

Memo

To: Rensselaer County Coalition on Homelessness

From: CARES Inc.

Date: May 1, 2019

Subject: 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). The HIC-PIT will be submitted on the CoC's behalf on or before April 29, 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 Beds:** The year-round bed count increased from 110 to 116. This increase is due to:
 - Adding HCHV/EH – St. Peter's Emergency Housing to the HIC (2 beds)
 - Changes in family composition in JH- Emergency Shelter, St. Paul's Center, and Unity House DV Shelter (4 beds).
 - Utilization of year-round Emergency Housing beds remains high at 97% on the night of the count.
- **Emergency Seasonal Beds:** The seasonal bed count decreased from 33 to 15 beds.
 - This decrease is due to JH – Code Blue Emergency Shelter being reported as Overflow Beds instead of Seasonal Beds per HUD guidance.
 - Utilization of seasonal Emergency Housing beds was 80% on the night of the count.
- **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The overflow bed count increased from 5 to 47.
 - There was an increase in the number of DSS hotel/motel beds utilized in Rensselaer County on the night of the count.
 - JH-Code Blue Emergency Shelter (21 beds) was reported as Overflow Beds instead of Seasonal Beds per HUD guidance.
- **Transitional Beds:** The transitional bed count decreased from 40 to 25 beds.
 - This decrease is largely due to reclassifying Unity House's OVW Transitional Housing Project as a Rapid Rehousing Project (18 beds)
 - YWCA's Women in Transition program increased by 3 year-round beds due to family composition.
 - Utilization of TH projects on the night of the count decreased from 93% in 2018 to 72% in 2019.
- **Permanent Housing Beds:**
 - **Permanent Supportive Housing:** The PSH bed count increased from 622 to 670.
 - Tapestry on the Hudson was added to the HIC in 2019, adding 37 year-round PSH beds dedicated to the homeless.
 - Joseph's House Bethune Program had an increase in 12 year-round due to family composition changes.
 - Veteran Administration's VASH Program had a decrease of 6 year-round beds due to decreased utilization.
 - Utilization of PSH programs remain high at 99% on the night of the count.
 - **Rapid Rehousing:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count increased from 158 to 218.
 - Unity House's OVW Transitional Housing Program was recategorized as a Rapid Rehousing Program on the 2019 HIC (9 beds).
 - Joseph's House's STEHP program increased by 20 beds.
 - SCCC's Project HOST program increased by 3 beds.
 - St. Paul's Center's STEHP program increased by 10 beds.
 - Unity House's Supportive Housing (352) program increased by 18 beds.
 - Soldier On's SSVF program decreased by 1 bed.
 - **Chronic Beds:** The number of dedicated chronic beds increased from 161 to 194 (33 beds).
 - Catholic Charities' St. Peter's Residence dedicated an additional 24 beds.
 - Joseph's House's 804 program dedicated an additional 9 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>
<i>2019</i>	<i>171</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>199</i>
<i>2018</i>	<i>135</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>178</i>
<i>Difference</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>-19</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>21</i>

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2019 sheltered (189 persons) PIT with the 2018 PIT (172 persons), an increase of 17 persons sheltered is noted.
- There was a 36 person increase in emergency shelter and a 19 person decrease in transitional housing.

Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals:* The number of chronically homeless sheltered individuals increased from 1 person in 2018 to 4 in 2019.
- *Chronically Homeless Families:* The number of chronically homeless sheltered families remained the same at 0.
- *Chronically Homeless Vets:* The number of chronically homeless sheltered Vets remained the same at 0.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:* The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness decreased from 22 persons in 2018 to 12 persons in 2019.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of sheltered persons with substance use disorder decreased from persons 13 persons in 2018 to 10 persons in 2019.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS:* The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS increased from 0 persons in 2018 to 2 persons sin 2019.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence:* The number of sheltered persons noting DV increased from 24 persons in 2018 to 26 persons in 2019.
- *Unaccompanied Youth:* The number of sheltered unaccompanied youth remained the same at 10 persons.
- *Parenting Youth:* The total number of sheltered parenting youth households decreased from 7 households in 208 to 5 households in 2019.

Unsheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2019 unsheltered PIT with the 2018 PIT an increase of 4 unsheltered persons was noted.

Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals:* The number of chronically homeless unsheltered individuals decreased from 6 persons in 2018 to 5 persons in 2019.
- *Chronically Homeless Families:* The number of chronically homeless unsheltered families remained the same at 0 families.
- *Chronically Homeless Vets:* The number of chronically homeless Vets remained the same at 0 persons.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:* The number of unsheltered persons with serious mental illness increased by 1 person from 5 persons in 2018 to 6 persons in 2019.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of unsheltered persons with substance use disorder increased from 5 persons in 2018 to 8 persons in 2019.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS:* The number of unsheltered persons with HIV/AIDS remained the at 0 persons.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence:* The number of unsheltered persons noting DV increased from 1 person in 2018 to 4 persons in 2019.
- *Unaccompanied Youth:* The number of unsheltered unaccompanied youth increased from 0 persons in 2018 to 3 persons in 2019.
- *Parenting Youth:* The number of unsheltered parenting youth remained the same at 0.