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**Regional Network on Homelessness
Report from the Emergency Planning Committee
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Summary of 2022-2023 Winter/Emergency Response Outcomes

I. Background

In 2018 the Regional Network on Homelessness prioritized Planning for Weather Related Emergencies and convened an Emergency Planning Committee which has met continuously since its inception. Comprised of key stakeholders, the committee has effectively responded to emerging crises to deliver needed resources and services to those experiencing sheltered and unsheltered homelessness across the region.

II. Winter Weather Response

St. Joseph's House (SJH) has retained its post-COVID capacity of 45 year-round beds. For the second Winter season, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding administered through the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (HLC) supplemented local fundraising, enabling Duffy Health Center and Catholic Charities of Fall River to provide a Motel Response for those unable to access other sheltering options due to medical frailty, behavioral health challenges, and shelter overflow. Several other community partners have provided emergency shelter during the winter season throughout the Cape and Islands region.

III. Data Sources

For the purposes of this report, quantitative data are included from the following programs:

- St. Joseph's House Emergency Shelter and Overflow (Source: Martha Taylor - HMIS)
- Duffy Health Center Winter Programs:
 - IFTS CDBG (Source: Duffy Health Center)
 - In from the Streets (IFTS) Privately funded (Source: Duffy Health Center)
 - IFTS ESG (Source: Karen Danskin and Edgard Carvalho- Duffy Health Center, Martha Taylor- HMIS)

- YYA (Source: Duffy Health Center)
- CCHC (Source: Duffy Health Center)
- Belonging to Each Other, Seasonal Shelter Upper Cape (Source: Gina Torielli - BTEO)
- Martha’s Vineyard Harbor Homes Shelter (Source: Meghan Burke - Harbor Homes)
- Council of Churches, Motel Stays (Source: Edye Nesmith - Cape Cod Council of Churches)
- Nantucket Winter Programs (Source: Nantucket Unitarian Universalist Meeting House)

IV. Sheltering Program Descriptions

St. Joseph House (SJH) Following COVID de-population, St. Joseph’s shelter capacity has remained at 45 beds (30 men and 15 women) and 18 overflow beds during the 2022-2023 winter season.

Duffy Health Center

- **CDBG** received local Community Development Block Grant funding to operate through the month of November.
- **In from the Streets (IFTS)** is a privately funded year-round emergency sheltering program administered by Duffy Health Center serving individuals who are unable to access St. Joseph’s House due to physical or mental health conditions. The capacity of IFTS varies depending on need and available funding.
- **In from the Streets ESG (IFTS-ESG)** provides a motel response during cold and inclement weather conditions for those unable to access other resources.
- **CCHC** received funding from Cape Cod Health Care to provide additional beds that supplemented emergency shelter motel resources.
- **Youth and Young Adult Winter Response** is a motel response for those aged 24 and under administered by Duffy Health Center.

Barnstable County Regional Emergency Response operates a system of regional shelters which are activated during extended weather- related conditions and power outages. The regional shelters were not activated during the period from November 2022 – April 2023.

Belonging to Each Other (BTEO) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit seasonal shelter and case management program located in Falmouth. The program, which has been operating for eight years, rents two houses to use as temporary housing (Nov 1 – April 30) for up to 12 men and 12 women from the Falmouth Area.

Harbor Homes Winter Shelter at the Whaling Church in Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard provides temporary shelter for homeless adults from November 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023.

Cape Cod Council of Churches operates an emergency motel sheltering response from November 1 – April 30 for families and individuals.

V. Data Collected

The following is a summary of utilization based upon data collected from the sources identified in Section II for the period **November 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023** (N=181 nights). Overall, the agencies participating in the Winter Emergency Shelter Response provided 7,167 bed nights across the Cape and Islands region (**excluding St. Joseph's House main shelter**). Discounting St. Joseph's main shelter utilization, an average of 40 individuals accessed seasonal emergency shelter every night during the operating period. It is impossible to determine the total number of unduplicated individuals who were served during the winter season, because it is likely that homeless persons accessed shelter at more than one program. There is insufficient data to allow accurate and complete deduplication.

1. Taking into account the fluctuating capacity necessitated by COVID restrictions, **SJH Main Shelter** experienced average bed utilization of over 99% during the reporting period (In FY21- 96%). In FY23 SJH provided 8,900 bed nights to homeless individuals. NOTE: HMIS records do not indicate whether SJH Winter guests were staying in the main shelter or overflow beds. St. Joseph's served 216 unduplicated individuals in the two program components (64% male/36% female).
2. **SJH Overflow** was activated from November 1 through March 30 for a total of 82 nights open and 791 bed nights used (FY22 available three months - 56 nights/748bed nights).
3. **IFTS- Private** operated on 162 nights and provided 25 bed nights to 9 unduplicated individuals (7 male/ 2 female).
4. **IFTS- ESG** provided 2052 bed nights to 92unduplicated individuals (48 male/ 44 female).

5. **IFTS- CDBG** operated during the month of November only, providing 158 bed nights to 14 unduplicated individuals (8 male/6 female).
6. **Duffy YYA** funded 30 bed nights for the month of April for 1 male youth.
7. **Duffy CCHC** funded 425 bed nights and served 48 unduplicated individuals (25 male / 23 female).
8. **BTEO** operated on 181 nights, providing 1780 bed nights to 24 unduplicated individuals (12male/ 12 female).
9. **Harbor Homes Emergency Shelter** operated on 154 nights and provided 799 bed nights to 31 unduplicated individuals (27 male/4 female).
10. **Nantucket Winter Response** provided 240 bed nights to 7 unduplicated individuals (6 male/1 female).
11. **Cape Cod Council of Churches** provided 67 motel nights to 22 unduplicated persons (14 male / 8 female).

VI. Funding Sources

- **St. Joseph's House** individual emergency shelter funding was provided by a contract between the MA Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (HLC) and Catholic Charities of Fall River (CCFR).
- **Duffy Health Center**
 - **IFTS (Private)** operated a year-round motel response and relied on grants, funding from individual towns, and private funding for FY23, including the Cape Cod Foundation, Catholic Charities, Belonging to Each Other, and the United Way.
 - **IFTS (ESG)** received Emergency Solutions Grant funding through HLC.
 - **IFTS (CDBG)** received funding through the Town of Barnstable, which is an entitlement community for the Community Development Block grant.

- **Youth and Young Adults** received funding from the Barnstable County Department of Human Services, the grant recipient for the MA Executive Office of Health and Human Services Unaccompanied Homeless Youth and Young Adults grant.
- **Cape Cod Healthcare** provided funding for additional beds that supplemented emergency shelter motel resources.
- **BTEO** is privately funded through grants and donations.
- **Harbor Homes Shelter** received funding from Martha's Vineyard Hospital to provide a shelter response at the Whaling Church. Additionally, a Community Development Block Grant provided hotel respite for medically frail individuals.
- **Cape Cod Council of Churches Winter Shelter Program** was funded through donations to the organization's Homeless Ministry Program.

2022-2023 EMERGENCY RESPONSE SUMMARY

Cape and Islands Regional Network on Homelessness / MA-503 Cape Cod and Islands Continuum of Care
 Winter Emergency Response Shelter Census 11/1/2022 through 4/30/2023 (N=181 days)

Month	ST. Joseph's Shelter & Overflow		Duffy					Nantucket Warming Center	MV / Harbor Homes	Cape Cod Council of Churches	Belonging To Each Other	TOTAL
	Shelter	Overflow	CDBG	YYA	IFTS - ESG	IFTS	CCHC					
	St. Joseph's Main Shelter - Average Utilization	Total Overflow Bed Nights Used	Total Bed Nights Used	Total Bed Nights Used	Total Bed Nights Used	Total Bed Nights Used	Total Bed Nights Used	Total Bed Nights Used	Total Bed Nights Used	Total Bed Nights Used	Total Bed Nights Used	TOTAL BED NIGHTS USED (excluding St. Joseph's Main Shelter)**
November	99.63%	12	158	0	59	12	19	11	0			271
December	99.43%	152	0	0	887	3	37	46	184			1309
January	99.43%	213	0	0	888	3	25	11	155			1295
February	100.00%	248	0	0	640	7	146	109	192			1342
March	99.93%	166	0	0	378	0	49	62	268			923
April	98.96%	0	0	30	0	0	149	1	0			180
Wt. Avg.	99.56%	791	158	30	2852	25	425	240	799	67	1780	7,167
Total unduplicated individuals*		216	14	1	92	9	48	7	31	22	24	
Male		138	8	1	48	7	25	6	27	14	12	
Female		78	6		44	2	23	1	4	8	12	

***UNDUPLICATED CLIENT COUNTS**

- Total unduplicated count for St. Joseph's includes both Shelter and Overflow, as clients move back and forth from one to the other depending on bed availability and place on wait list
- Total unduplicated counts for Duffy pertain to individual funding sources only - it is assumed that individuals may have accessed services through more than one funding source, but there is insufficient identifying information to determine how frequently the crossover occurred
- Identifying information is not available for all individuals served during the Winter Season, and so it is impossible to determine how many total unduplicated individuals accessed shelter services during the Winter Season. Individuals may have received services from more than one agency, but that information is unavailable for tracking purposes.

****TOTAL BED NIGHTS USED**

- During the 2022-2023 Winter Season, an average of 40 individuals were served in the various Emergency Winter Shelter Programs every night, IN ADDITION TO those being served at St. Joseph's Main Shelter, which has a capacity of 45.