

## 2012 POINT-IN-TIME DEFINITIONS

**Chronic Substance Abuse:** This category on the PIT includes persons with a substance abuse problem (alcohol abuse, drug abuse, or both) that is expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs the person's ability to live independently.

**Chronically Homeless Individual:** An unaccompanied homeless adult individual (persons 18 years or older) with a disabling condition\* (see definition below) who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more OR has had at least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three (3) years. To be considered chronically homeless, persons must have been sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g., living on the streets) and/or in an emergency shelter/Safe Haven during that time. Persons under the age of 18 are not counted as chronically homeless. For purposes of the PIT, persons living in transitional housing at the time of the PIT count should not be included in this subpopulation category.

**Chronically Homeless Family:** A household with at least one adult member (persons 18 or older) who has a disabling condition\* (see definition below) and who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more OR has had at least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three (3) years. To be considered chronically homeless, persons must have been sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g., living on the streets) and/or in an emergency shelter/Safe Haven during that time. For purposes of the PIT, persons living in transitional housing at the time of the PIT count should not be included in this subpopulation category; the subpopulation count should include all members of the household.

**\*Disabling Condition:** Any one of (1) a disability as defined in Section 223 of the Social Security Act; (2) a physical, mental, or emotional impairment which is (a) expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration, (b) substantially impedes an individual's ability to live independently, and (c) of such a nature that such ability could be improved by more suitable housing conditions; (3) a developmental disability as defined in Section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act; (4) the disease of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome or any conditions arising from the etiological agency for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome; or (5) a diagnosable substance abuse disorder.

**Overflow Beds (Emergency Shelters Only):** Overflow beds are available on an ad hoc or temporary basis during the year in response to demand that exceeds planned (year round or seasonal) bed capacity.

**Persons with HIV/AIDS:** This subpopulation category of the PIT includes persons who have been diagnosed with AIDS and/or have tested positive for HIV.

**Physical Disability:** This subpopulation category of the PIT includes persons with physical health problems that are expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration, substantially impairs the person's ability to live independently, and is of such a nature that the ability to live independently could be improved by more suitable housing conditions.

**Seasonal Beds (Emergency Shelters Only):** Seasonal beds are not available during the whole year, but instead are available on a planned basis, with set start and end dates, during an anticipated period of higher demand.

**Severely Mentally Ill (SMI):** This subpopulation category of the PIT includes persons with mental health problems that are expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs the person's ability to live independently.

**Unaccompanied Child (under 18):** This subpopulation category of the PIT includes persons under the age of 18 with a household size of one.

**Veteran:** This subpopulation category of the PIT includes persons who have served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. This does not include inactive military reserves or the National Guard unless the person was called up to active duty.

**Victims of Domestic Violence** – This subpopulation category of the PIT includes persons who have been victims of domestic violence at any point in the past.