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Results of 2016 Annual Point in Time Homeless Count Released

May 5, 2016 (Barnstable, MA) – The Cape and Islands Regional Network on Homelessness has released its 2016 findings from the [Annual Point in Time](#) count which took place on January 27, 2016. The number of homeless families and individuals on the night of the count was 394, an increase of 38 persons from the 2015 count. The Point in Time count documented an increase in the number of unsheltered and sheltered individuals compared to 2015.

Point in Time (PIT) counts cover all people experiencing homelessness in emergency shelters, transitional housing, on the street, in cars, abandoned buildings, and in other places not meant for human habitation. Counts are conducted annually in every community, and are required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The PIT does not count households living in motels nor those that are doubled-up and living with family and friends.

Volunteers from a number of agencies across the Cape and Islands assisted in collecting information during this year's count. According to Paula Schnepf, Coordinator for the Regional Network, "The Point in Time is a snapshot of homelessness in our region on a given night. By collecting this data on an annual basis we have a better understanding of the number and demographics of the homeless population. The information helps us in planning and allocating scarce resources." The Point in Time also collects information on age, gender, disability, race, ethnicity and veteran's status of the individuals and families included in the count.

This week the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded two new Continuum of Care (CoC) grants to the region in addition to the CoC funding awarded to the Cape and Islands in a first round of funding in March. The new projects include \$29,698.00 to support a Coordinated Entry System and \$221,167.00 to the Mashpee Wampanoag Permanent Supportive Housing Program. Total CoC funding to the region in 2016 is over \$1.9 million dollars.

A full breakdown of the data collected during the Point in Time count and a complete list of [CoC FY 15 funded projects](#) for the region are available on the Barnstable County Department of Human Services website at www.bchumanservices.net.

The Cape and Islands Regional Network on Homelessness is a broad based public private partnership committed to identifying and implementing solutions to ending homelessness on Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

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