

Homeless Services Update, Shelter Outcomes, and Action Plan – Part III

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Introduction

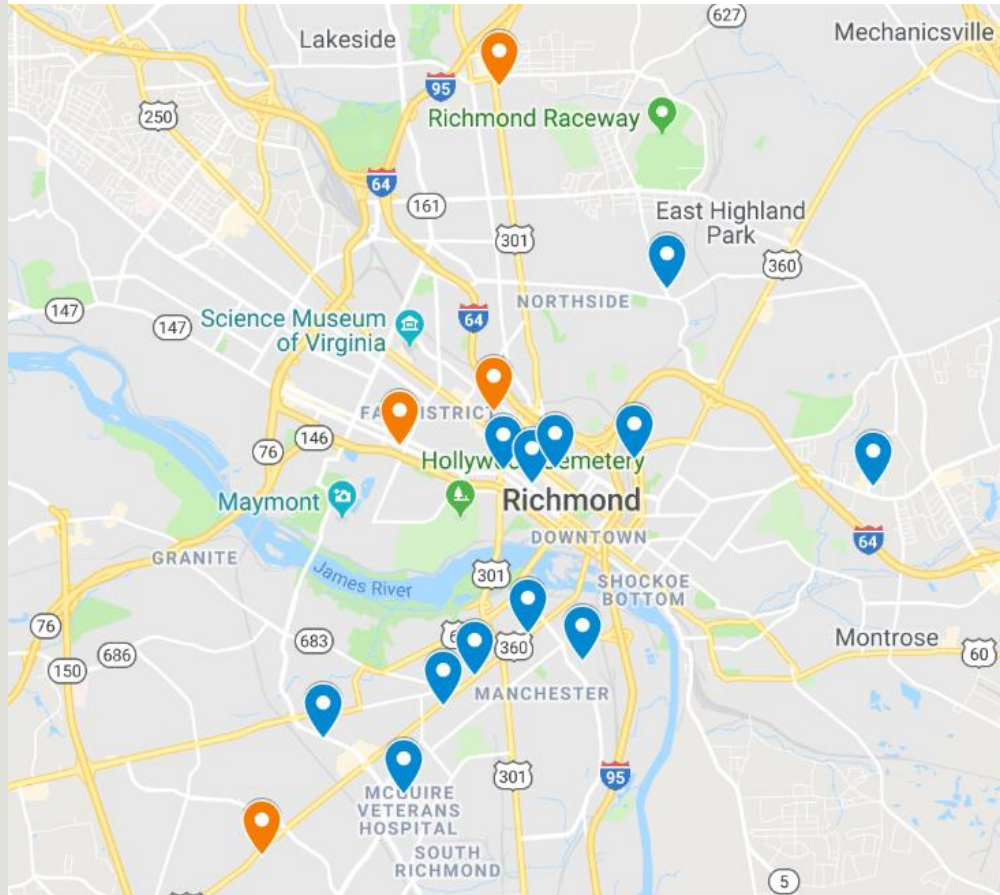
Once again, thank you for the opportunity to update the information shared on April 11 and 14, 2022.

The following presentation represents Part III of the update on homeless services and action plan as it relates to the closing of the Non-Congregate and the Inclement Weather Shelter. It also provides information on the outcomes of both shelters.

The City continues to follow its 2020-2030 Strategic Plan to End Homelessness and employ a multi-departmental approach to delivering solutions, while also continuing to collaborate with the GRCoC and local shelter providers.



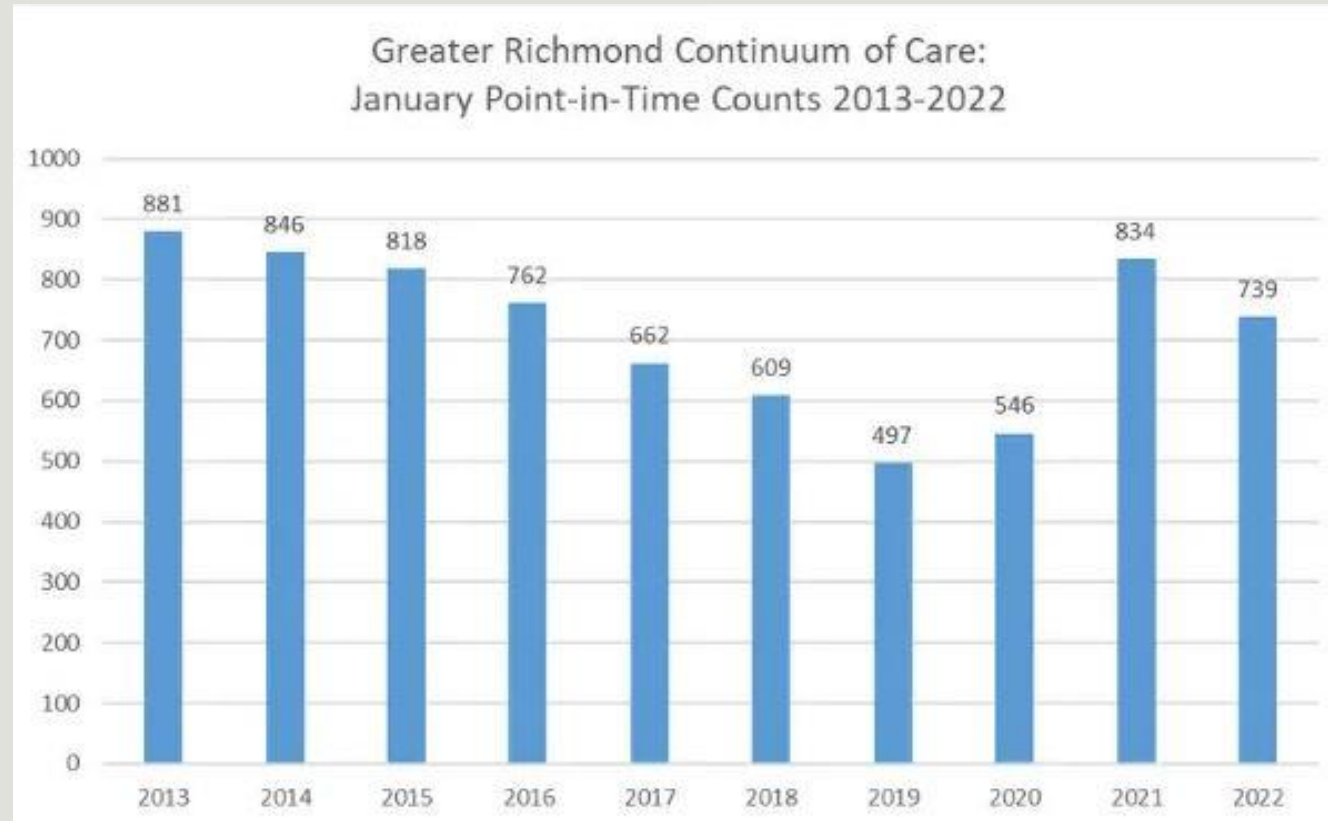
GRCoC Shelter Locations



	Organization Name	Type of Shelter	Address	Beds
1	CARITAS	Women	2200 Stockon Street	28
2	CARITAS	Men	700 Dinwiddie Ave.	36
3	Daily Planet	Persons with Substance Abuse	180 Belt BLVD	20
4	Daily Planet	Persons with Substance Abuse	2864 Hull St	21
5	HomeAgain	Men, Families, Vets	2 E Main St	30
6	HomeAgain	Men, Families, Vets	11 W Grace St	20
7	HomeAgain	Men, Families, Vets	1202 Broad Rock Blvd.	26**
8	Housing Families First	Families	3900 Nine Mile Rd	30
9	Liberation Veteran Services	Vets	1201 Hull St.	38
10	Richmond Behavioral Health (Transitional Housing)	Persons with Mental Health Issues	Address not published	8**
11	The Healing Place (CARITAS)	Persons with Substance Abuse	700 Dinwiddie Ave.	334**
12	The Salvation Army	Men and Families	2 W Grace St.	51
SUBTOTAL:				274/642
Non-Congregate (Hotel)				115
Inclement Weather Shelter				75/145
TOTAL:				



GRCoC January 2022 Point-in-Time Count Data

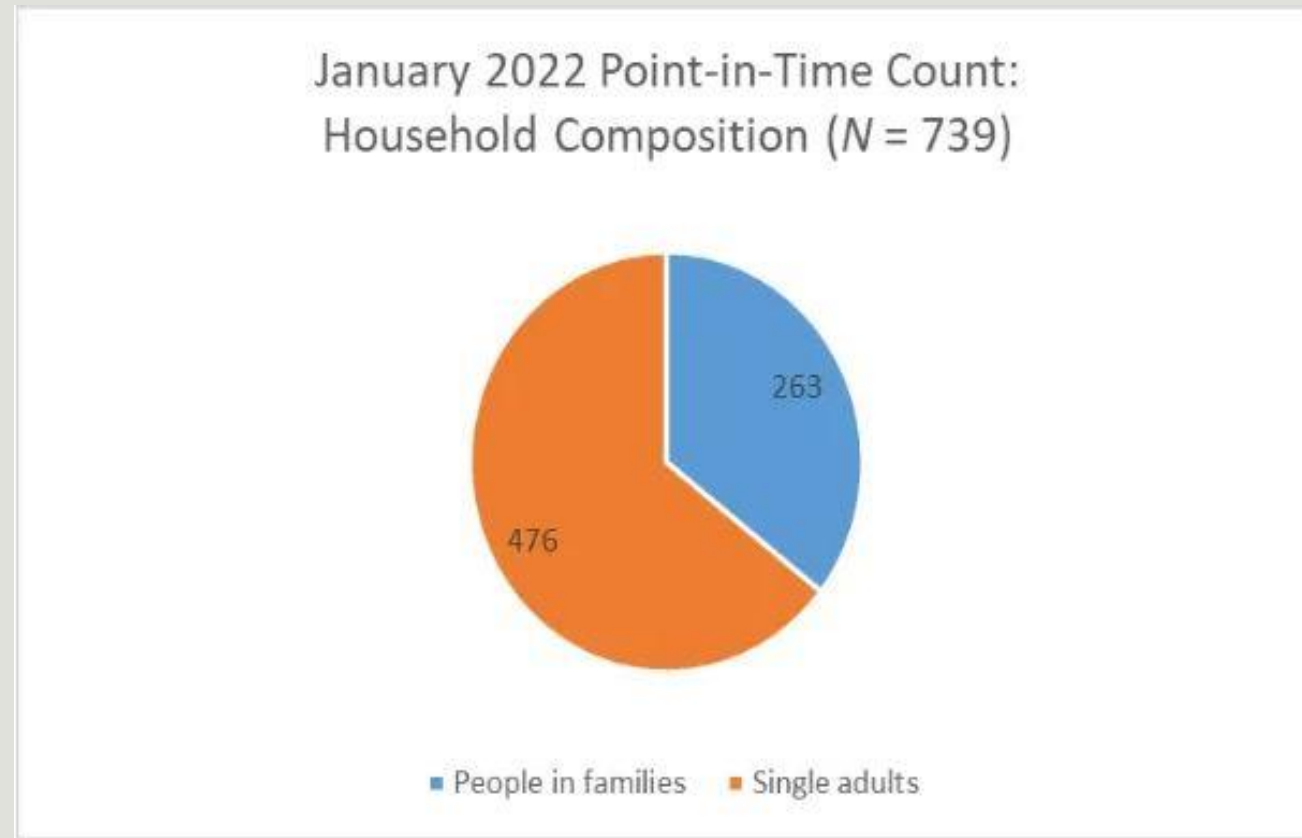


GRCoC January 2022 Point-in-Time Count Data Continued

- The data gathered from the Greater Richmond Continuum of Care's (GRCoC) January 2022 Point in Time (PIT) count illustrates that a significant number of individuals and families in the Richmond region continue to experience homelessness.
- Homeward led and conducted the federally mandated PIT count, which took place on the night of January 26, 2022 and the morning of January 27, 2022. The count included individuals and families staying in shelter and living outside or in a place not meant for habitation
- The PIT count from January 2022 shows that 739 persons were experiencing homelessness at the time of the count. This number is down 11% from January 2021, which had a total count of 834 persons experiencing homelessness. However, the January 2022 count is still up 35% from the January 2020 PIT count, which had a total count of 546 persons experiencing homelessness and depicts a pre-pandemic level.



GRCoC January 2022 Point-in-Time Count Data Continued



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See Attachment A2 for the full FY2022 Point-in-Time Count information. The preceding slides contained information that was excerpted from the GRCoC's full Point-in-Time Report.



Specific Information Requested by Chair Lynch's Office



Housing Stabilization Plan for Families Transitioning Out of NCS

- Families paired with intensive case management supports and financial resources to help with transition to permanent housing options
- Weekly case conferencing with community partners
- Expand case management resources
 - CCC Bilingual (Spanish/English) Case Management
 - CCC Homeless Outreach Team assistance for Rapid Exit Plans
 - YWCA case management partnership
 - CCC Income and Asset Building Career Counseling
 - CCC Youth Hub Case Management and Financial Assistance
 - Senior Connections support with clients aged 60+ for housing and medical needs



Housing Stabilization Plan for Families Transitioning Out of NCS Continued

- GRCoC prioritization for housing and shelter resources
- Chesterfield DMV appointment blocks for ID replacement, using First Baptists Church Funding
- Homeward's flexible funding for housing applications, move-in costs, and creative solutions – more than \$31,000



Non-Congregate Shelter Outcomes

Nearly all households connected to housing options during transition

- 27 households moved to permanent housing
- 47 households moved to GRCoC congregate shelters
- 1 household moved to Veteran housing program
- 4 families reunited with other family and moved in permanently
- 2 singles moved to a recover program
- 29 households have been matched to Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) due to prioritization changes
- 22 households transitioned to Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)

Inclement Weather Shelter Outcomes

CCC served the following individuals for over 19,000 bed nights:

- 1176 unique individuals
 - 450 of those are chronically homeless
 - 892 of those identify as male
 - 257 identify as female
- Guests' most recent locality of residence before IWS assistance:
 - 596 from Richmond
 - 179 listed no locality
 - 73 from Henrico
 - 46 from Chesterfield
 - 28 from Petersburg
 - 77 from out of state
 - 177 from other Virginia localities



Inclement Weather Shelter Outcomes Continued

Average Nightly Census by Month:

- November – 94 per night
- December – 101 per night
- January – 136 per night
- February – 140 per night
- March – 135 per night
- April – 130 per night
- **Seasonal Average – 123 guests per night**

GRCoC prioritize shelter referrals for IWS residents during the last week of operations and Coordinated Outreach was on site each morning to assist individuals who would like to transition to other shelter programs.



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The following are options being assessed by the City's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Several of these strategies are more long-term in focus. All of them are predicated on securing an appropriate location and/or the requisite funding to implement the proposed new initiatives.

- ❑ **Based on the number of persons served at the Inclement Weather Shelter and the information from the 2022 Point-in-Time Count, HCD staff recognizes that 150 beds may be needed during the fall and winter months of 2022-2023. Therefore, HCD will be releasing an RFP to the City's GRCoC and other community partners as it relates to providing additional beds in a congregate setting.**
- ❑ Purchase of a hotel or other similar facility to be used to provide permanent supportive housing (PSH). The City is collaborating with Chesterfield and Henrico counties on this initiative. The City will utilize its HOME-ARPA funding of \$5.8M. **Chesterfield County Commission will consider the Consultant Contract at their meeting near the end of May and the City of Richmond and Henrico County will finalize their procurement utilizing the Cooperative Agreement model.**



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- Purchase a site and implement a tiny home village. HCD staff is still working to identify a site and gather information on the potential cost of this initiative. **DCAO Ebert and HCD Director met with an entity interested in implementing a tiny home community using the Eden Village model. HCD staff will continue to explore the option of implementing a tiny home village.**
- Implement a “Master Leasing or Rent Buy-Down” Initiative

Recommendations from Homeward

See Attachment C for Efforts Underway and Recommendations from Homeward for the Closing of the Non-Congregate and Inclement Weather Shelters.



Questions and Answers

