

Memo

To: Albany County Coalition on Homelessness

From: CARES of NY, Inc.

Date: May 12, 2021

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

Memo Overview and Intention

This memorandum summarizes highlights from the 2021 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) and Point-in-Time Count (PIT). The HIC-PIT will be submitted on behalf of the Continuum of Care on or before May 14th, 2021 according to HUD's requirement. This data is being shared with homeless shelter and housing providers to 1) identify and report to CARES any errors before submission and 2) identify 2021 HIC and PIT outcomes that will impact the CoC Application score. **Please report any errors and/or questions to the CARES Planning Team.**

2021 Housing Inventory Summary

Continuums are required to report annually on the number of available beds dedicated to homeless persons; these beds include emergency, safe havens, transitional and permanent housing. Below is a summary of changes within these beds from 2020 to 2021.

- **Safe Haven:** The number of Safe Haven beds decreased from 4 to 0 due to AHC HCHV Community Contract beds being recategorized as Emergency.
- **Emergency Housing:**
 - **Emergency Year-Round Beds:** The number of emergency year-round beds increased by 46, from 298 to 344.
 - AHC SSVF Emergency Housing Assistance beds were added to the HIC for the first time as a result of new HUD guidance, resulting in an increase of 11 beds
 - VA Soldier On SSVF EHA beds were added to the HIC for the first time as a result of new HUD guidance, resulting in an increase of 16 beds
 - AHC HCHV Community Contract beds were recategorized from Safe Haven, resulting in an increase of 4 beds
 - St. Anne Institute Basic Shelter beds were added to the HIC, resulting in an increase of 8 beds
 - St Catherine's Marillac Shelter beds increased by 7 due to changes in family composition
 - **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The number of overflow beds decreased by 98, from 304 to 206.
 - Capital City Rescue Mission overflow beds increased by 35, from 93 to 128
 - DSS Hotel Motel voucher beds increased by 2, from 7 to 9
 - Schuyler Inn decreased by 114 beds, from 159 to 45 (significant drop in census due to COVID)

- IPH Safe Haven decreased by 21 beds due to social distancing requirements, from 45 to 24
- **Emergency Seasonal Beds:** The number of seasonal beds decreased by 12, from 46 to 34.
 - Capital Area Council of Churches Seasonal Overflow Shelter decreased by 4 beds due to social distancing requirements, from 19 to 15
 - Capital City Rescue Mission Women's Shelter experienced staff shortages and facility closure on the night of the count (due to COVID), resulting in a reduction of 8 beds
- **Transitional Beds:** The number of transitional beds decreased by 16, from 167 to 151.
 - 820 River St, Inc. inventory was reduced to 1 bed, resulting in a reduction of 14 beds
 - AHC Veteran's House Addition decreased by 3 beds due to social distancing requirements, from 12 to 9
 - AHC Veteran's House Main decreased by 8 beds due to social distancing requirements, from 16 to 8
 - Capital City Rescue Mission Transitional Housing increased by 18 units (resulting from expansion project) from 56 to 74
 - Equinox Transitional Living Program moved operations from two buildings into one, resulting in a reduction of 9 beds.
- **Permanent Housing Beds:**
 - **Permanent Supportive Housing:** Permanent supportive housing beds decreased by 39, from 865 to 826, all due to utilization change unless otherwise noted.
 - Albany Damien Center Madison Apartments Program decreased by 6 beds.
 - Albany Housing Authority Damien Center Shelter Plus Care decreased by 1 bed.
 - Albany Housing Authority HATAS MH TBRA increased by 2 beds.
 - Albany Housing Authority HATAS Shelter Plus Care decreased by 1 bed.
 - Albany Housing Authority Shelter Plus Care for Persons with Disabilities - CARES increased by 6 beds. (Increase of 4 family units)
 - Albany Housing Authority Shelter Plus Care for Disabled Veterans decreased by 5 beds.
 - Albany Housing Coalition Permanent Supportive housing for Vets decreased by 12 beds.
 - Catholic Charities Scattered Site Apartment Program decreased by 6 beds. (Decrease of 1 single unit and 5 family beds)
 - HATAS Pathways Program 2 inventory corrected which resulted in a decrease of 18 beds. (Decrease of 6 family units, increase of 11 single units)
 - HATAS Sheridan Ave Program increased by 1 bed from 8 to 9 beds.
 - Hope House Permanent Supportive Housing decreased by 2 beds from 33 to 31.
 - IPH, HATAS, St. Catherine's Collaborative increased by 5 beds. (Decrease of 2 family units, increase of 7 single units.)
 - IPH - 315 Sheridan was added to the HIC for the first time, resulting in an increase of 5 single units/beds.

- Kendal House completed renovations which resulted in an increase of 2 beds, from 30 to 32.
- SPARC Shelter Plus Care increased by 4 beds. (Decrease of 3 family units, increase of 9 single units)
- VA VASH decreased by 13 beds. (Decrease of 1 family unit and 2 single units)

- **Rapid Rehousing:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count increased by 6 beds, from 272 to 278, all due to utilization unless otherwise noted.
 - AHC RRH for Homeless Veterans increased by 1 bed
 - Equinox Project Break Free RRH increased by 10 beds
 - Equinox Project Independence RRH increased by 2 beds
 - HATAS ESG-CV RRH is a new project which resulted in an overall total RRH bed count of 6 beds
 - HATAS The Next Step decreased by 10 beds
 - HATAS STEPH RRH increased by 3 beds
 - Legal Aid RRH decreased by 26 beds
 - St. Catherine's Project Host increased by 2 beds
 - St. Catherine's new CDPHP-funded RRH Project added 8 beds to the overall RRH count
 - VA SSVF - Soldier On increased by 10 beds

- **Rapid Rehousing for Families:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count for families decreased by 22 beds, from 160 to 138
 - Equinox Project Break Free RRH family beds increased by 5, from 57 to 62
 - Legal Aid RRH family beds decreased by 26, from 98 to 72
 - VA SSVF - Soldier On family beds decreased by 1, from 5 to 4

- **Chronic Beds:** The number of Dedicated Chronic beds increased by 7 from 224 to 231.
 - IPH, HATAS, St. Catherine Collaborative increased by 5 beds
 - Joseph's House Kendal House increased by 2 beds (with the addition of two new beds)

Annual Comparison of the Point-in-Time Count

Point in Time Overview						
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Safe Haven	Total Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
2021	538	136	0	674	49	722
2020	622	142	2	766	54	820
Difference	-84	-6	-2	-92	-5	-98

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2021 (674 persons) sheltered PIT with the 2020 (766 persons) sheltered PIT, a decrease of 92 total number of persons utilizing services on the night of the count is noted.

Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- Chronically Homeless Individuals:** The number of sheltered chronically homeless individuals increased from 62 in 2020 to 68 in 2021.
- Chronically Homeless Families:** The number of sheltered chronically homeless households decreased from 9 (total of 19 persons) to zero in 2021.
- Chronically Homeless Vets:** The number of sheltered chronically homeless veterans decreased from 2 to zero in 2021.
- Chronically Homeless Youth:** The number of sheltered chronically homeless unaccompanied youth decreased from 2 to zero in 2021.
- Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:** The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness decreased from 122 in 2020 to 95 in 2021.
- Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:** The number of sheltered persons with substance abuse disorders decreased from 109 in 2020 to 95 in 2021.
- Adults with HIV/AIDS:** The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS decreased from 9 in 2020 to 6 in 2021.
- Victims of Domestic Violence:** The number of sheltered persons noting DV decreased from 29 in 2020 to 24 in 2021.

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 2021 unsheltered PIT with the 2020 unsheltered PIT, a 5-person decrease was noted.
- In 2020 there were 54 unsheltered individuals identified compared to 49 in 2021.

Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- Chronically Homeless Individuals:** The number of unsheltered chronically homeless individuals remained the same at 35 in 2021.
- Chronically Homeless Families:** The number of unsheltered chronically homeless families remained the same at zero in 2021.

- ***Chronically Homeless Vets:*** The number of unsheltered chronically homeless veterans increased from zero to 1 in 2021.
- ***Chronically Homeless Youth:*** The number of unsheltered chronically homeless youth increased from zero to 1 in 2021.
- ***Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:*** The number of unsheltered persons noting a serious mental illness increased from 19 in 2020 to 36 in 2021.
- ***Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:*** The number of unsheltered persons noting a substance use disorder increased from 6 in 2020 to 23 in 2021.
- ***Adults with HIV/AIDS:*** The number of unsheltered persons noting HIV/AIDS increased from 1 to 3 in 2021.
- ***Victims of Domestic Violence:*** The number of unsheltered persons noting DV decreased from 1 to zero in 2021.

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