

2013-2014 Winter Plan Presentation

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Plan Development – Operations and Logistics Committee

- ▶ Debriefing of 2012-2013
- ▶ Open Planning Meetings
- ▶ Public Comment Session

Introduction

- ▶ Hypothermia season is from November 1, 2013 - March 31, 2014, although a hypothermia alert can be called outside of this period
- ▶ Hypothermia services begin whenever the actual or forecasted temperature, including the wind chill factor is 32 degrees Fahrenheit or below.
- ▶ Of the 152 days in the 2012-2013 winter season, 95 hypothermia alerts were called (63%)



Plan Overview

- ▶ Food and Case Management Services for Families and Individuals
- ▶ Outreach Agencies
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Youth Services and Providers
- ▶ Capacity

How is a Hypothermia Alert called?

Daily consultations are held between the District's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) and meteorologists at the National Weather Service (NWS) in Sterling, Virginia to determine real time weather conditions and the likely conditions in the next 24 hours

The alert is called if the actual or forecasted temperature, including wind chill, is or will be 32 degrees Fahrenheit (F.) or below

HSEMA notifies The Community Partnership (TCP), United Planning Organization (UPO) and the Department of Human Services (DHS) when a hypothermia alert is called.

Designated severe weather and low barrier shelters remain open as warming spaces until the HSEMA calls off the alert.



Unscheduled Transportation:

Van transportation system has very limited capacity to provide unscheduled (on-demand) transportation. Unscheduled (on-demand) transportation will be provided only

- (a) before the time frames for scheduled transportation, provided shelters are open, or
- (b) after the timeframes for scheduled transportation

At all times, priority for unscheduled (on-demand) will be given to persons (individuals and families) who have a need for reasonable accommodation and cannot physically get to one of the designated pickup locations

Scheduled Transportation:

- Transportation TO specific men's and women's shelters is provided in each evening
- Transportation FROM specific men's and women's shelters to meal programs, downtown locations, and other locations is provided each morning
- The schedules in the 2013-2014 Winter Plan have been updated to better represent the destinations and times, based on the experience of the past year

Capacity Calculations for Men:

- ▶ In the 2012-2013 season, the highest recorded need for beds was 1,375
- ▶ The ICH Shelter Capacity Work Group has recommended that the 2013-2014 Winter Plan provide for 1,375 available beds
- ▶ The Community Partnership and the Department of Human Services are still working to identify one church site and one overflow shelter site

2013–2014 Men’s Shelter Capacity

Name of Shelter	Provider	Year-round Beds	Seasonal Beds	Alert Night Beds	Over-flow	Total	Accessible
New York Avenue	CC	360				360	
801 East Shelter	CC	380	52			432	Yes
Adams Place Shelter	CC	150	30			180	
CCNV 3 South ¹	CCNV		44			44	Yes
Saint Luke’s Church	CC			30		30	
Banneker Recreation Center	CC			50		50	
Community for Creative Non-Violence (CCNV) Drop-In Center	CCNV			135		135	Yes
Church Site TBA	CC			25		25	
Sacred Heart Church	CC			50		50	
Kennedy Rec Center	CC				40	40	
Overflow Capacity	TBD				30		
Subtotal of Available Capacity		890	126	290	70	1,376	
TOTAL						1,376	

Key: CC = Catholic Charities

¹ The 44 seasonal beds at CCNV (3 South) will operate as 24 hour low barrier beds.



Capacity Calculations for Women:

- ▶ In the 2012-2013 season, the highest recorded need for beds was on hypothermia nights was 397.
- ▶ The ICH Shelter Capacity Work Group has recommended the capacity for women of 426 beds for 2013-2014.
- ▶ There continues to be a lack of space in the women's system on non-hypothermia nights, and it possible that 10 of the beds currently only open on alert nights can be converted to seasonal beds during 2013-2014.

2013–2014 Women's Shelter Capacity

Name of Shelter	Provider	Year-round Beds	Seasonal Beds	Alert Night Beds	Over-flow	Total	Accessible
D.C. General Building 9-Harriet Tubman	CC	100				100	
John Young	NHM	85				85	
Open Door	NHM	108		10		118	
Nativity Shelter	CC	20	5			25	
Community for Creative Non-Violence (CCNV) 2 South¹	CCNV		48			48	Yes
New Covenant Baptist	CC			25		25	
TBA					25	25	
Subtotal of Available Capacity		313	53	35	25	426	
TOTAL						426	

Key: NHM = New Hope Ministries, CC = Catholic Charities

¹ The 48 seasonal beds at CCNV (2 South) will operate as 24 hour low barrier beds.



Capacity Calculations for Families:

- ▶ The District expects to use a variety of resources to provide placements for families referred for shelter during the 2013–2014 Winter season. The District will be providing placement to families through some or all of the following locations and resources:
 - D.C. General Family Shelter
 - Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)
 - Rapid Rehousing Program, also known as the Family Re–Housing and Stabilization Program (FRSP)
 - Permanent Supportive Housing Program (PSH)
 - Local Rent Supplement Program (LRSP)
 - Temporary placements in Motels

Capacity Calculations for Families, continued:

The projected number of placements needed during the 2013-2014 winter season reflects an estimate based on the month-by-month experience of the past three winters.

	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Total
<i>Projected Unduplicated Number of Families Referred for Shelter, Motel or Housing Placements</i>	67	104	135	151	52	509
<i>Projected Unassisted Exits from D.C. General Hospital</i>	8	10	8	8	8	42
<i>Projected Net Unduplicated Number of Shelter, Motel and Housing Placements Needed</i>	59	94	127	143	44	467

These projections are based on the following numbers and assumptions:

- The number of families expected to be referred for shelter during the 2013-2014 winter season is estimated to increase by 10% increase over the 2012-2013 winter season (**509** families in 2013-2014 up from 463 in 2012-2013).
- Approximately two families per week (or **42** families in total) are expected to leave the D.C. General Family Shelter without assistance from the District’s Department of Human Services – the same rate at which families exited the shelter without assistance during the 2012-2013 winter season.
- The projected net number of placements needed is the difference between these two totals (509 families referred for shelter MINUS 42 families making unassisted exits from D.C. General = **467** net placements needed)

