in 2018 to 3 in 2019.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence:* The number of sheltered persons noting DV increased from 10 persons in 2018 to 21 in 2019.

Unsheltered PIT breakdown

- When comparing the 2019 unsheltered PIT with the 2018 PIT an increase of 11 people was noted.

Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless:* The number of chronically homeless unsheltered individuals increased from 0 in 2018 to 7 in 2019.
- *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 increased from 6 persons in 2018 to 9 in 2019.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of unsheltered persons with substance abuse disorder increased from 0 in 2018 to 8 in 2019.
- *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.

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