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Dear Community Partner:

The Gallia-Jackson-Meigs-Vinton Continuum of Care is coordinating a four-county effort to bring state and federal resources into our communities to address issues of homelessness and housing. These resources come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Ohio Department of Development Office of Housing and Community Partnerships (ODOD/OHCP) based on the local Continuum of Care process.

One of the requirements for funding is that we conduct a "Point in Time" count of homeless persons in our communities. Since many of these individuals may utilize your services or may be known to you, we are asking for your assistance in completing this "Point in Time" count.

We have designated Monday, January 25th through Friday, January 29th as the period for the Gallia-Jackson-Meigs-Vinton count. Enclosed you will find copies of the "Service-Based Homeless Study Questionnaire." We are asking that you make this questionnaire available to persons who come into your facility/agency beginning January 25th. Please ask them to complete the questionnaire and turn it in to you. If the person requests assistance in completing the questionnaire, we ask that you provide that assistance. If you run out of questionnaires, please feel free to make additional copies as needed.

At the end of the day on January 29th, please return all completed questionnaires in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided.

Please note that the numbers will be used in the aggregate on a county and regional basis, and will not be reported from individual agencies.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. If you have any questions or need assistance during the "Point in Time" count, please contact Karen Sprague at (740) 446-4374, or Melissa Kimmel at (740) 446-6752, or Dee McCullough at (740) 446-7000. Once again, thank you for helping us to access these much-needed resources for our communities.

Sincerely,

Jill Simpkins
GJMV Continuum of Care
Point-in-Time Count Committee