**Memo**

**To:** Rensselaer County Homelessness Services Collaborative

**From:** CARES of NY, Inc.

**Date:** June 22, 2020

**Subject:** Housing Inventory and Point in Time Count Summary

This memorandum summarizes highlights from the 2020 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) and Point in Time Count (PIT). The HIC-PIT will be submitted on the CoC’s behalf on or before June 30, 2020 in accordance with HUD’s requirement and extension.

# 2020 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 2019 to 2020.

* ***Emergency Beds:*** The year-round bed count increased from 116 to 117.
  + Bed inventory shifted from family beds to single adults beds for JH- Emergency Shelter and Unity House DV Shelter (4 beds).
  + Utilization of year-round Emergency Housing beds remains high at 94% on the night of the count.
* ***Emergency Seasonal Beds:*** The seasonal bed count remained the same
  + Utilization of seasonal Emergency Housing beds was 53% on the night of the count.
* ***Emergency Overflow Beds:*** The overflow bed count increased from 47 to 58.
  + There was an increase in the number of DSS hotel/motel beds utilized in Rensselaer County on the night of the count (23 bed increase from 2019 to 2020).
  + JH-Code Blue Emergency Shelter had a decrease in the utilization of overflow beds from 2019 to 2020 (6 bed decrease).
* ***Transitional Beds:*** The transitional bed count increased from 25 to 45 beds.
  + This increase is largely due to reclassifying Unity House’s OVW Transitional Housing Project from Rapid Rehousing to Transitional Housing Project (20 beds)
  + Utilization of Transitional Housing beds on the night of the count was 100% in on the night of the count.

# Permanent Housing Beds:

* + ***Permanent Supportive Housing:*** The PSH bed count decreased from 670 to 641 (29 beds).
    - Tapestry on the Hudson had a decrease of 6 year-round PSH beds due to family competition.
    - Joseph’s House Bethune Program had a decrease of 5 beds, this is due to a shift in family composition (same number of units, smaller household size)
    - Utilization of PSH programs remain high at 98% on the night of the count.
  + ***Rapid Rehousing:*** The Rapid Rehousing bed count decreased from 218 to 151 (67 beds).
    - Unity House’s OVW Program was recategorized as a Transitional Housing Program on the 2020 HIC (20 beds).
    - Joseph’s House’s STEHP program decreased its total number of beds for families by 14 (94 in 2019 to 80 in 2020) and 6 units (23 to 17). Total number of beds for singles increased by 1.
    - SCCC’s Project HOST program increased by 2 beds.
    - St. Paul’s Center’s STEHP program decreased its total number of family beds from 42 to 28 beds (14 beds), including a decrease in units from 14 in 2019 to 8 units in 2020 (6 unit total).
    - Unity House’s Supportive Housing 352 Project decreased its number of family beds from 33 in 2019 to 16 in 2020 (units decreased from 10 to 5).
    - Soldier On’s SSVF program increased by 1 bed between 2019 and 2020.

***NOTE*:** The decrease in Rapid Rehousing beds may negatively impact the community’s CoC application score.

* + ***Chronic Beds:*** The number of dedicated chronic beds increased from 254 to 262 (8 beds).
    - Catholic Charities’ dedicated 3 additional chronic beds.
    - St Paul’s Center PSH Project increased their dedicated CH beds by 4.
    - Joseph’s House’s 804 program dedicated 1 additional bed.

# Annual Comparison of the Point in Time Count

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| *Point-in-Time Overview* | | | | | |
|  | *Emergency Shelter* | *Transitional Housing* | *Total Sheltered Count* | *Unsheltered* | ***Total*** |
| *2020* | 177 | 41 | 218 | 14 | **232** |
| *2019* | 171 | 18 | 189 | 10 | **199** |
| *Difference* | 6 | 23 | 29 | 4 | **33** |

*Sheltered PIT Breakdown*

* When comparing the 2020 sheltered (218 persons) PIT with the 2019 PIT (189 persons), an increase of 29 persons sheltered is noted.
* There was a 6 person increase in emergency shelter and a 23 person increase in transitional housing.

***NOTE:*** The increase in the sheltered homeless point in time count may negatively impact the community’s CoC application score.

*Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information*

* Chronically Homeless Individuals: The number of chronically homeless sheltered individuals increased from 4 persons in 2019 to 10 in 2020.
* 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 increased from 12 persons in 2019 to 18 persons in 2020.
* Adults with a Substance Use Disorder: The number of sheltered persons with substance use disorder increased from persons 10 persons in 2019 to 13 persons in 2020.
* Adults with HIV/AIDS: The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS increased from 2 persons in 2019 to 3 persons in 2020.
* Victims of Domestic Violence: The number of sheltered persons noting DV increased from 26 persons in 2019 to 34 persons in 2020.
* Unaccompanied Youth: The number of sheltered unaccompanied youth remained the same from 2019 to 2020 at 10 beds.
* Parenting Youth: The total number of sheltered parenting youth households decreased from 5 households in 2019 to 4 households in 2020.

***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 2020 unsheltered PIT with the 2019 PIT an increase of 4 unsheltered persons was noted.

***NOTE:*** The increase in the unsheltered homeless point in time count may negatively impact the community’s CoC application score.

*Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information*

* *Chronically Homeless Individuals*: The number of chronically homeless unsheltered individuals decreased from 5 persons in 2019 to 4 persons in 2020.
* *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 remained the same at 6 persons between 2019 and 2020.
* *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of unsheltered persons with substance use disorder decreased from 8 persons in 2019 to 4 persons in 2020.
* *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 decreased from 4 person in 2019 to 0 persons in 2020.
* *Unaccompanied Youth:* The number of unsheltered unaccompanied youth decreased from 3 persons in 2019 to 2 persons in 2020.
* *Parenting Youth:* The number of unsheltered parenting youth remained the same at 0.

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