Preparing for Your 2013 Housing Inventory and Point-in-Time Counts with Special Attention on Veteran Program Guidance

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Webinar Format

- Webinar will last approximately one hour

- Recording of webinar will be posted on the HUD's Homelessness Resource Exchange

- Materials will be posted within one week of today

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Objectives of the Webinar

Webinar participants will be able to understand:

- Changes to the HIC and PIT count in 2013 relevant to VA programs.
- What data need to be collected for the HIC and PIT count.
- How to access resources on HUDHRE related to the HIC and PIT count.

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2013 HIC and PIT Data Collection Guidance

Comprehensive data collection webinar on the 2013 HIC and PIT was held on October 2, 2012.

Presentation and Guidance Documents can be accessed on the HUDHRE:

- 2013 HIC and PIT Recorded Webinar Presentation
- 2013 HIC and PIT Guidance Document

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Opening Doors

- Interagency Council on Homelessness: *"Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness"*
- Goal: Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans by 2015
- Increasing VA participation in HMIS will "strengthen the capacity of public and private organizations by increasing knowledge about collaboration, homelessness, and successful interventions to prevent and end homelessness."

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VA and HMIS Overview

- VA's efforts to end homelessness among Veterans require accurate and timely data describing the extent and scope of Veteran homelessness
- Beginning in 2011, HUD began requiring communities to collect Veterans information for both sheltered and unsheltered adults
- The Secretary of VA has instructed VA staff to actively work with Continuums of Care (CoCs) on PIT surveys and the HIC

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VA and HMIS Overview

- VA plan is to have all VA-funded homeless assistance programs participate in HMIS
- Effective 2011, VA directed grant and contract funded programs to enter data into HMIS:
  - Grant and Per Diem (GPD);
  - Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Residential Contract;
  - Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF); and
  - Veterans Homeless Prevention Demonstration (VHPD) programs.

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VA and HMIS Overview

- VA is working to make some data from its VA Homeless Registry available to CoCs.
- In 2013, VA expects to complete the first step, allowing electronic query to confirm if veteran currently is receiving VA services.

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The HIC and the PIT Count

- **The Housing Inventory Count (HIC)** is a report that informs the homeless assistance community on the capacity to house persons who are homeless at local and national levels
- **The Point-in-Time (PIT) Count** provides the homeless assistance community with data needed to understand the number and characteristics of persons who are homeless at one point-in-time

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Changes to HIC for 2013

- Rapid Re-housing (RRH) has been added as a new Provider Program Type for 2013.
- **SSVF** Programs that provide rapid re-housing assistance should be categorized under the RRH Provider Program Type.
- VA funded programs that are not yet operational should be reported as "Under Development" and will need to indicate if the program is expected to begin operations within next 12 months.

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Changes to PIT for 2013

Population Data
- New age categories for all Household Types
- CoCs should collect age data for each person in the household

Subpopulation Data
- New required female Veterans subpopulation count.
- Collect Veteran status for **all** sheltered and unsheltered adults in the household.

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HOUSING INVENTORY COUNT (HIC) GUIDANCE

What to Include in the HIC

Provider programs with beds and units dedicated to serving homeless persons, meaning:

1. primary intent of program is to serve homeless persons;
2. program verifies homeless status as part of its eligibility determination; and
3. actual program clients are predominantly homeless.

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HMIS and HIC Relationship

- Foundation for the HIC is built upon Program Descriptor Data per HUD's HMIS Data Standards (March 2010)
- CoCs are strongly encouraged to use data collected in HMIS to generate their HIC
- All VA funded homeless programs should be set-up in HMIS, regardless of whether or not they are participating in entering client level data into the CoC HMIS system.

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HIC: Provider Program Types

Includes five Provider Program types:

1. Emergency shelter (ES)
2. Transitional housing (TH
3. Rapid re-housing (RRH)
4. Safe Haven (SH)
5. Permanent supportive housing (PSH)

Remember: only include beds and units dedicated for persons who are homeless

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HIC: VA Program Inclusion

- CoC leads should coordinate with Veteran provider program staff to review and verify inventory included on the HIC.
- Programs that receive any part of their funding from the VA must have the VA prefixes in their program names and must be assigned the program types agreed upon by HUD and VA as shown in the following tables (e.g., VADOM – provider name).

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Reporting VA Programs in HIC

VA Emergency Shelter Programs

VA Program	Program Type	Prefix to Include in HIC
HCHV Community Contract Emergency Housing	ES	HCHV/EH
HCHV Community Contract Residential Treatment Program	ES	HCHV/RT
Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans	ES	VADOM

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Reporting VA Programs in HIC

VA Transitional Housing Programs

VA Program	Program Type	Prefix to Include in HIC
Grant and Per Diem	TH	GPD
Compensated Work Therapy – Transitional Residence	TH	CWT-TR

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Reporting VA Programs in HIC

VA Safe Haven Program

VA Program	Program Type	Prefix to Include in HIC
HCHV Community Contract Safe Haven Program	SH	HCHV/SH

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Reporting VA Programs in HIC

VA Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Program

VA Program	Program Type	Prefix to Include in HIC
Supportive Services for Veteran Families	RRH	SSVF

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Counting Beds/Units in SSVF-RRH

Count SSVF - RRH beds/units that meet all of the following criteria:

- Participant actively enrolled on night of the count;
- Housing status at program entry "literally homeless;"
- Participant in permanent housing on night of inventory count; **and**
- Participant receiving financial assistance and/or housing relocation & stabilization services on night of inventory count.

SSVF beds and units should be recorded on the HIC based upon the CoC in which they are located

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Reporting VA Programs in HIC

HUD VASH Program

VA/HUD Program	Program Type	Prefix to Include in HIC
Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	PSH	VASH

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Counting VASH Vouchers

- Count total number of VASH vouchers available (both occupied and unoccupied).
- Count vouchers based upon where beds are or would be physically located.
- CoCs should coordinate with their local public housing authority or VA medical center to determine total number of vouchers available.

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Other Relevant HIC Data Elements

Target Population B

Abbreviation	Description
DV	Domestic violence victims
VET	**Veterans**
HIV/AIDS	Persons with HIV/AIDS

- provider program should fit the target group descriptor.
- Note that a single provider program may not have more than one Target Population B.

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VA HMIS Participating Beds

- **GPD, HCHV, SSVF and VHPD** programs have been directed by the VA to participate in HMIS.
- **HMIS Participating Beds:** A bed for which the provider program makes a reasonable effort to record all universal data elements on all clients served and discloses that information to the HMIS Lead Agency at least once annually.

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POINT-IN-TIME (PIT) COUNT GUIDANCE

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PIT Guidance

- In 2013, all CoCs are *required* to conduct **both** a sheltered and unsheltered count of total unduplicated homeless persons during the last 10 calendar days in January.
- Both counts must be completed using statistically reliable methods approved by HUD.
- CoCs are strongly encouraged to use HMIS to generate their sheltered count where possible.

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Sheltered PIT Count

- All persons who meet the criteria described in paragraph 1.ii of the Homeless Definition Final Rule

Sheltered homeless persons

| **Emergency shelters** (including persons assisted with hotel and motel vouchers) | **Transitional housing** | **Safe Havens** |

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Unsheltered PIT Count

- Include all persons who meet criteria described in paragraph 1.i of the <u>Homeless Definition Final Rule</u>

Unsheltered homeless persons

Primary nighttime residence is place not meant for human habitation on night of count, including: car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground

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People to NOT Include in PIT Count

Do **not** include people residing:

- in PSH programs (including VASH)
- in locations not listed on the HIC
- temporarily with family or friends
- in their <u>own housing unit</u> with assistance from RRH provider program (including SSVF)

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Population Data

- Report the total number of sheltered and unsheltered persons and households for three household types:

| Households with at least one adult and one child | Households without children | Households with only children |

- Report number of persons in each household type by age categories: under 18, 18 to 24, and over 24.

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Subpopulation Data

Subpopulation Type	Required for Sheltered Persons	Required for Unsheltered Persons
Chronically Homeless Individuals	✓	✓
Chronically Homeless Families	✓	✓
Persons in Chronically Homeless Families	✓	✓
All Veterans	✓	✓
Female Veterans	✔	✔
Severely Mentally Ill	✓	✓
Chronic Substance Abuse	✓	✓
Persons with HIV/AIDS	✓	✓

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Recommended Veteran Questions

Recommended questions:

1. Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces (e.g. served in full-time capacity in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines Corps, or Coast Guard)?
2. Were you ever called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist?

Suggested supplemental question:

1. If you are unsure if you are a Veteran, have you ever received health care benefits from a VA center?

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PIT Count Reminders for 2013

- CoCs must report counting methodologies used for their sheltered and unsheltered counts in HDX.
- Continued emphasis on coordinating with Veteran providers to gain a more accurate count of homeless Veterans.
- Report to HUD only persons who meet the Category 1 Definition of Homeless those that are "*literally homeless*."

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Resources Posted on the HUDHRE

- 2013 Housing Inventory Count and Point-in Time Count: Data Collection Guidance

- 2013 Housing Inventory Count and Point-in-Time Count Webinar

- A Guide to Counting Sheltered Homeless People

- A Guide to Counting Unsheltered Homeless People

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