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**To:** Columbia Greene Housing Coalition

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

**Date:** May 4, 2021

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

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## 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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, transitional and permanent housing. Below is a summary of changes within these beds from 2020 to 2021.

- **Emergency Housing:**
  - **Emergency Year-Round Beds:** The number of emergency year-round beds decreased by 9, from 24 to 15.
    - Community Action of Greene County- Columbia County DV Shelter increased by 1 bed, from 14 to 15.
    - Community Action of Greene County- Greene County DV Shelter decreased by 10 bed, from 10 to zero due to client reluctance to enter shelter during pandemic.
  - **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The number of overflow beds decreased by 41, from 145 to 104, due to decreased demand for shelter.
    - Greene County DSS Emergency Shelter Motel beds decreased by 16 beds, from 49 to 33
    - Columbia County DSS Emergency Shelter Motel beds decreased by 25, from 96 to 71
  - **Emergency Seasonal Beds:** The number of seasonal beds remained the same at 0.
- **Transitional Beds:** The number of transitional beds remained the same at 12.
- **Permanent Housing Beds:**
  - **Permanent Supportive Housing:** Permanent supportive housing beds increased by 4, from 50 to 54.
    - Mental Health Association- CH HUD (P16) increased by 2 beds (increase of 2 in households with children)

- Albany VASH- Columbia Greene VISN increased by 2 beds (increase of 2 beds in households without children)
- **Rapid Rehousing:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count decreased by 4 beds, from 19 to 15 beds.
  - Community Action of Greene County- STEHP Rapid Rehousing decreased from 19 to 12 (Households without children decreased from 12 to 5)
  - St Catherine's Center for Children- Project HOST was added to the HIC for first time this year, resulting in a 3-bed increase (3 beds for households without children)
- **Rapid Rehousing for Families:** The number of Rapid Rehousing Family beds remained the same at 7.

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

- **Chronic Beds:** The number of Dedicated Chronic beds remained the same at 26.

## Annual Comparison of the Point in Time Count

Point in Time Overview					
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Total Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
2021	111	6	117	Exempt per HUD	117
2020	165	4	169	1	170
Difference	-54	-2	-52	N/A	-53

### Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2021 (117 persons) sheltered PIT with the 2020 (169 persons) sheltered PIT a decrease in the total number of persons sheltered is noted.
- In total, there was a decrease of 52 persons utilizing services on the night of the count with a 2-person increase in use of transitional services.

### Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless individuals increased from zero in 2020 to 3 in 2021.
- *Chronically Homeless Families:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless households increased from zero in 2020 to 3 in 2021 (total of 9 persons).
- *Chronically Homeless Vets:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless veterans remained at zero from 2020 to 2021.
- *Chronically Homeless Youth:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless unaccompanied youth remained at zero from 2020 to 2021.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:* The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness increased from 4 in 2020 to 30 in 2021.

- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of sheltered persons with substance abuse disorders increased from 16 in 2020 to 34 in 2021.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS:* The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS increased from zero in 2020 to 2 in 2021.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence:* The number of sheltered persons noting DV increased from 10 in 2020 to 11 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**

- In 2021 HUD provided NY-519 with a full exemption from the unsheltered PIT count due to the COVID-19 crisis. As a result, no data was gathered on those experiencing unsheltered homelessness.