Preparing for Your 2012 Housing Inventory and Point-in-Time Counts

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Webinar Format

• Webinar will last approximately one hour
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Submitting Questions

• Audience members who would like to pose a question can do so through the “Questions” function found in the “GoToWebinar” toolbar.

• Questions will be responded to directly by HIC and PIT resource advisors standing by.

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• Materials referenced during this webinar can be found on HUD’s Homelessness Resource Exchange (HRE) at http://hudhre.info or the Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX) at www.hudhdx.info
In this session, you should learn:

• What will be new or different about the HIC and PIT in 2012
• What data are needed to produce the HIC and the PIT
• How to prepare for the HIC and the PIT
The HIC and the PIT

- The Housing Inventory Count (HIC) is a report that provides HUD with information needed to understand the capacity to house persons who are homeless at local and national levels.

- The Point-in-Time (PIT) Count provides HUD with data needed to understand the number and characteristics of persons who are homeless at one point-in-time.
New HIC Requirements

• CoCs will report beds in three categories:
  o Households with at least one adult and one child
  o Households without children
  o Households with only children

• VA DOM beds will be reported as transitional housing
New PIT Requirements

• All CoCs are required to conduct a *sheltered* PIT count annually beginning in 2012
  
  ○ Communities are encouraged to use their HMIS to generate their sheltered count if appropriate
  
  ○ An unsheltered count will continue to be required biennially
HIC and PIT – A Single Snapshot

- HIC and PIT count should be conducted on the same night
- Total persons reported in ES + TH + SH in HIC should equal the total number of persons reported in the sheltered PIT count
- Work within CoC to coordinate execution of HIC and PIT count
Poll Question

• Will all CoCs be required to conduct a sheltered PIT count in 2012?
  o Yes
  o No
The Night of the Count

night (noun) – the period of darkness between sunset and sunrise.

- What we refer to as ‘the night of the count’ covers two dates, as shown in the illustration below.

12:01 am Date of Count
12:01 am Date after Count

Sunset Date of Count
Sunrise Date after Count
• The HIC is a snapshot of housing for persons who are homeless in your CoC on one day

• The data components of the HIC describe the basic elements of a CoC
HIC: Program Types

- Include residential CoC programs in the following five program types
  - Emergency Shelters
  - Transitional Housing
  - HPRP (Rapid Re-housing only)
  - Safe Havens
  - Permanent Supportive Housing

- Only include beds & units dedicated for persons who are homeless
Remember to include housing programs for the homeless funded by:

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- Faith-based organizations
- Other private and public funding sources
• Program descriptor data in HMIS is required by the HMIS Data Standards
• Where possible, CoCs are encouraged to use HMIS to complete the HIC
• Not all elements of the HIC can be derived from HMIS
  – McKinney-Vento funded?
  – Households with only children
The largest and most basic component is the organization

Every program ‘belongs to’ an organization

An organization may have more than one program
# Level Two: Program

Each program should have one value for each of these elements.

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Bed and Unit Household Types

2012

- Households with at least one adult and one child

2011

- Households with children

Households without children

Households without children
Designating Household Types

• For programs that serve multiple household types and do not have a specific number of beds designated exclusively for a single type:
  o Divide based on average utilization (data standards methodology) or
  o Divide based on usage on the night of the count (previous HIC guidance)
HIC Bed Types (ES only)

- **Facility-based** – located in a residential homeless facility
- **Voucher** – hotel or motel paid for by program
- **Other** – located in a church or other facility not designated for use by homeless persons
Availability (ES only)

- **Year-round**
- **Seasonal** – available only during high-demand times with set start and end dates
- **Overflow** – available on an ad hoc basis during the year when demand exceeds planned bed capacity
Bed and Unit Inventory

• The number of beds/units AVAILABLE on the night of the count, except:
  o Beds that are under development
  o Overflow – the number occupied beds
  o HPRP RRH beds – the number of people who:
    • Were ‘Literally homeless’ at program entry
    • Are receiving HPRP assistance
    • Are occupying conventional housing
A Fixed Number of Units

• Programs with a fixed number of units but no fixed number of beds may estimate beds by multiplying the number of units by the average household size
  ○ Example: 10 units for households with at least one adult and one child * an average household size of 3 = 30 beds for households with at least one adult and one child
Inventory Type

- **Current (C):** Beds or vouchers that are available and not new since the last HIC
- **New (N):** Beds or vouchers that represent an increase in capacity since the last HIC
- **Under development (U):** Beds that are fully funded but not yet available at the time of the HIC
Poll Question

- Does your CoC maintain program descriptor data elements in HMIS?
  - Yes, and we use HMIS to produce some or all of the HIC.
  - Yes, but we produce the HIC by other means.
  - We could enter them but we don’t or they’re not up to date.
  - Our HMIS cannot store all program descriptor data.
  - I don’t know.
• All programs reported on the HIC must report the total unduplicated number of people served in each program on the night of the count.
• CoCs are required to conduct annual sheltered counts capturing the total unduplicated count of homeless persons
  o The sheltered PIT count should be completed using statistically reliable, unduplicated counts of homeless persons
  o CoCs with are encouraged to use HMIS to generate their sheltered count where possible

• The unsheltered count is optional for 2012
  o HUD will use 2011 unsheltered data for reporting purposes if there is no count in 2012
• Report the total number of persons and households for each of three household types:
  o Persons in households with at least one adult and one child
  o Persons in households without children
  o Persons in households with only children
Subpopulation Data

- Required to collect total number of sheltered *and* unsheltered* in each subpopulation:
  - Chronically homeless individuals
  - Chronically homeless families (total persons in households)
  - Veterans

*Only if conducting an unsheltered count in 2012*
Subpopulation Data

• Required to collect total number of sheltered persons in each subpopulation:
  o Severely mentally ill
  o Chronic substance abuse
  o Persons with HIV/AIDS
  o Victims of domestic violence
  o Unaccompanied children (under 18)
Who Gets Counted?

- *Sheltered* - persons who were sleeping in beds provided or funded by programs of the relevant types (ES, TH, SH) on the night of the count

- *Unsheltered* – homeless persons who were on the street or in a place unfit for habitation on the night of the count
Who Does NOT Get Counted?

- Residents of PSH programs
- Persons staying in beds/units not dedicated to serve persons who are homeless
- Persons who are staying with family or friends
- Persons residing in their own unit with HPRP assistance (e.g., HPRP rental assistance) as part of rapid re-housing or Homelessness Prevention program
Resources

- A Guide to Counting Sheltered Homeless People (under revision)
- A Guide to Counting Unsheltered Homeless People
If you have a question and can’t find the answer in the HIC and PIT Guidance, you can submit a question to the Virtual Help Desk at http://hudhre.info/helpdesk