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Hampden County Continuum of Care

2016 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT: SHELTERED POPULATION

The PIT Count will take place on the night of **Wednesday, January 27**. This year's count has two parts: 1) The regular Point-in-Time Count; and 2) The Youth Survey.

POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

To assist with the homeless point-in-time count, we are requesting:

- If you provide data to HMIS, please take extra care to make sure that data is up to-date and correct for the night of January 27, **by 5 pm on January 28**. HMIS Staff will run the report for your agency and send it to you for confirmation.
- If you collect data in a comparable database, you will record your tallied count on a data collection form that will be provided prior to the count. You will submit your survey data by **Friday, January 29 at noon**.
- Springfield Only: If you do not participate in HMIS or have a comparable database, complete a brief, anonymous questionnaire for each adult on the night of January 27, 2016, and return all surveys to the Springfield Office of Housing by **Friday, January 29 at noon**.

All providers: Please review reverse for important definitions.

CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL

An adult who meets all three of the following conditions:

1. Current homelessness

- In emergency shelter;
- In a Safe Havens program; or
- Staying in a place not meant for human habitation

2. Lengthy or repeat homelessness

- Homeless continuously for at least one year; OR
- At least 4 occasions of homelessness in the last three years with cumulative length of time homeless equal to 12 months or more

3. Disabling condition

- Can be diagnosed with one or more of the following:
 - substance use disorder and/or serious mental illness,
 - developmental disability,
 - post-traumatic stress disorder,
 - cognitive impairments resulting from brain injury, or
 - chronic physical illness or disability; and
- The disability is expected to be long-continuing or of indefinite duration; and
- The disability substantially limits the individual's ability to live independently.

CHRONICALLY HOMELESS FAMILY: Head of household (adult or minor) meets the definition of chronically homeless; Family does not have to have stayed together during homelessness of head of household.

SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS (SMI): An adult with a severe and persistent mental illness or emotional impairment that seriously limits the person's ability to live independently. The mental illness must be expected to be long-continuing or indefinite duration.

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER: An adult with a substance abuse problem (alcohol abuse, drug abuse, or both) that substantially limits the person's ability to live independently and is expected to be long-continuing or indefinite duration.

HIV/AIDS: An adult who has been diagnosed with AIDS and/or has tested positive for HIV.

VETERAN: An adult who has served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. This does not include inactive military reserves or the National Guard unless the person was called up to active duty.

YOUTH: A person under age 25.