

2020 Statewide PIT Count Committee

April 14, 2020

Meeting 11am MT/10am PT

Participants Dial: **(866) 672-5590**

Conference Code: **5219681237#**

Committee members: Scott Parker, Donna Brundage, Steve Thomas, Amanda Johnson, Karen Pearson, Donna Greybill, Sarah O'Banion, Amber Taysom, Dena Skinner, Brian Dale, April Durrant, Suzanne Peck, Adam Panitch, Bryan Bumgarner, Ginny Acevedo, Jennifer Otto, Cathy Jones, Amy Jenott

NEW ITEMS:

- 1. Committee Roll Call and Approve March minutes**
- 2. PIT Count Report – Final Numbers**
- 3. Post Count Surveys – Return for stipends**
- 4. COVID-19 Update**

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

POINTS OF INFORMATION:

Next Meeting Wednesday May 12th 11am MT/ 10am PT

POST-MEETING ACTION ITEMS:

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March 10th 2020

Meeting 11am MT/10am PT

Participants Dial: (866) 672-5590

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Facilitator:	Jennifer Otto
Attendees:	Amanda Johnson, Steve Thomas, Brian Dale, April Durrant, Amy Jenott, Dena Skinner, Donna Brundage, Karen Pearson,
Not Present:	Ginny Acevedo, Adam Panitch, Suzanne Peck, Bryan Bumgarner, Cathy Jones, Scott Parker, Amber Taysom, Sarah O'Banion, Donna Greybill

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2. Committee Roll Call and approve Jan minutes

- Motion to approve: Steve; Seconded: Amanda; None opposed

5. Preliminary Count – Compare to 2019

- Preliminary numbers for 2020, as well as 2019's numbers are attached to the back of the PIT survey that was sent out.
- There was a small increase of 3% this year.
- These are preliminary numbers. Do not release these outside of the committee until the final numbers are released in April.
- Steve indicated that their numbers have gone up because they have a strong team of volunteers that were able to take back roads and find more communities than they've previously been able to. This is a huge help to be able to reach the rural communities they serve.
- Donna indicated that a lot of their community has migrated to Spokane due to the new Catholic Charity, as they provide services. Our region has a definite lack of locations, and we had a lack of volunteers. The tribes initially said they would let us do the count, but did not allow for it later. Their region had a much better count in Sandpoint this year and Union Gospel Mission is cooperating now.
- Jenn reiterated that everyone can provide detailed feedback about their numbers on the PIT count survey. Jenn also mentioned that everyone did a great job this year. We have counted all the surveys and have those preliminary numbers, but will have more complete data in April.
- Amanda brought up that it is frustrating when agencies say they will help and then they do not, even though they get funding. An example being Jesse Tree. We miss out on those numbers when they do not participate in the count. Their region has similar numbers this year, but since they know their homelessness population has increased, it's not a full representation with the missing data. Jenn mentioned that she will bring this up with the grant side of IHFA's department, the agencies need to be participating in these counts because they do get funding.
- Steve brought up he wishes there were a way to reward the hard work their volunteers put in. Amanda mentioned that their region provides food from the stipends for their planning meetings. Steve said it would be difficult to do something similar in their region since they are so spread out, they meet over the phone. Jenn asked if letters of recognition or gift cards from your stipends may be an option. Donna brought up the Census team provides swag that their team appreciates, lanyards, webcam covers, etc.

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It would be a good idea for some kind of recognition so people can add it to their HR files. Jenn said it would be a good idea to bring to the committee as they begin to plan next year's count to see if there is an option that can be decided on that would come from each region's stipend.

6. Post count survey

- No changes in the questions from prior year, but if you could provide more detail it helps out a lot. IHFA uses them for the application process. Please feel free to add anything you think needs to be asked or any additional feedback. The sooner they are returned the sooner IHFA can get stipends out. They are due back to IHFA by April 14th. Be sure to fill out the information about who the money is going to: make check payable to, tax ID, send stipend in care of, and the address fields at the end of the survey.

7. Regional PIT Count Update

- **Region 1:** Debriefing after April numbers are released. Each year we have honed it to avoid resurveying. An example being leaving out the library this year. The goal for next year is to reach their outlying communities.
- **Region 2:** Nothing additional to add.
- **Region 3:** Nothing additional to add.
- **Region 4:** Nothing additional to add.
- **Region 5:** No one on call.
- **Region 6:** It feels like we have improved, we have much more community support.
- **HUD:** Brian/April, nothing to add at this time.

8. Next Steps

- Enter Unsheltered surveys in HMIS
- Run Sheltered PIT Counts from HMIS
- Enter non-HMIS surveys and HMIS surveys into spreadsheet
- Extrapolate for missing data
- Create the Balance of State 2020 PIT Report for the IHCC, with final numbers
- Send out Regional stipends
- Submit the PIT and HIC by April 30th – we should be able to turn them in earlier than that, our IHCC board meeting is 4/25/2020 and the board will approve them then so we are able to submit.

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

Send in any receipts for incentive reimbursements

Census Bureau Spreadsheet, give contact info to Jayne Black: email

jayne.e.black@2020census.gov

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Meeting adjourned at 11:37AM, MST.