Muskegon Homeless Continuum of Care
2015 AHAR Summary Report

What is an AHAR?
Per the HUD website-The Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) is a HUD report to the U.S. Congress that provides nationwide estimates of homelessness, including information about the demographic characteristics of homeless persons, service use patterns, and the capacity to house homeless persons. The report is based primarily on Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) data about persons who experience homelessness during a 12-month period.

What time frames does the 2015 AHAR Cover?
October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

How is the AHAR report compiled for our CoC?
The AHAR is broken down into four reporting categories. They are:
1. Emergency Shelter- Individual (ES-IND)
2. Emergency Shelter- Family (ES-FAM)
3. Transitional Housing- Individual (TH-IND)
4. Transitional Housing- Family (TH-FAM)
5. Permanent Supportive Housing- Individual (PSH-FAM)
6. Permanent Supportive Housing- Family (PSH-FAM)

The HMIS system administrator uses data entered into HMIS to create reports for each of the reporting categories. The main components of the reports are:
1. Total persons served in each category
2. Total beds available in HMIS in each category (Beds reported on the Housing Inventory Chart plus or minus any changes in beds throughout the year)
3. Total beds not in HMIS (Those beds in programs not using HMIS)
4. HMIS coverage rate #3/#4
5. Bed counts for four point in time dates throughout the year
6. Basic demographics for those served

These reports are submitted via the HUD Homeless Data Exchange (HDX). First the draft data is submitted. The HMIS sys admin takes this data and sends it to the providers to ensure that the bed counts and utilization for their programs are accurate. The HMIS sys admin corrects any data discrepancies, re-runs the reports and submits the final data via the HUD HDX.

What happens after we submit the data?
HUD reviews our data for usability. They determine if the data is useable and seems accurate based on utilization rates for HMIS and bed counts. If they deem the data usable, they include the data in their annual report.

Where are we at in the process?
The draft submission was due to HUD by 10/31/2016- we submitted the data on 10/28/2016. The final data submission was due to HUD by 12/12/2016- we submitted the data on 12/02/2016. All reporting categories were marked usable.

What did our data show this year?

Emergency Shelter- Individual
652- Unduplicated number of individuals that used ES Participating in HMIS
Utilization rates are based on 82 year around beds.

Average	10/28/2015	1/27/2016	4/27/2016	7/27/2016
51 (62%)	55 (67%)	69 (84%)	55 (67%)	47 (57%)

Emergency Shelter-Family
349- Unduplicated number of person in families that used ES participating in HMIS
Utilization rates are based on 44 year around beds.

Average	10/28/2015	01/27/2016	4/27/2016	7/27/2016
27 (61%)	17 (39%)	31 (70%)	21 (48%)	43 (98%)

Transitional Housing- Individual
63 Unduplicated number of individuals that used TH participating in HMIS
Utilization rates are based on 19 year around beds

Average	10/28/2015	01/27/2016	4/27/2016	7/27/2016
12 (63%)	20 (105%)	18 (95%)	9 (47%)	4 (21%)

Transitional Housing- Family
45 Unduplicated number of persons in families that used TH participating in HMIS
Utilization rates are based on 24 year around beds

Average	10/28/2015	01/27/2016	4/27/2016	7/27/2016
24 (100%)	19 (79%)	23 (96%)	23 (96%)	20 (83%)

Permanent Supportive Housing- Individual
67 Unduplicated number of individuals that used PH participating in HMIS
Utilization rates are based on 49 year around beds

Average	10/28/2015	01/27/2016	4/27/2016	7/27/2016
47 (96%)	47 (96%)	46 (94%)	48 (98%)	49 (100%)

Permanent Supportive Housing-Family
62 Unduplicated number of persons in families that used PH participating in HMIS
Utilization rates are based on 72 year around beds

Average	10/28/2015	01/27/2016	4/27/2016	7/27/2016
52 (72%)	51(71%)	58 (81%)	52 (72%)	50 (69%)

Next Steps:

The CoC can use the data for the planning for the next year and preparation for the 2017 AHAR.