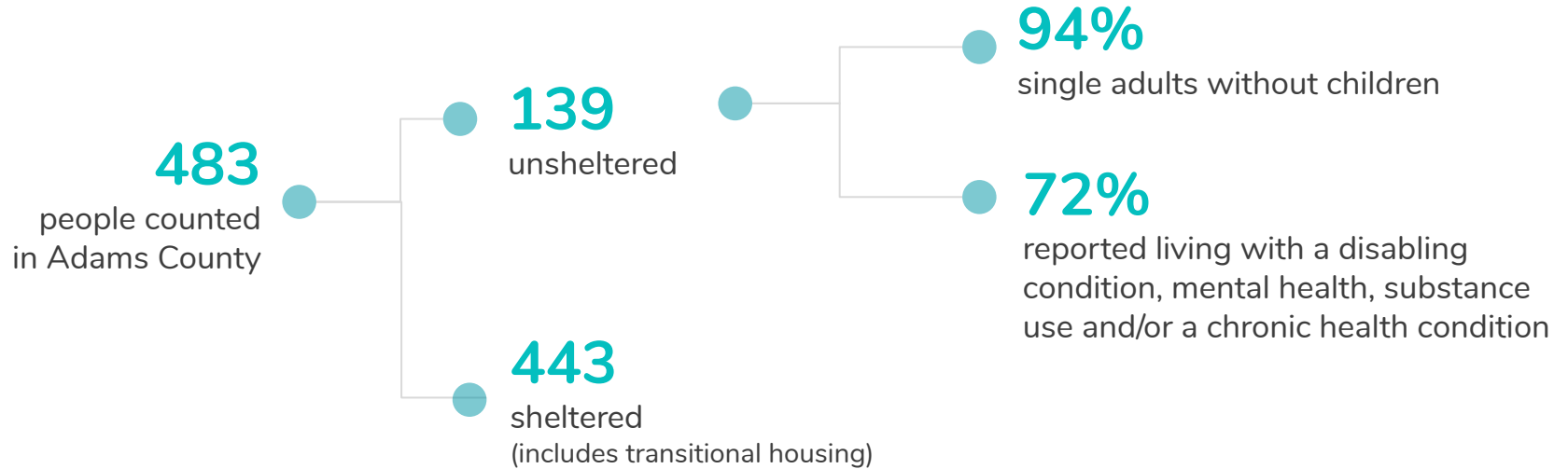


# Adams County Severe Weather Activation Plan

Study Session 11.26.2019



# 2019 Point-in-Time Count



The PIT Count surveys people experiencing literal homelessness to provide a snapshot of who is experiencing homelessness on any given night. For 2019, folks were surveyed from Monday Jan 28, 2019 to Tuesday Jan 29, 2019. All survey responses are self reported.

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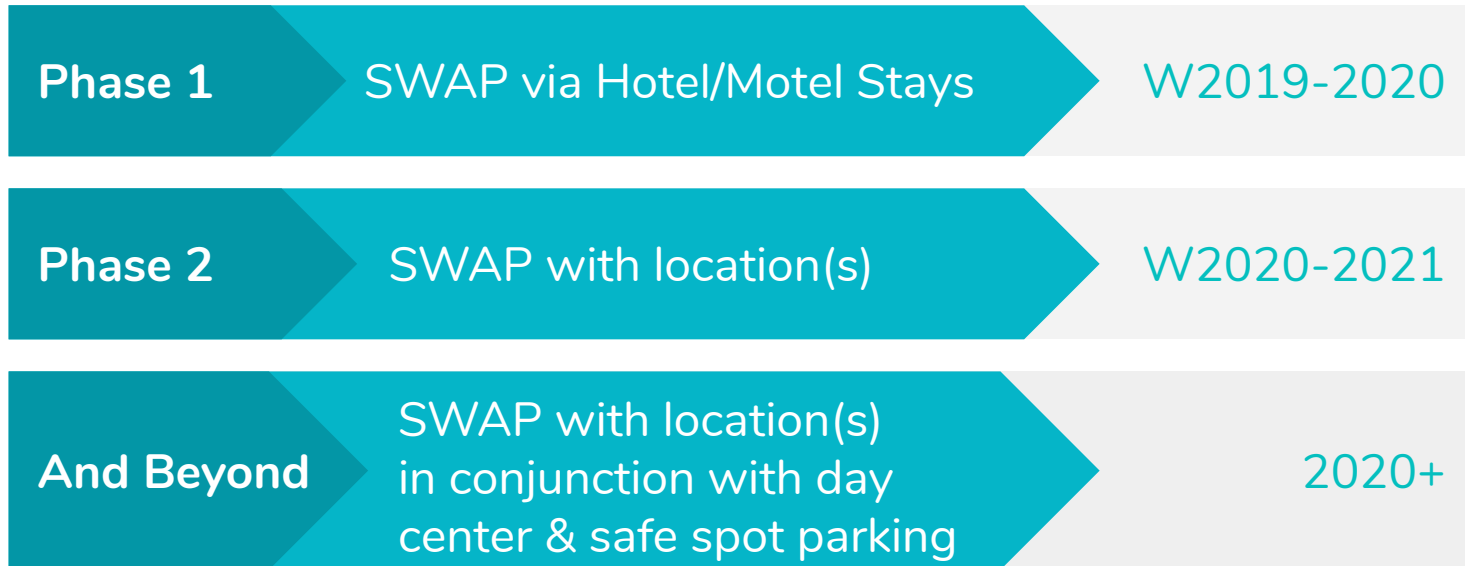
- A life-saving response to shelter people experiencing homelessness when the weather meets the severe weather standard of
  - 32°F and below, wet
  - 20°F and below, dry
- Operates October 1st to April 30th
- Varied responses and models across metro Denver region
- Estimated 60 nights of activated severe weather sheltering

## In the 2018-2019 Winter Season, Adams County experienced...

	Brighton	Byers	Northglenn
Counts of 32°F & below, wet	28	32	27
Counts of 20°F & below, dry	63	81	51

Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Weather Service (NWS)  
Collected by dates (Oct 1, 2018-Apr 30, 2019), weather conditions, NWS locations within Adams County, and total days that met weather the conditions: 32°F & below, wet, and 20°F & below, dry

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# AC SWAP: Phase 1 Hotel/Motel Stays



## Notification

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- Designated person will determine severe weather by 10:00 AM daily from October 1st (or when implemented) to April 30th
- Severe weather can be called for 1-3 days
- Notify...
  - Service providers, municipalities, police, dispatch, sheriff's office, OEMs, fire departments, food banks, libraries, etc. via email
  - Post on ACCH website, Facebook pages
  - Added to palm card with additional services/resources
  - Recorded phone message (ITi to help set up)

# Activation

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- Community partners will activate as intake sites for people needing severe weather assistance
  - Commerce City: ACCESS Housing
  - Brighton: Almost Home
  - Northglenn/Thornton: Cold Weather Care
  - Westminster
- Intakes will take place during specific time periods
- Procedure for on-call/intakes during weekends/after hours still in the works



## Assessment

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- Intakes will be conducted through the Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS)
- Standardized screening questions to determine need and available, appropriate resources

# Referral

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- a) Refer to shelter, if applicable
  - Intake sites will be in communication with shelter providers to determine number of available beds
- b) Refer to hotel/motel stay
  - Standardized assessment to ensure need is matched to hotel/motel stay
  - Prioritizing singles, people living with a disabling condition, people with pets, families
  - Intake site to call for available rooms & determines cost, fills out voucher on NCR paper
  - Provides bus ticket(s) or gas card(s) to travel to hotel/motel
- c) Provide cold weather gear, food and hygiene kits

## Data Collection

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- Through HMIS, tracking basic demographics and outcome of contact e.g. shelter referral, hotel/motel stay, cold weather gear or no outcome
- Determine level of the need and the intervention provided for future SWAP phases
- Learn more about people in need of shelter and housing, in addition to the PIT Count, McKinney Vento, etc.

# AC SWAP: Phase 1 Hotel/Motel Stays

	2019	2020	19-20 Season (starting in Dec)
Hotel/Motel Stays: estimating 8 vouchers available during activation	\$5,600	\$22,400	\$28,000
Transportation: gas cards, bus tickets	\$672	\$2,688	\$3,360
Flex Funds: cold weather gear, printing, misc.	\$280	\$1,120	\$1,400
Intake Site Admin (3 sites)	\$2,520	\$10,080	\$12,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,072</b>	<b>\$36,288</b>	<b>\$45,360</b>

Identified funds from  
county depts

Pull from homelessness  
initiatives budget

# AC SWAP: Phase 2

## Location(s)

- Currently 20 “beds in a box” available
- Space for people to sleep, bathrooms, designated rooms or space for families, and a space for intake and meals
- Accessible
- Hotel/motel stays available for people who are not comfortable in a shelter setting
- Hours of operation 6PM-7AM at minimum
- Additional services provided: DHS benefits, veterinarian services, health screenings, etc.
- Ideally, this location could eventually be tied to a day center/warming site and a safe spot parking program site (part of AdCo Homelessness Action Plan)

# AC SWAP Next Steps

## 2020-2021 SWAP

- Continue conversations with municipalities and community partners re: locations
- Build municipal buy-in, explore IGA for sustainable SWAP
- Lessons learned from 19-20 pilot, investigate data collected
- Continue exploring and implementing life-saving initiatives

## And Beyond

- Severe weather sheltering is one piece of the continuum of housing
- Tie into day center, warming sites, resource navigation, street outreach, safe spot parking, etc.- all included in Action Plan

Thank you!

