

COALITION OF HOUSING AND HOMELESS ORGANIZATIONS

COHHO "WEEKLY" HYPOTHERMIA REPORT # 11 ¹ WINTER 2012-2013

To assist the ICH Operations & Logistics Committee in monitoring implementation of the Winter Plan in real time, COHHO will issue reports – approximately weekly -- so that issues can be spotted and addressed, if possible, on a current basis. For various reasons only a monthly Report was issued for November and December 2012. This is the eleventh such weekly report² for winter 2012-2013, and it covers the period **March 12 through March 18**, 2013. In preparing this report, we have reviewed daily official weather-related information and the daily shelter census forms.

Four **Alerts** were called during this period, on March 13, 14, 17, and 18. The hypothermia shelters were open on every Alert night, except First Rising Baptist. The Kennedy Recreation Center facility for men was open on every Alert night during the period. The seasonal shelters and beds were open throughout the period.

The **Wind Chill** was below 32° on March 12 and on March 16, but no Alert was called either night and the hypothermia shelters were closed on both nights.

System-wide capacity for **men** was exceeded on three Alert nights during the period; by 4 on March 13, by 27 on March 14, and by 18 on March 18.

At least three individual men's shelters exceeded capacity on every Alert night during the period, Sacred Heart was over capacity by 16 on March 13, by 19 on March 14, by 7 on March 17, and by 23 on March 18. St. Luke's was over capacity by 5 on March 13, by 14 on March 14, by 9 on March 17, and by 11 on March 18. Banneker was over capacity by 6 on March 13, by 4 on March 14, by 1 on March 17, and by 6 on March 18. Kennedy Recreation Center was over capacity by 4 on March 13, by 6 on March 14, and by 2 on March 18.

The **women's** system as a whole was at capacity on March 15 and March 16, two of the non-Alert nights during the period.

No individual women's shelter was over capacity on any night during the period.

There were 118 **families** in Motels on March 12, 121 on March 13, 125 on March 14, 126 on March 15, 16, and 17, and 137 on March 18. There were 12 families on short term leases on every night during the period. There were 14 families in Community Based Units on every night during the period. DC General was over its stated capacity of 271 family units throughout the period, reporting 286 family units occupied on March 12, 13, 14, and 18, 285 on March 15 and 16, and 284 on March 17³.

Respectfully Submitted,

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¹ Preparation of this report was authorized by COHHO on 11/4/10. The contents of this report have not yet been approved by COHHO.

² A full set of charts covering Weather, Alerts, Shelter Usage and Deaths will be produced as time permits. In addition, the usual annual COHHO report on Hypothermia will be submitted after March 31, 2013.

³ In comparing the number of families at DC General with that shown on the DHS monthly Family Shelter System Report, note that the Monthly Report number for DC General includes families in Community Based Units and on Short Term Leases.