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Wasahtenaw Housing Alliance

Office of Community & Economic Development

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Collaborative solutions for a promising future
WHAT IS THE POINT-IN-TIME COUNT?

- Federally mandated count of all sheltered AND unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness on a single day in January.

- Volunteers and staff canvass the streets and congregate settings, such as meal programs, to survey and count every person experiencing homelessness in Washtenaw County.

- During the count, we collect demographic information from survey respondents, including, but not limited to:
  - Date of Birth, Gender, Race, Ethnicity, Housing Status, Disability Status, Veteran Status, etc.
### WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE PIT COUNT?

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<td>- Persons with a primary nighttime residence that is a place not designed for human habitation:</td>
<td>- Persons who are living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living arrangements:</td>
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<td>- Abandoned building</td>
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WHO IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PIT COUNT?

- Persons residing in a hotel or motel they paid for themselves
- Persons staying with friends or families
- Persons who did not explicitly meet the definitions on the previous slide
387 people experienced homelessness on a single day in 2015

**UNSHELTERED**
- 80 people were on the streets or places not meant for human habitation

**SHELTERED**
- 307 people were in shelter or transitional housing
**PIT COUNT DATA SUMMARY: COMPARING PREVIOUS COUNTS**

- **2011 (469 Total)**: 426 Sheltered, 43 Unsheltered, 22°F
- **2013 (510 Total)**: 344 Sheltered, 166 Unsheltered, 46°F
- **2015 (387 Total)**: 307 Sheltered, 80 Unsheltered, 28°F
PIT COUNT DATA SUMMARY: TOTAL SHELTERED PERSONS

**TOTALS:**
- 232 individuals
- 20 families
  - 66 people in families
  - 52 children in families
- 3 unaccompanied youth

**Subpopulations:**
- 24 are veterans
- 37 are experiencing chronic homelessness
- 53 indicated severe mental illness
- 23 reported chronic substance use
- 21 reported experiencing domestic violence
TOTALS:
- 80 individuals
- 0 families
- 0 unaccompanied youth

Subpopulations:
- 5 are veterans
- 34 are experiencing chronic homelessness
- 41 indicated severe mental illness
- 21 reported chronic substance use
- 13 reported experiencing domestic violence
Last year, Ozone House supported the following youth who are considered “homeless” by other federal agencies:

- 1974
- 500+
- 426
- 119 were housed or sheltered

Almost none of these youth uses the term “homeless” to describe themselves.

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IS ABOUT A LACK OF APPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIPS, NOT JUST A LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING
95% of youth ages 10-21 in all our programs exited services to SAFE HOUSING

98% of minor youth were REUNITED with their families
Communities across the country launched participation on January 28th, 2015 including Washtenaw!

2015 PIT Count Survey not only collected the federally required demographics, but also assesses each person's housing and service needs.
Vulnerability Index Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI SPDAT)

- Assessment tool meant to assist communities with assessing the housing and service needs of persons experiencing homelessness in their communities.
- Helps communities to identify the best type of support and housing intervention for an individual by relying on three categories of recommendation:
  - Permanent Supportive Housing
  - Rapid Re-Housing
  - Affordable Housing
Of the total 334 surveyed, **224** people experiencing homelessness right now are **vulnerable**

- **46%** reported being **violently attacked** since becoming homeless
- **57%** surveyed who have been **homeless for more than 2 years**
- 350 visits to the Emergency Room in past 6 months
- 174 hospitalizations in past 6 months
- 115 ambulance transports to the hospital by ambulance in the past 6 months

49 people indicated 3 or more ER visits in past 6 months
Of individuals experiencing homelessness:
- 165 reported chronic health conditions
- 243 reported mental health disorders
- 176 reported substance use issues

88 people reporting trimorbidity
ZERO: 2016 DATA SUMMARY: VETERANS

- Over 50% identified as vulnerable
- 45% have experienced homelessness for greater than 2 years
- 23% reported being violently attacked in last six months

40 HOMELESS VETERANS IDENTIFIED
- Of veterans experiencing homelessness:
  - **18** reported chronic health conditions
  - **26** reported mental health conditions
  - **26** reported substance use issues

**1 in 4 homeless vets** in Washtenaw County report having a mental health, substance use AND chronic health condition
ZERO:2016 DATA SUMMARY: CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

- **141** are experiencing chronic homelessness
- **91%** of those individuals are vulnerable
- **30%** reported being violently attacked in last six months
Chronically homeless individuals:

- 87 reported chronic health conditions
- 124 reported mental health conditions
- 88 reported substance use issues

37% of the chronically homeless in Washtenaw County report having a mental health, substance use AND chronic health condition

- 256 ER visits in the past 6 months
- 89 hospitalizations in the past 6 months
Homelessness ends with housing!
Community Housing Prioritization (CHP) committee process
Housing resources identified
HOW TO GET INVOLVED!

- Leave your feedback on the forms provided
- Contribute resources to individuals and families we house (e.g. beds, toiletries, cleaning supplies)
- Donate funds for Supportive Services
- Advocate for affordable housing
Many thanks to the 80+ outreach staff, case managers, board members, citizens, advocates, and community partners for all their hard work!

Questions?
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