

Individual Services Committee Meeting - 1/20/26

In attendance: Approximately 25 Network partners

Shelter updates

In summary, all shelters are full or become full as soon as an opening occurs.

Particular news:

- City of Holyoke's pop-up shelter run by Providence Ministries is seeking funding to continue to provide this service on freezing nights. UPDATE as of 1/22: Funding secured! The pop-up shelter will be open on these coming winter storm nights. Funding is still limited but in the immediate term, this resource exists. Thank you, Holyoke and Providence Ministries!
- Springfield's Wesley United Church is offering 50 beds this winter, thanks to City and HLC funding. They have served 195 unduplicated individuals thus far.
- Samaritan Inn in Westfield is offering 44 low-threshold beds at no cost (thanks to HLC emergency winter shelter funding).
- Craig's Doors: working on transition afoot with Valley CDC's development of the EconoLodge which currently shelters 38 individuals via Craig's Doors. Shelter use will end on April 1. Craig's Doors is currently in conversation with HLC about next steps to address this substantial loss of beds in the region (UPDATE: HLC confirmed that Craig's Doors additional 7 winter beds at the congregate site will continue indefinitely - this is progress!).
- CSO - Friends of the Homeless in Greenfield is making steady progress in its redevelopment project at 60 Wells Street that will have 36 shelter beds and 36 new units of permanent supportive housing
- City of Greenfield notes they have opened the warming center 22 nights with an increasing number of guests, now averaging 14 to 16/nightly

CoC Point in Time Counts:

Three County CoC: [See the flyer here](#) that provides all the information you need to connect. The count will take place between Sunday, January 25 and Friday January 30. Register for the coordination meeting on 1/23 [here](#).

Springfield-Hampden CoC: the count will take place Wednesday, January 28 – Thursday, January 29. See the [flyer here](#). Register for trainings [here](#). Please join!

CoC Coordinated Entry Changes

Hampden CoC - changes will be launched in March. Stay tuned for trainings.

Three County CoC - planning for upcoming meetings, including one at the Individual Services Committee meeting in February

HUD/CoC Update: [Please read this blog post](#) for the recent update on Congressional action that could help protect our CoC funding.

State Budget Update and Advocacy: The Governor is releasing her FY27 budget on Jan. 28. The Network will be determining its FY27 budget priorities over the next week and beginning county-based legislator meetings in the couple of weeks thereafter. Please stay tuned via the blog on how you add your voice to meeting our region's urgent needs.

SAVE THE DATE: Western MA Network to End Homelessness 10th Annual Gathering - Friday, May 29, 9:30 am - 11:30 am, Holyoke Community College. Mark your calendars!

Next meeting date: Feb. 24, 1 pm - 1:45 full Committee; 1:45 - 2:45 - Three County CoC only for discussion with TAC around coordinated entry