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**To:** Points North 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, safe havens, 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 increased by 4 beds from 17 in 2020 to 21 in 2021.
    - Soldier On's SSVF-EHA project was included in the 2021 count as a result of new HUD guidance, which added 3 beds to the total ES year-round bed count.
    - Lewis County Opportunity's Safe Dwelling project was newly added to the HIC for 2021, which added 1 bed to the total ES year-round bed count.
  - **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The number of overflow beds utilization increased by 22 from 20 to 42.
    - St. Lawrence County DSS increased bed utilization by 12 beds (increase is attributed to changes in bail reform and the pandemic allowing for early releases from prison).
    - Jefferson County DSS increased bed utilization increased by 7 beds (increase is attributed to changes in bail reform and the pandemic allowing for early releases from prison).
    - Lewis County DSS increased bed utilization by 3 beds.
  - **Seasonal Beds:** The number of seasonal beds remained at 0.
- **Transitional Beds:** The number of transitional beds decreased by 1 bed from 17 in 2020 to 16 in 2021.
  - TLS's Gateway project decreased from 10 beds in 2020 to 9 beds in 2021.

▪ **Permanent Housing Beds:**

- ***Permanent Supportive Housing:*** Permanent supportive housing beds increased by 5, from 446 to 455.
  - TLS's Gaslight Village project decreased by 25 beds, the change is attributed to a shift in bed utilization from families to singles
  - HUD VASH beds increased by 3.
  - TLS' Chronic Homeless 1 and 2 were consolidated this year on the HIC, total bed count remained the same.
  - Neighbors of Watertown's Kieff Drive project increased beds by 2 due to family composition changes.
  - Neighbors of Watertown's Emerson Place project increased by 9 beds due to family composition changes.
  - Jefferson County DSS' Transition project increased by 16 beds due to family composition changes.
  - Jefferson County DSS' Shelter Plus Care project increased by 4 beds due to utilization.
- ***Rapid Rehousing:*** The Rapid Rehousing bed count increased by 27 beds, from 59 to 86 beds.
  - Snow Belt Housing's CoC-funded RRH project was included on the HIC this year which resulted in an additional 18 beds on the HIC for 2021.
  - Snow Belt's STEHP-funded RRH project decreased by 2 beds due to utilization.
  - MILC's Rapid Re-housing project increased beds by 5; family composition and increased utilization were attributed. Households without children increased from 12 to 23.
  - TLS' Rapid Rehousing project increased beds by 6; family composition and increased utilization were attributed.
- ***Rapid Rehousing for Families:*** The Rapid Rehousing bed count for families increased by 8 beds, from 29 to 37.
  - Snow Belt Housing's CoC-funded RRH project being included on the HIC in 2021 is largely attributed to the increase in RRH for Families beds; 10 beds were added.
  - MILC's RRH project decreased family beds by 6; family beds went from 25 in 2020 to 19 in 2021.
  - TLS' RRH project decreased family beds by 4; family beds went from 8 in 2020 to 4 in 2021.
- ***Chronic Beds:*** The number of Dedicated Chronic beds remained the same at 32.

### Annual Comparison of the Point in Time Count

Point in Time Overview					
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Total Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
<b>2021</b>	61	16	77	8	85
<b>2020</b>	31	17	48	19	67
<b>Difference</b>	+30	-1	+29	-11	+18

#### Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2021 (77 persons) sheltered PIT with the 2020 (48 persons) sheltered PIT an increase of 29 is noted in the total number of persons sheltered.
- In total, there was an increase of 18 persons utilizing services on the night of the count.

**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 sheltered chronically homeless individuals remained the same from 2020 to 2021 at 2 total persons.
- *Chronically Homeless Families:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless households remained the same from 2020 to 2021 at zero persons.
- *Chronically Homeless Vets:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless veterans remained the same from 2020 to 2021 at zero persons.
- *Chronically Homeless Youth:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless unaccompanied youth increased from zero in 2020 to 1 in 2021.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:* The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness increased from 6 in 2020 to 8 in 2021.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of sheltered persons with substance abuse disorders remained the same from 2020 to 2021 at 5 persons.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS:* The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS increased from 0 in 2020 to 1 in 2021.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence:* The number of sheltered persons noting DV increase from 4 in 2020 to 5 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 allowed NY-520 the flexibility to complete a limited unsheltered PIT count due to the dangers of COVID-19 in the community. The NY-520 2021 unsheltered PIT was conducted via client survey at various agencies throughout the CoC over the course of 14 days. Information gathered in the survey in the survey included:

- Type of sleeping locations: outdoors, car, abandoned building, etc.
  - Initials
  - County
  - Ages of any additional Household members
- Due to the nature of this survey, many demographic and sub-populations categories were excluded and cannot be accurately reported on for 2021.
- When comparing the 2020 unsheltered PIT with the 2021 unsheltered PIT, an 11-person decrease was noted.
- In 2020 there were 19 unsheltered individuals identified compared to 8 in 2021.