

COALITION OF HOUSING AND HOMELESS ORGANIZATIONS

COHHO "WEEKLY" HYPOTHERMIA REPORT # 7 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 seventh such weekly report² for winter 2012-2013, and it covers the period **February 12 through February 18**, 2013. In preparing this report, we have reviewed daily official weather-related information and the daily shelter census forms.

Six **Alerts** were called during this period, on February 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18. The hypothermia shelters were open on every Alert night, except First Rising Baptist. The Kennedy Recreation Center Overflow shelter for men was open on every Alert night during the period. The seasonal shelters and beds were open throughout the period.

On February 12, the **Wind Chill** reached 27°, but no Alert was called, and the hypothermia shelters, including the Kennedy Overflow Shelter, were not open.

System-wide capacity for **men** was exceeded on two Alert nights; by 17 on February 17, and by 18 on February 18.

Two or more individual men's shelters exceeded capacity on every Alert night during the period. Sacred Heart was over capacity by 5 on February 13, by 20 on February 14 and 15, by 15 on February 16, and by 22 on February 17 and 18. St. Luke's was over capacity by 11 on February 13, by 6 on February 14, by 13 on February 15 and 16, and by 18 on February 17 and 18. Banneker was over capacity by 7 on February 13, by 1 on February 16, by 6 on February 17, and by 5 on February 18. The Kennedy Overflow shelter was over capacity by 5 on February 13, and by 1 on February 18.

The **women's** system as a whole was never over capacity during the period.

Hermano Pedro was over capacity on every Alert night during the period, except February 13; by 1 on February 14, by 4 on February 15, and 17, by 5 on February 16, and by 2 on February 18.

There were 68 **families** in Motels on February 12, 73 on February 13, 70 on February 14, and 71 on February 15, 16, 17 and 18. There were 12 families on short term leases on every night during the period. There were 13 families in Community Based Units on February 12, 13, and 14, 15 families on February 15, 16, and 17, and 14 families on February 18. DC General was over its stated capacity of 271 family units throughout the period, reporting 287 family units occupied on February 12 and 14, 284 on February 13 and 18, 286 on February 15, and 285 on February 16 and 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.