

COALITION OF HOUSING AND HOMELESS ORGANIZATIONS

COHHO "WEEKLY" HYPOTHERMIA REPORT # 9 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 ninth such weekly report² for winter 2012-2013, and it covers the period **February 26 through March 4**, 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 every night except February 27. 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.

System-wide capacity for **men** was exceeded on three nights; by 59 on February 26, by 5 on February 27, a non-Alert night, and by 41 on March 4.

Three or more individual men's shelters exceeded capacity on every Alert night during the period, and one shelter exceeded capacity on the non Alert night. Sacred Heart was over capacity by 22 on February 26, by 27 on February 28, by 7 on March 1, and by 20 on March 4. St. Luke's was over capacity by 28 on February 26, by 10 on February 28, by 9 on March 1 and 2, by 5 on March 3, and by 15 on March 4. Banneker was over capacity by 8 on February 26, by 4 on February 28 and March 1, by 5 on March 2, by 6 on March 3, and by 9 on March 4. Kennedy Recreation Center was over capacity by 1 on February 26, by 5 on March 2, by 7 on March 3, and by 13 on March 4. New York Avenue was over capacity by 12 on February 27, the non-Alert night.

The **women's** system as a whole was at capacity on the non-Alert night during the period.

Hermano Pedro was over capacity by 3 on February 26. On February 28, Hermano Pedro increased its capacity by adding 5 seasonal beds which will be open through March 31. Hermano Pedro now has 20 year-round beds, 5 seasonal beds, and 5 hypothermia beds³.

There were 90 **families** in Motels on February 26 and 27 and March 3, 88 on February 28 and March 1, 89 on March 2, and 96 on March 4. 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 February 26 and 27, 285 on February 28 and March 3, and 284 on March 1, 2, and 4⁴.

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.

³This is short of the 20 year-round and 15 seasonal beds specified in the Winter Plan.

⁴ 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.