

Memo

To: Homeless Services Planning Board

From: CARES of NY, Inc.

Date: April 26, 2022

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

Memo Overview and Intention

This memorandum summarizes highlights from the 2022 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 April 29, 2022, 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 2022 HIC and PIT outcomes that will impact the CoC Application score. Please report any errors and/or questions to the CARES Planning Team.

2022 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 2021 to 2022.

- **Safe Haven:** No Change in beds.
- **Emergency Housing:**
 - **Emergency Year-Round Beds:** The number of emergency year-round increased by 2, from 161 to 163.
 - **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The number of overflow beds increased by 21, from 57 to 78.
 - DSS Hotel/Motel sheltering increased by 21 beds due to an increase in presenting need.
 - **Emergency Seasonal Beds:** The number of seasonal beds remained the same at 24.
- **Transitional Beds:** The number of transitional beds decreased by 6 from 57 to 51
 - Schenectady Community Action Program, Sojourn House decreased by 6 beds due to family composition changes, utilization remains at 100%.
- **Permanent Housing Beds:**
 - **Permanent Supportive Housing:** Permanent supportive housing beds decreased by 18, from 469 to 451 due to utilization.
 - New Choices Recovery Center decreased by 21 beds.
 - **Rapid Rehousing Total:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count increased by 81 beds, from 27 to 108 beds.

- Bethesda House of Schenectady ESG-CV RRH program was added to the HIC this year (10 beds).
 - Bethesda House of Schenectady HOME RRH program was added to the HIC this year (15 beds).
 - Schenectady Community Action Program, RRH Program increased by 26 beds this year. This year more households served by the project were in housing as opposed to searching for housing.
 - YWCA of Schenectady, DV Rapid Rehousing Project was new this year adding 5 beds.
- **Rapid Rehousing for Families:** The Rapid Rehousing for Families bed count increased by 9 beds, from 17 to 26 beds.
 - YWCA of Schenectady ESG-CV RRH was a new program this year adding 11 beds.
 - YWCA of Schenectady NYS ESG-CV RRH was a new program this year adding 15 beds.
 - YWCA of Schenectady DV RRH Project was a new program this year adding 3 family beds.
- **Chronic Beds:** The number of Dedicated Chronic beds increased by 2, from 78 to 80 due to higher utilization of 100% dedicated chronic projects.

Annual Comparison of the Point in Time Count

Point in Time Overview					
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Total Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
2022	233	49	282	7	270
2021	189	57	246	20	266
Difference	44	-8	36	-13	4

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2022 (282 persons) sheltered PIT with the 2021 (246 persons) sheltered PIT, an increase in the total number of persons sheltered is noted.
- In total, there was an increase of 36 persons utilizing services on the night of the count with a 44-person increase in use of emergency services and an 8-person decrease in the use of transitional housing.

Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless individuals increased from 18 in 2021 to 36 in 2022.
- *Chronically Homeless Families:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless households remained the same at 1.
- *Chronically Homeless Vets:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless veterans remained the same at zero.

- *Chronically Homeless Youth:* The number of sheltered chronically homeless unaccompanied youth remained the same at 2.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:* The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness increased from 47 in 2021 to 77 in 2022. (total increase of 30)
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:* The number of sheltered persons with substance abuse disorders increased from 40 in 2021 to 45 in 2022. (total increase of 5)
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS:* The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS decreased from 3 in 2021 to 1 in 2022 (total decrease of 2).
- *Victims of Domestic Violence:* The number of sheltered persons noting DV increased from 12 in 2021 to 16 in 2022. (total increase of 4)

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 2022 unsheltered PIT, a 13-person decrease was noted.
- In 2021 there were 20 unsheltered individuals identified compared to 7 in 2022.

Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

In 2021 HUD allowed NY-507 the flexibility to complete a limited unsheltered PIT count due to the dangers of COVID-19 in the community. The NY-507 2021 unsheltered PIT was conducted via observation tool.

Information gathered in the survey included:

- Type of sleeping locations: outdoors, car, abandoned building, etc.
- County
- Number of people observed in households.

Due to the nature of this survey, many demographic and sub-populations categories were excluded and were not accurately reported on for 2021.

- ***Chronically Homeless Individuals:*** The number of unsheltered chronically homeless individuals reported in 2022 was 3.
- ***Chronically Homeless Families:*** The number of unsheltered chronically homeless families reported in 2022 was zero.
- ***Chronically Homeless Vets:*** The number of unsheltered chronically homeless veterans reported in 2022 was zero.
- ***Chronically Homeless Youth:*** The number of unsheltered chronically homeless youth reported in 2022 was zero.
- ***Adults with a Serious Mental Illness:*** The number of unsheltered persons noting a serious mental illness reported in 2022 was 1.
- ***Adults with a Substance Use Disorder:*** The number of unsheltered persons noting a substance use disorder reported in 2022 was 1.
- ***Adults with HIV/AIDS:*** The number of unsheltered persons noting HIV/AIDS reported in 2022 was zero.

- ***Victims of Domestic Violence:*** The number of unsheltered persons noting DV reported in 2022 was zero.

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.

DRAFT