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To: Rensselaer County Homeless Services Collaborative
From: CARES of NY, Inc.
Date: April 6th, 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 will be submitted on behalf of the Continuum of Care before April 30th, 2026, deadline according to HUD's requirements. This data is being shared with homeless shelter and housing providers to 1) identify and report to CARES any errors that can be rectified during HUD's review and 2) identify 2026 HIC and PIT outcomes that will impact the CoC Application score. Please report any errors and/or questions to Denise Galloway (dbrodt@caresny.org) or Kelli Clark (kclark@caresny.org) by April 10th, 2026.

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 1, from 122 in 2025 to 121 in 2026.
 - **Live Limitless Refuge Center:** Was added to the HIC in 2026, leading to an increase in 20 beds.
 - **St. Paul ES Families:** Decreased by 21 beds due to improved data entry in 2026.
 - **Emergency Overflow Beds:** The number of overflow beds decreased by 54, from 335 in 2025 to 281 in 2026.
 - **Rensselaer County DSS Hotel/Motel:** Decreased by 54 due to decreased utilization and improved data entry in 2026.
 - **Emergency Seasonal Beds:** The number of seasonal beds remained at 15 from 2025 to 2026.
- **Transitional Beds:** The number of transitional beds decreased by 11, from 77 in 2025 to 66 in 2026.
 - **Unity House of Troy OVC:** Decreased by 1 due to family composition.
 - **Unity House of Troy OVW:** Decreased by 2 due to the project being closed on the night of the count.
 - **YWCA GCR Women in Transition:** Decreased by 8 due to family composition.

- **Permanent Housing Beds:**
 - **Permanent Supportive Housing:** Permanent supportive housing beds decreased by 271, from 846 in 2025 to 575 in 2026.
 - **Albany VA VASH:** Decreased by 2 due to family composition.
 - **Catholic Charities St. Peter's:** Decreased by 10 due to improved data entry in 2026.
 - **Joseph's House Bethune:** Decreased by 45 due to decreased utilization caused by a gap in funding.
 - **Joseph's House UH 800 JH:** Decreased by 3 due to family composition.
 - **St Paul's Center NYS RSP:** Decreased by 7 due to family composition.
 - **St Paul's Center PSH:** Data cleanup was completed following the 2025 HIC, therefore showing a decrease of 25 beds. This is not a true decrease in actual beds.
 - **St Paul's Center Lee Dyer Family Apartments:** Decreased by 29 due to improved data collection in 2026.
 - **Unity House of Troy 800:** Decreased by 129 due to decreased utilization caused by a gap in funding.
 - **Unity House of Troy 309:** Decreased by 3 due to family composition.
 - **YWCA Apartment Program:** Decreased by 10 due to family composition.
 - **YWCA Family Apartment Program:** This project closed leading to a decrease of 8.
 - **Rapid Rehousing:** The Rapid Rehousing bed count increased by 25, from 175 in 2025 to 200 in 2026.
 - **Joseph's House STEHP RRH:** Increased by 11 due to family composition.
 - **Unity House of Troy STEHP RRH:** Increased by 24 due to increased utilization and family composition.
 - **Unity House of Troy RRH 352:** Decreased by 10 due to family composition.
 - **Other Permanent Housing:** Other permanent housing remained the same between 2025 and 2026 at 38.

Annual Comparison of the Point in Time Count

Point In Time Count Summary					
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Total Sheltered	Unsheltered*	Total
2025	351	53	404	15	419
2026	417	50	467	13	480
Difference	+66	-3	+63	-2	+61

Sheltered PIT Breakdown

- When comparing the 2025 (404 persons) sheltered PIT with the 2026 (467 persons) sheltered PIT, an increase in the total number of persons sheltered is noted.
- In total, there was an increase of 63 persons utilizing services on the night of the count with a 66-person increase in the use of Emergency Shelters and a 3-person decrease in use of transitional services.

Sheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals*: The number of sheltered chronically homeless individuals remained at 2 in 2026.
- *Chronically Homeless Families*: The number of sheltered chronically homeless households increased from 0 in 2025 to 1 household (2 persons) in 2026.
- *Families*: The number of sheltered families increased from 84 households in 2025 to 94 households (269 persons) in 2026.
- *Veterans*: The number of sheltered homeless veterans increased from 0 in 2025 to 2 in 2026.
- *Unaccompanied Youth*: The number of sheltered homeless youth increased from 9 in 2025 to 15 in 2026.
- *Parenting Youth*: The number of sheltered *Parenting Youth and their Children* increased from 7 in 2025 to 27 in 2026.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness*: The number of sheltered persons with serious mental illness increased from 34 in 2025 to 50 in 2026.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder*: The number of sheltered persons with substance abuse disorders increased from 33 in 2025 to 42 in 2026.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS*: The number of sheltered persons with HIV/AIDS remained at 1 in 2026.
- *Survivors of Domestic Violence*: The number of sheltered persons noting DV decreased from 36 in 2025 to 30 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 (15 persons) unsheltered PIT with the 2026 unsheltered PIT (13 persons), a 2-person decrease was noted.

Unsheltered PIT Subpopulation Information

- *Chronically Homeless Individuals*: The number of unsheltered chronically homeless individuals decreased from 8 in 2025 to 7 in 2026.
- *Chronically Homeless Families*: The number of unsheltered chronically homeless families remained at 0 in 2026.
- *Families*: The number of unsheltered homeless families remained at zero in 2026.
- *Veterans*: The number of unsheltered homeless veterans increased remained at 0 in 2026.
- *Youth*: The number of unsheltered youth remained at zero in 2026.
- *Adults with a Serious Mental Illness*: The number of unsheltered persons noting a serious mental illness remained at 7 in 2026.
- *Adults with a Substance Use Disorder*: The number of unsheltered persons noting a substance use disorder decreased from 8 in 2025 to 7 in 2026.
- *Adults with HIV/AIDS*: The number of unsheltered persons noting HIV/AIDS remained at 0 for 2026.
- *Survivors of Domestic Violence*: The number of unsheltered persons noting DV increased from 1 in 2025 to 4 in 2026.

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