

## **HOUSING INVENTORY COUNT (HIC) GUIDANCE INCLUDING VA BEDS (4/29/11)**

The HIC is designed to be an accurate reflection of each CoC's capacity to house homeless persons in emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing beds. The inventory should include all HUD-funded residential programs, as well as non-HUD funded programs that provide housing for homeless and formerly homeless persons. The HUD-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program provides permanent supportive housing beds to homeless veterans and should be included on the CoC's 2011 HIC.

While both HUD and VA support local CoC efforts to collect data on HUD-VASH participants in HMIS, neither HUD nor VA are requiring their staff to enter the participating veterans' data into the local HMIS. For purposes of HMIS participation and bed coverage rate calculations, HUD will not include HUD-VASH units. HUD will not penalize CoCs with low HMIS bed coverage rates for HUD-VASH beds.

HUD is currently working with VA to obtain lists of GPD, HUD-VASH, Domiciliary beds, and VA Community Contract beds. HUD will incorporate VA bed data into each CoC's HIC after the 2011 HIC and CoC registration process closes. Each CoC will be informed as to the number of VA beds added and HMIS bed coverage rates will not be calculated using any of those additional beds for 2011.