Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care
2017 Preliminary PIT Count Results Released

Purpose of This Listserv Message
This message announces the release of preliminary 2017 Point-in-Time Count data and Housing Inventory Count data for the Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoSCoC).

Target Audience
All Ohio BoSCoC members.

Background Information
The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires communities receiving federal homelessness assistance funds to conduct annual counts of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons, as well to annually count all homeless dedicated projects and beds. These are called Point-in-Time Counts (PIT) and Housing Inventory Counts (HIC). This year, the Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoSCoC) held its PIT Count on January 24th, 2017.

Ohio BoSCoC PIT Count Results
The preliminary 2017 PIT data and HIC data can be found at http://cohhio.org/member-services-2/boscoc/point-in-time-count/

Please note, the data is considered preliminary because it was submitted to HUD, but has not yet gone through HUD's review.

Additionally, the PIT data published today represents the compiled PIT data submitted on behalf of the full BoSCoC. CoC and HMIS staff are currently working on a county-level PIT report that will be published later this summer.

For the first time since 2012, Ohio BoSCoC communities are reporting in increase in total homelessness. Compared to 2016 PIT Count data, 2017 data shows a 9% increase in total homelessness in the CoC's 80 counties – including a 4% increase in sheltered homelessness and a massive 40% increase in unsheltered homelessness. More details about how specific subpopulations fared can be found below:

Sheltered Homelessness
- The Ohio BoSCoC reported 2686 homeless in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and safe havens during the 2017 PIT count, representing a 4% increase from 2016.

Unsheltered Homelessness
- The Ohio BoSCoC reported 623 unsheltered homeless during the 2017 PIT count, a 40% increase from last year.

Chronic Homelessness
- The Ohio BoSCoC reported 180 chronically homeless individuals in the 2017 PIT Count, which is nearly identical to the number reported in 2016 (182 reported in 2016).

Veteran Homelessness
- The Ohio BoSCoC reported 160 homeless Veterans in the 2017 PIT count, which was a 23% decrease from 2016. The decrease in Veteran homelessness is the only area of improvement that the CoC reported between the 2016 and 2017 PIT Count.

Youth Homelessness

- The Ohio BoSCoC reported 262 total homeless youth (unaccompanied or parenting youth under age 18 or between 18 and 24) in 2017, which represents a 22% increase from the number reported in 2016.

CoC staff will continue to work with providers and CoC workgroups to implement housing first practices, coordinated entry, and to fully prioritize chronically homeless and others with high needs for critical homeless resources. If you have questions about PIT or HIC data, or would like to be more involved in the CoC's efforts to improve the response to homelessness, contact Erica Mulryan at ericamulryan@cohhio.org.