

Memo

To: Rensselaer County Homeless Services Collaborative

From: CARES of NY, Inc.

Date: May 6, 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.

- **Emergency Housing:**
 - **Emergency Year-Round Beds:** The number of emergency year-round beds decreased by 5, from 117 in 2020 to 112 in 2021.
 - **Joseph's House Emergency Shelter** decreased by 7, from 39 beds in 2020 to 32 beds in 2021. The shelter reduced bed count to achieve social distancing requirements.
 - **Unity House of Troy** increased by 2, from 42 beds in 2020 to 44 beds in 2021.
 - **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The number of overflow beds decreased by 36, from 58 in 2020 to 22 in 2021. This may be due to the eviction moratorium leading to a decreased need for emergency shelter.
 - **Joseph's House Code Blue Emergency Shelter** decreased by 8, from 15 beds in 2020 to 7 beds in 2021.
 - **Rensselaer County DSS** decreased by 28, from 43 in 2020 to 15 in 2021.
 - **Emergency Seasonal Beds:** The number of seasonal beds decreased from 15 in 2020 to 0 in 2021.
 - **JH - Inn From the Cold** did not open for the season, decreasing from 15 in 2020 to 0 in 2021.
- **Transitional Beds:** The number of transitional beds decreased by 11, from 45 in 2020 to 34 in 2021.
 - **Unity House UH 374** decreased by 11, from 20 in 2020 to 9 in 2021. This is because the PIT occurred near the end of the grant cycle when most of the program participants had already transitioned to permanent housing.

■ **Permanent Housing Beds:**

- **Permanent Supportive Housing:** Permanent supportive housing beds increased by 12, from 643 in 2020 to 655 in 2021, mostly due to utilization and/or family composition.
 - **CCH - St. Peter's PSH** increased by 1, from 44 in 2020 to 45 in 2021.
 - **Catholic Charities St. Peter's Residence** decreased by 1, from 7 in 2020 to 6 in 2021.
 - **Joseph's House Bethune Program** increased by 2, from 49 in 2020 to 51 in 2021.
 - **The Community Builders Tapestry on the Hudson** increased by 3, from 31 in 2020 to 34 in 2021.
 - **Unity House of Troy - JH 800** decreased by 4, from 53 in 2020 to 49 in 2021.
 - **Unity House of Troy - JH 804** decreased by 1, from 10 in 2020 to 9 in 2021.
 - **Unity House of Troy - Permanent Supported Housing Program 800** increased by 17, from 132 in 2020 to 149 in 2021
 - **Unity House of Troy - Permanent Supportive Housing Program UH 309** decreased by 3, from 11 in 2020 to 8 in 2021.
 - **Unity House of Troy - UH 300** increased by 6, from 108 in 2020 to 114 in 2021.
 - **Unity House of Troy - YWCA Family Apt Program/ UH 804 YW** decreased by 2, from 6 in 2020 to 4 in 2021.
 - **Veterans Administration VASH - VA** decreased by 6, from 17 in 2020 to 11 in 2021.
- **Rapid Rehousing:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count decreased by 47 beds, from 152 in 2020 to 105 in 2021.
 - **Joseph's House STEHP Rapid Rehousing** decreased by 40 beds, from 84 in 2020 to 44 in 2021. The decrease was due to the eviction moratorium and reduction in households becoming homeless during the pandemic leading to fewer families requesting services.
 - **St. Catherine's Center for Children** Project HOST decreased by 4 beds, from 10 in 2020 to 6 in 2021.
 - **St. Paul's STEHP Rapid Rehousing** decreased by 28 beds, from 28 in 2020 to 0 in 2021. This was due to the program not being renewed for funding.
 - **Unity House of Troy STEHP Rapid Rehousing** increased by 27 beds, from 10 beds in 2020 to 37 beds in 2021.
 - **Unity House of Troy Supportive Housing (352)** decreased by 2 beds, from 19 beds in 2020 to 17 beds in 2021.

- **Veteran's Administration SSVF - Soldier On** decreased by 1 bed, from 1 bed in 2020 to 0 beds in 2021.
- **St. Catherine's CDPHP RRH** increased by 1 bed, from 0 beds in 2020 to 1 bed in 2021.
- **Rapid Rehousing for Families:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count for families decreased by 51 beds, from 129 in 2020 to 78 in 2021.
 - **Joseph's House STEHP Rapid Rehousing** decreased by 44 beds, from 80 in 2020 to 36 in 2021. The decrease was due to the eviction moratorium and reduction in households becoming homeless during the pandemic leading to fewer families requesting services.
 - **St. Paul's STEHP Rapid Rehousing** decreased by 28 beds, from 28 in 2020 to 0 in 2021. This was due to the program not being renewed for funding.
 - **Unity House of Troy STEHP Rapid Rehousing** increased by 22 beds, from 5 beds in 2020 to 27 beds in 2021.
 - **Unity House of Troy Supportive Housing (352)** decreased by 1 bed, from 16 beds in 2020 to 15 beds in 2021.
- **Chronic Beds:** The number of Dedicated Chronic beds decreased by 3 beds, from 262 to 259. 2 beds were lost in households with children, and 1 bed loss was in households without children.
 - **Unity House of Troy - JH 800** decreased by 2, from 50 in 2020 to 48 in 2021. This was due to change in family composition.
 - **Unity House of Troy - JH 804** decreased by 1, from 10 in 2020 to 9 in 2021.

Annual Comparison of the Point in Time Count

Point In Time Count Summary					
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Total Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
2021	130	28	158	15	173
2020	177	41	218	14	232
Difference	-47	-13	-60	+1	-59

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2021 (158 persons) sheltered PIT with the 2020 (218 persons) sheltered PIT a decrease in the total number of persons sheltered is noted.
- In total, there was a decrease of 60 persons utilizing services on the night of the count with a 47-person decrease in the use of Emergency Shelters and a 13-person decrease in use of transitional services.

Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless individuals increased by 3, from 10 in 2020 to 13 in 2021.
- *Chronically Homeless Families:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless households increased from 0 in 2020 to 1 in 2021.
- *Chronically Homeless Vets:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless veterans remained at 0.
- *Chronically Homeless Youth:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless unaccompanied youth increased from 0 in 2020 to 1 in 2021.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:* The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness increased from 18 in 2020 to 31 in 2021.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of sheltered persons with substance abuse disorders decreased from 13 in 2020 to 10 in 2021.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS:* The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS decreased from 3 in 2020 to 1 in 2021.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence:* The number of sheltered persons noting DV increased from 34 in 2020 to 36 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 2020 unsheltered PIT with the 2021 unsheltered PIT, a 1-person increase was noted.
- In 2020 there were 14 unsheltered individuals identified compared to 15 in 2021.

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 unsheltered chronically homeless individuals increased by 3, from 10 in 2020 to 13 in 2021.
- *Chronically Homeless Families:* The number of unsheltered chronically homeless families remained at 0.
- *Chronically Homeless Vets:* The number of unsheltered chronically homeless veterans remained the same at zero in 2020.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:* The number of unsheltered persons noting a serious mental illness remained at 6.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of unsheltered persons noting a substance use disorder increased from 4 in 2020 to 8 in 2021.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS:* The number of unsheltered persons noting HIV/AIDS remained at 0.
- *Victims of Domestic Violence:* The number of unsheltered persons noting DV remained at 0.

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