

2019 Statewide PIT Count Committee

October 24, 2019

Boise On-Site Meeting 8:30 am MT

Meeting Minutes

Facilitator	Jennifer Otto
Attendees	Donna Brundage, Brian Dale, Amanda Johnson, Ginny Acevedo, Scott Parker, Steve Thomas, Alacia Handy, Amy Duque, Dena Skinner, Jennifer Otto
Not Present	Sarah O'Banion, Amber Taysom, Suzanne Peck, Bryan Bumgarner, Alicia DartOClegg, Lori Stewart, Misty McEwan

NEW ITEMS:

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Approval of September minutes with one correction (typo in 2.B. "chair"). Steve moved to approve, Dena seconded; motion passed unanimously.
3. Pre-Count Strategy Form
 - a. The form was distributed. There are no changes from last year.
 - b. Question 4: Identify general locations
 - i. Be very specific, and refine as the date gets closer.
 - ii. Specify which areas you will exclude (i.e., wilderness areas, areas inaccessible due to weather)
 - iii. Alacia suggested hunting guides as a resource for some areas – Idaho Outfitter and Guide Association may be a resource.
 - iv. Brian mentioned a contact (former mayor) in Grandview who is a resource for some areas, and will provide the contact info to Amanda
 - v. Elmore County is getting a DV agency (Connie Powers is the contact)
 - vi. Steve suggested rural nurses as a resource (Is there a statewide agency? Are they hospital-based? Paramedics might also be a resource to identify locations.)
4. Agency List Review and Update

- a. All those who serve the homeless according to HUD's definition are on the list.
- b. Jenn suggested expanding the list beyond housing agencies to include service-only agencies; and to have a service and known-location list in addition to the agency list
- c. St. Vincent in Region 1 has two reservations (Kootenai and CdA) who have indicated that they can count there this year
- d. In Sandpoint, the police station lobby is available to homeless people overnight
- e. Ft. Hall (Shoshone/Bannock) in Region 5 – Susan is making progress with them now, although they have not wanted to cooperate with the PIT count in the past
- f. Nez Perce tribe in Region 2 has been very helpful with the count according to Steve
- g. Brian Dale offered to help all regions with additional contacts

5. Regional PIT Subcommittee Update

- a. Region 1: Donna would like larger posters. IHFA could design and print them this year with appropriate messaging (“housing survey” rather than PIT or any use of “homeless”). Kim McCollim from HUD Spokane will attend tomorrow's Regional Coalition meeting – Brian thinks she has some ideas to help with PIT.
- b. Region 2: Steve feels that building relationships is the key to a good count, and that good attendance at regional Coalition meetings also helps. He has a team of 75 people who are informed, and most participate regularly. His stipend money goes only to PIT-related expenses. Last year they added rural nurses who do wellness checks to their team of resources, with success. He may do his own poster this year.
- c. Region 3: Amanda was wondering whether it is ok to count along the Oregon border, since so many people cross back and forth. She let us know that she lost her former PIT partner to an out-of-state move, and is having surgery this year – so there needs to be some new leadership to work with her while she has limited mobility.

- d. There was some discussion about an app for surveying – Amanda pointed out that there is such unreliable internet service in her area, even where her office is located, that she wants to keep the paper system. Jenn also mentioned the difficulties with statewide training, IT services, and cost for PIT apps. Even if we get an app, paper will always remain an option. Jenn asked if anyone had expertise in this area to help investigate the options.
- e. Region 4: no rep today
- f. Region 5: Ginny’s subcommittee is just getting started
- g. Region 6: Dena is frustrated that all the PIT work falls on her agency; it is hard for her to get volunteers. Bryan suggested a volunteer from BYU Idaho. Amanda has had the same struggles in region 3.

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

POINTS OF INFORMATION:

1. Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 12 at 11 am MT/10 am PT
2. Going forward: meet the second Tuesday of each month at 11 am MT/10am PT

POST-MEETING ACTION ITEMS:

Pre-Count Strategy Form - Due December 6th
Agency List – Review and Update - Due December 20th