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To: Homeless Services Planning Board - Schenectady
From: CARES of NY, Inc.
Date: April 28, 2026
Subject: Housing Inventory and Point-in-Time Count Summary

Memo Overview and Intention

This memorandum summarizes highlights from the 2026 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) and Point-in-Time Count (PIT). The HIC-PIT was submitted on behalf of the Continuum of Care on April 21st, 2026, prior to HUD's required deadline. This data is being shared with homeless shelter and housing providers to identify 2026 HIC and PIT outcomes that will impact the CoC Application score. Please report any questions or concerns to Denise Galloway (dgalloway@caresny.org) or Kelli Clark (klark@caresny.org).

2026 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 2025 to 2026. Under each section, you will see a breakdown of the primary reasons contributing to changes.

- **Emergency Housing:**
 - **Emergency Year-Round Beds:** The number of emergency year-round beds decreased by 82, from 275 in 2025 to 193 in 2026.
 - **Bethesda House Code Blue** saw a decrease of 69 beds due to improved data entry in 2026.
 - **City Mission of Schenectady ARK Emergency** reclassified beds among emergency year-round, overflow, and seasonal, increasing year-round beds by 10.
 - **City Mission of Schenectady Default Long Term Shelter** reconfigured beds to accommodate short term shelter and seasonal beds, decreasing year-round beds by 13.
 - **City Mission of Schenectady FLC Emergency** saw a decrease of 3 year-round beds due to program restructuring and improved data entry in 2026.
 - **Salvation Army Booth Home** reconfigured beds among emergency year-round and overflow, decreasing year-round beds by 7.
 - **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The number of overflow beds increased by 223, from 43 in 2025 to 266 in 2026.
 - **Bethesda House CARA House Emergency Shelter** increased by 2 overflow beds due to increased utilization.
 - **City Mission of Schenectady ARK Emergency** reconfigured beds among emergency year-round, overflow, and seasonal, decreasing overflow beds by 14.
 - **Salvation Army Booth Home** reconfigured beds among emergency year-round and

- overflow, increasing overflow beds by 7.
 - **Schenectady County Department of Social Services Home Connections Hotel/Motel** increased by 1 overflow bed due to increased utilization.
 - **Schenectady County Department of Social Services Home Connections Family** increased by 227 overflow beds due to family composition and increased utilization.
- **Emergency Seasonal Beds:** The number of seasonal beds increased by 39, from 0 in 2025 to 39 in 2026.
 - **Bethesda House Code Blue** saw an increase of 27 seasonal beds due to reconfigured beds and improved data entry in 2026.
 - **City Mission of Schenectady ARK Emergency** reconfigured beds among emergency year-round, overflow, and seasonal, increasing seasonal beds by 12.
- **Safe Haven Beds:** The number of safe haven beds remained the same at 3 between 2025 and 2026.
- **Transitional Beds:** The number of transitional beds decreased by 30, from 120 in 2025 to 90 in 2026.
 - **City Mission of Schenectady Transitional Housing** reported a decrease of 8 beds due to program changes.
 - **City Mission of Schenectady Staff Housing** reported a decrease of 6 beds due to program changes.
 - **City Mission of Schenectady Transitional Cornerstone** reported a decrease of 3 beds due to program changes.
 - **City Mission of Schenectady Transitional 302** reported a decrease of 8 beds due to program changes and restructuring beds among household type.
 - **Schenectady Community Action Program Sojourn House** reported a decrease of 5 beds due to household composition.
- **Permanent Housing Beds:**
 - **Permanent Supportive Housing:** Permanent supportive housing beds decreased by 123, from 603 in 2025 to 480 in 2026.
 - **Bethesda House RSP Homeless Housing** added to the HIC this year, increasing beds by 9.
 - **Bethesda House Beacon Residential** reported a decrease of 1 bed due to decreased utilization.
 - **New Choices Recovery Center S Plus C** reported an increase of 6 beds due to increased utilization.
 - **Schenectady Community Action Program PHP 27** reported a decrease of 87 beds due to improved data entry in 2026.
 - **Schenectady Community Action Program S Plus C** reported a decrease of 48 beds due to decreased utilization and improved data entry in 2026.
 - **YMCA Shelter Plus Care 10 Unit** reported an increase of 2 beds due to increased utilization.
 - **YMCA Shelter Plus Care 20 Unit** reported a decrease of 1 bed due to decreased

- utilization.
- **Albany VA VASH VISN** reported a decrease in 3 beds due to changes in household composition.
- **Rapid Rehousing:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count increased by 20 beds, from 142 in 2025 to 162 in 2026.
- **Albany Housing Coalition RRH** decreased by 4 beds due to decreased utilization.
 - **SCAP CoC RRH** increased by 17 beds due to increased utilization and household composition.
 - **Soldier On ENY RRH** reported a decrease of 1 bed due to decreased utilization.
 - **Veterans and Community Housing Coalition SSVF RRH** reported a decrease of 8 beds due to decreased utilization.
 - **YWCA of Schenectady DV Bonus 2022-23** showed a decrease of 65 beds due to projects being consolidated. This is not an actual decrease in beds.
 - **YWCA of Schenectady DV Bonus Renewal** showed an increase of 81 beds due to projects being consolidated.
- **Other Permanent Housing:** The OPH bed count increased by 21 beds, from 10 in 2025 to 31 in 2026.
- **Schenectady Housing Authority EHV** reported an increase of 21 beds due to improved data entry in 2026.

Annual Comparison of the Point in Time Count

Point In Time Count Summary					
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Total Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
2025	409	83	492	19	511
2026	439	85	524	26	550
Difference	+30	+2	+32	+7	+39

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2025 (492 persons) sheltered PIT with the 2026 (524 persons) sheltered PIT, an increase in the total number of persons sheltered is noted.
- In total, there was an increase of 32 persons utilizing services on the night of the count with a 30-person increase in the use of Emergency Shelters (with 1 individual in Safe Haven) and a 2-person increase in the use of transitional services.

Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals*: The number of chronically homeless individuals sheltered increased from 8 in 2025 to 15 in 2026.
- *Chronically Homeless Families*: The number of sheltered chronically homeless households increased from 1 household in 2025 to 2 households (12 persons) in 2026.
- *Families*: The number of homeless households increased from 64 households (221 persons) in 2025 to 76 households (260 persons) in 2026.
- *Veterans*: The number of sheltered homeless veterans increased from 3 in 2025 to 5 in 2026.
- *Unaccompanied Youth*: The number of sheltered homeless youth remained at 23 in 2025 and 2026.
- *Parenting Youth*: The total number of sheltered parenting youth increased from 6 households (15 persons) in 2025 to 8 households (21 persons) in 2026.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness*: The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness increased from 48 in 2025 to 76 in 2026.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder*: The number of sheltered persons with substance abuse disorders increased from 49 in 2025 to 50 in 2026.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS*: The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS decreased from 3 in 2025 to 0 in 2026.
- *Survivors of Domestic Violence*: The number of sheltered persons noting DV increased from 28 in 2025 to 31 in 2026.

NOTE: Special populations (e.g., persons living with HIV/AIDS, youth) often do not disclose their status or are underreported which may indicate a lower than actual total number reported.

Unsheltered PIT breakdown

- When comparing the 2025 (19 persons) unsheltered PIT with the 2026 unsheltered PIT (26 persons), a 7-person increase was noted.

Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals*: The number of unsheltered chronically homeless individuals decreased from 9 in 2025 to 3 in 2026.
- *Chronically Homeless Families*: The number of unsheltered chronically homeless families remained at zero.
- *Families*: The number of unsheltered families remained at 0 in 2026.
- *Veterans*: The number of unsheltered homeless veterans remained at zero in 2026.
- *Youth*: The number of unsheltered homeless youth increased from 0 in 2025 to 7 in 2026.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness*: The number of unsheltered persons noting a serious mental illness decreased from 8 in 2025 to 2 in 2026.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder*: The number of unsheltered persons noting a substance use disorder decreased from 9 in 2025 to 5 in 2026.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS*: The number of unsheltered persons noting HIV/AIDS remained at 0 in 2026.
- *Survivors of Domestic Violence*: The number of unsheltered persons noting DV decreased from 1 in 2025 to 0 in 2026.

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