

Racial Disparities and Homelessness – CoC Reports

The Hampden County and Three County CoC's issued reports on Racial Disparities and Homelessness, per HUD's request. Please take the time to review this important information. The Network Committees will also provide additional opportunities to discuss the findings.

[Hampden County CoC Race and Ethnicity Analysis](#)

[Three County CoC Race and Ethnicity Analysis](#)

Three County CoC Data Updates

Please see below this data report from Andrea Miller, Data Director for the Three County Continuum of Care:

Below are updates regarding our Point in Time Count and Housing Inventory Count:

1. Hurricane Maria Evacuees: *We were finally able to gather some information on a majority, but not all, of the families who fled Hurricane Maria and were housed locally through FEMA/MEMA vouchers. **As a result we added 73 persons to our PIT Count.***

Interestingly, HUD guidance specifies that, when assessing a CoCs performance in reducing or ending homelessness, they take into consideration the impact of natural disasters, and don't penalize the CoC increases to PIT Counts that result.

2. PIT Trends Dashboard: *The 5 year trend dashboard that I distributed at the Board Meeting has been updated and is attached here.*

3. PIT Wiki Page: *I've updated our [Annual Point in Time Count page](#) at the Wiki with 2018 information. This includes the 5 year trend report as well as our annual [Community Point in](#)*

[Time Count](#) interactive report. You may customize this report for one or more communities and download it as a PDF using the download icon.

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One last update...

4. HMIS Annual Report: We submit our HMIS Annual Performance Report to HUD at the end of April, and I summarize much of the reported data in a brief annual report – also featuring highlights that occurred throughout the year. The [HMIS Annual Report is posted to the Wiki on the CoC Info page](#) as well as attached here.

Springfield-Hampden County Continuum of Care Annual Report 2015-2016

Please click [here](#) for the Springfield-Hampden County CoC Annual Report of July 2015-June 2016. It is chock-full of remarkable markers of progress in ending homelessness in Hampden County. Congratulations to all!

Springfield-Hampden County CoC FY2016 Application Available for Public Comment

The Springfield-Hampden County CoC has released its draft FY2016 Application for public comment. There are two parts to

the application, each of which may be viewed by clicking on the link:

- [FY2016 CoC Application](#)
- [FY2016 CoC Priority List](#)

The public may comment on the application in writing, by sending an email to [Gerry McCafferty](#), or in person by attending the CoC Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will take place Friday, September 9, 2016, at UMass-Springfield, Room 004, Tower Square, 1500 Main Street, Springfield.

The Springfield-Hampden County CoC will vote to approve (or require amendments) to the application at the Annual Meeting, so written comments should be submitted prior to the meeting in order to be considered by the full CoC.

Springfield-Hampden County CoC Annual Meeting & Board of Directors Meeting

Please join us!

The Springfield-Hampden County CoC Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting will take place Friday, September 9, 9 – 11 am, at the UMass Center Springfield, located at Tower Square, 1500 Main Street, 2nd floor, Springfield.

Agenda items include:

- Annual report
- Vote on Board of Directors
- Review of CoC Governance Charter

- Vote to approve FY2016 Application

A full agenda, with all materials for review will be made available early next week.

The CoC Annual meeting is for all CoC members and is open to the public. The CoC welcomes new members. If you are interested in being a part of the CoC, please come to the Annual Meeting or contact [Gerry McCafferty](#).

Springfield/Hampden Police - Provider Meeting – 8/18/16

From the Hampden County CoC blog (all are welcome):

The Springfield community has a monthly meeting regarding unsheltered chronically homeless individuals. The meeting brings together police, hospital staff, the crisis team, outreach workers, homeless service providers, the Department of Mental Health and others to coordinate efforts.

This month, there are a few speakers which may be of interest to housing navigation and housing support workers. Please feel free to join if you are interested. The agenda includes:

1. Dr. Rob Roose, Providence Health: Accessing detox for unsheltered individuals, the role of medication-assisted treatment for opiate-addicted homeless individuals
2. Julie Schwager, CHD: Community-Based Flexible Supports, CHD Day Treatment Programs
3. Monique Loizzo, DMH: Referrals and eligibility for DMH

The meeting takes place this **Thursday, August 18, noon to 1:30 pm, at Mercy Medical Center, Memorial House auditorium.** Lunch

is provided.

Hampden County: Don't leave money on the table!

The Springfield-Hampden County CoC currently has out a [Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#) seeking one or more NEW projects for the FY16 competition.

The CoC is eligible for bonus funds of \$182,406 plus one grantee expects to turn back \$23,988, making available \$206,394 annually in new funds to house homeless households.

The deadline for providers to submit an application for a NEW CoC project for the FY16 competition (with an expected start time of summer 2017) is this Friday, August 12. In order to submit an application for a new project, providers must request that I set up an application in *esnaps*. **As of today, NO providers have requested that a new application be set up.**

As we have seen from our work in creating a by-name list, we have many chronically homeless individuals waiting for housing—at least 60! The available dollars can pay for both housing and services for this population. While there is a 25% match requirement, this can be provided in-kind, or you can use Medicaid reimbursable dollars to provide services to this population. I would also urge providers to contact DMH or DPH to discuss any ideas/sources they may have to use as match.

In this last week, **I urge you to consider proposing a new PSH project** for chronically homeless individuals. You may also apply for PSH for chronic families, or RRH for individuals, families, or youth.

Springfield-Hampden CoC RFP seeking New Project Sponsor for Existing Project

The Springfield-Hampden Continuum of Care has issued an [RFP for New Project Sponsor for Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless Families](#). The RFP seeks a new operator for an existing project that provides permanent supportive housing to eight families who have been chronically homeless.

There will be a bidders conference on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 11 am. Applications are due August 5, 2016, at 4 pm, at the Springfield Office of Housing, 1600 E. Columbus Ave., Springfield. Please see the RFP for additional information about this funding opportunity.

[Note: this announcement is also posted at the [Springfield-Hampden County CoC website](#). It's being double-posted here in case not everyone has moved to that site and subscribed.]