

2019 Statewide PIT Count Committee

April 10, 2019 2:00pm MT/ 1:00pm PT Meeting Minutes

Facilitator:	Jennifer Otto
Attendees:	Donna Brundage, Sarah O'Banion, Amber Taysom, Brian Dale, Dena Skinner, Alacia Handy, Alissa Parrish, Alicia Dart-Clegg, Shelby Hammond
Not Present:	Scott Parker, Steve Thomas,, Amanda Johnson Misty McEwen, Lori Stewart, Brian Bumgarner, Ginny Acevedo, Suzanne Peck,

NEW ITEMS:

1. Committee Roll Call (no March minutes)

2. PIT Count Report – Approval for submission to IHCC and HDX

- 2019 PIT Count Report was presented for committee and approved for submission to the DCR&E, IHCC and HUD HDX. Sarah O'Banion made the motion to approve and Donna Brundage seconded - All Approved.
 - i. PIT Count = 1602 which is a 27.5 increase from 2018. Increase seemed to reflect better community involvement and volunteers rather than a large influx of homelessness
 - ii. The two largest increases were from Regions 2 & 3
 - iii. CH increased from 2018
 - iv. Veteran count went down overall but unsheltered vet count increased. Sheltered vet count decreased substantially which may indicate better referrals to VASH PH instead of ES or RRH.
 - v. For unsheltered 37% were homeless for the first time which would indicate a need for increased homelessness prevention.

3. Post Count Surveys – Return for stipends

Regional Coordinators were reminded that the Post-Count Survey must be returned to get their stipend.

4. Top 3 reasons for Increase/Decrease

HUD Worksheet is attached to the agenda and Regional Coordinators were asked to return their Top 3 reasons ranked 1, 2 and 3. Additional comments on the increase/decreases included:

- Region 1 – There was a police crackdown in Hayden just before the count, which decreased the number of homeless that are usually in that area. They were able to expand their contacts and count in 3 more counties that have not worked with them in the past. Both Oregon and Washington have more options for sheltered care, services, warming centers etc. With wait lists so long for the RRH and PSH beds, plus if they are not CH it's even a longer wait to get a voucher, many move on the OR and WA especially in the winter. Overall they felt that the count accurately reflects the number of homeless persons on the night of the count
- Region 5 - They made a large push to identify new locations and different pockets in the community where persons experiencing homelessness are showing up. Some of these were new populations who have not accessed the traditional homeless programs. They focused on outreach to food distribution and alliances around food

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insecurity and were able to work with a fairly new foodbank that pulled a lot from rural areas around Pocatello. Volunteers also contacted people on the Homeless Connect Queue to see where they were on the night of the count. St Vincent de Paul had a new director who was more welcome and open to letting people come in and survey.

- Region 6 – Reported an increase in volunteers and community involvement. Lack of affordable housing is having a big impact on their community and even people who do get a RRH voucher are not finding anything to rent. The Homeless Connect Access Point did survey everyone coming in that week.
- Region 7 – Boise CoC reported a large decrease in their unsheltered count this year. This is mainly attributed to the efforts of their Coordinated Entry project, which has helped a lot of people, and the opening of New PATH with 40 units for CH.
- Brain Dale commented that the increase of community involvement might be spurred by the lack of affordable housing options. Also as rents increase people may be moving out of the Ada County and into the surrounding areas where the housing costs may not be as high.

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

POINTS OF INFORMATION:

Next Meeting Wednesday May 8th 2pm MT/ 1pmPT

POST-MEETING ACTION ITEMS:

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