

Memo

To: Saratoga-North Country Coalition on Homelessness

From: CARES of NY, Inc.

Date: May 4, 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, 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 2 from 85 to 87.
 - Mother Anderson Shelter increased number of beds by 5, from 7 to 12 (inventory correction)
 - Open Door Mission Emergency Shelter beds were reclassified as Year-Round beds (from Emergency Overflow) which resulted in a 10-bed increase
 - Shelters of Saratoga Emergency Shelter reduced capacity due to social distancing requirements from 36 to 18 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 2 beds
 - VCHC Vets Emergency Bed program increased by 1 bed, from 5 to 6 (inventory corrected)
 - WWAMH Housing First Program ES beds decreased by 1 beds (inventory corrected) from 3 to 2
- **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The number of overflow beds decreased by 32, from 131 to 99, due to utilization unless otherwise noted.
 - Open Door Mission Emergency Shelter beds were reclassified as Year-Round beds which resulted in a decrease of 8 beds
 - Salvation Army Comprehensive Emergency Assistance was removed from the HIC for a decrease of 5 beds
 - Saratoga DSS hotel/motel vouchers decreased by 24 beds, from 49 to 25
 - Warren County DSS increased by 15 beds, from 27 to 42

- Washington County DSS decreased by 8 beds, from 36 to 28
- WWAMH Care Management Emergency Housing beds decreased by 2 (inventory corrected/reclassified as Year-Round Beds) from 2 to 0
- **Emergency Seasonal Beds:** The number of seasonal beds decreased by 24, from 79 to 55.
 - Open Door Mission Code Blue decreased by 3 beds, from 23 to 20 due to social distancing requirements
 - Shelters of Saratoga Code Blue decreased by 21, from 56 to 35 due to social distancing requirements
- **Transitional Beds:** The number of transitional beds increased by 13 from 23 to 36 with the addition of Wellspring's New View Transitional beds.
- **Permanent Housing Beds:**
 - **Permanent Supportive Housing:** Permanent supportive housing beds decreased by 41, from 277 to 236.
 - AVH PSH Program closed and was removed from the HIC, resulting in a reduction of 5 beds
 - WWAMH Supported Housing Program was removed from the HIC (inventory correction), resulting in a reduction of 2 beds
 - Glens Falls Housing Authority (WWAMH) Housing First Rental Assistance Program decreased by 2 beds (inventory correction), from 18 to 16
 - RISE (previously known as TSA) increased by 1 single bed, from 26 to 27
 - VA VASH decreased by 18 beds from 55 to 37 (Decrease of 1 family unit/7 beds; decrease of 9 single units) due to utilization
 - WWAMH Housing First Program decreased by 16 beds (inventory corrected) from 18 to 2
 - Wellspring PSH decreased by 1 bed due to utilization
 - **Rapid Rehousing:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count decreased by 8 beds, from 72 to 64 due to utilization.
 - CAPTAIN STEHP RRH decreased by 9 beds, from 10 to 1
 - VA SSVF - Soldier On increased by 3 beds, from 0 to 3
 - VCHC SSVF increased by 8 beds, from 2 to 10
 - WAIT House STEHP RRH decreased by 11, from 20 to 9
 - Wellspring's New View RRH increased by 1, from 40 to 41
 - **Rapid Rehousing for Families:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count for families decreased by 10 beds, from 60 to 50
 - WAIT House STEHP RRH decreased by 11, from 20 to 9
 - Wellspring's New View RRH increased by 1, from 40 to 41

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

- **Chronic Beds:** The number of Dedicated Chronic beds decreased by 4 beds, from 61 to 57. All changes were in households without children.
 - AVH PSH was removed from the HIC, for a reduction of 5 dedicated chronic beds
 - AVH Vets House increased dedicated chronic beds by 2 (inventory corrected)
 - VCHC Center Street decreased dedicated chronic beds by 1

Annual Comparison of the Point in Time Count

| Point In Time Overview | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------|
| | Emergency Shelter | Transitional Housing | Total Sheltered | Unsheltered | Total |
| 2021 | 204 | 26 | 230 | 7 | 237 |
| 2020 | 277 | 20 | 297 | 11 | 311 |
| Difference | -73 | +6 | -67 | -4 | -74 |

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2021 sheltered PIT (230 persons) with the 2020 sheltered PIT (297 persons) a decrease in the total number of persons sheltered is noted.
- In total, there was a decrease of 67 persons utilizing services on the night of the count with a 6-person increase in use of transitional services.

Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- **Chronically Homeless Individuals:** The number of sheltered chronically homeless individuals decreased from 44 in 2020 to 17 in 2021.
- **Chronically Homeless Families:** The number of sheltered chronically homeless households increased from zero in 2020 to 1 in 2021 (total of 4 persons).
- **Chronically Homeless Vets:** The number of sheltered chronically homeless veterans increased from 0 in 2020 to 1 in 2021.
- **Chronically Homeless Youth:** The number of sheltered chronically homeless unaccompanied youth increased from 1 in 2020 to 2 in 2021.
- **Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:** The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness decreased from 91 in 2020 to 45 in 2021.
- **Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:** The number of sheltered persons with substance abuse disorders decreased from 67 in 2020 to 25 in 2021.
- **Adults with HIV/AIDS:** The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS decreased from 2 in 2020 to 0 in 2021.
- **Victims of Domestic Violence:** The number of sheltered persons noting DV decreased from 24 in 2020 to 14 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

Please Note: NY-523 received a waiver allowing them to complete a "head count only" unsheltered PIT. As a result, demographic and special population information was not collected for those experiencing unsheltered homelessness in 2021. Overall, there was a decrease in persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness, from 11 persons in 2020 to 7 persons in 2021.

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