

Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

CoC Point-In-Time (PIT) Count Workgroup

March 15, 2021 | 11am - 12:00pm

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82033579884>

Meeting notes

1. Welcome and Introductions

No quorum.

DJ Vincent, Committee Chair

2. Workgroup Administration

Review and approve January's Meeting Minutes.

3. 2021 PIT Count DEBRIEF

Time to discuss all things PIT Count 2021, identifying successes, challenges, and lessons learned. Discuss opportunities for seeking additional feedback from participants and volunteers.

What does a successful PIT Count look like?

- Shelter Count- compiling list of shelters was not confirmed as complete; confusion of shelters using HMIS, turnaround timeline, emails sent by shelters to Sara and not getting responses needed to conduct the surveys; not enough support for follow up.
- Communication- always a cluster! Communication with workgroup has been great this year and starting early. Consider a platform like Basecamp or PITCount@mwwhomelessalliance.org or general email to use sustainability and day-of emergencies.
- Process to go back and check shelter data, identify and verify data in HMIS was correct with shelters
- **Accuracy** in counts! Especially with unsheltered counts. Possibly 2/3 shelters or homes at Wallace Marine did not have conversation with those present and not home; how to assure teams would double back and check again. How have the most complete numbers?
- Too cold to come outside and count- counted tents but not those that didn't come outside
- Robin didn't have any incentives to give out. Can everyone bring their own things or how to give individuals items they need vs. what they had on hand to give. (tents vs. socks). How to give teams items in advance? Regional lead could be a co-lead situation, one for geographic and one for incentives
- Church at the Park had a good system- partners/buddy system. Backpacks were given to volunteers and they filled backpack with supplies (laid out) and could return whenever and fill up. Donate backpacks after.
- Garbage bags were wanted. System similar to dog poo bags, have garbage bag stations.
- Have brochure or business card with resource information/resource line- get on same page with where to refer people to (e.g. NWHS or 211)
- Gave bags of dog food.
- Glad to start planning so early, last minute previously was chaotic, workgroup was a success, enjoyed the size of the workgroup being smaller.

- AmeriCorps volunteers? Other volunteers
- Maps – geographic maps of camps
- **A week / more time was better than one day push, what is strategy to coordinate volunteers**
- Dogs and pets- how to approach dogs and pets when approaching individuals- pet safety.

4. PIT Count Workgroup

Discuss and provide feedback on the PIT Count Workgroup; propose potential changes to PIT Count Workgroup Charter if needed.

Meet in June, and then again in August with a template and meet monthly after. Core team would be helpful for membership.

- 1) **What was missing from the team you were in from being successful**
- 2) **Were you a part of shelter count, stationary site, or street outreach**
- 3) **Did you feel supported this year? Sufficient volunteers, technology support, supplies and donations, etc.**
- 4) **What support did you receive that was most helpful. What support did you need that you didn't get?**
- 5) **Did a regional lead contact you prior to the day-of?**

5. Next Steps

Discuss next steps for the Workgroup and determine future meeting schedule.

PIT Count Workgroup Membership:

DJ Vincent , Chair		Matt McWilliams , City of Independence	
Sara Webb , Community Action Agency		Julie Conn-Johnson , SKSD McKinney-Vento	
Robin Winkle , Shangri-La	x	Tricia Frizzell , Community Action Agency	x
Adam Menning , Chemeketa CC		Andrew Copeland , Keizer Police Department	
Matt Herbert , Community Action Agency		Wendy Roberts , SKSD Federal Programs	
Gretchen Bennett , City of Salem	x	Lt. Treven Upkes , Salem Police Department	
Eddie Maestas , Salem Housing Authority	x	Shain Oleson , MWVCAA Home	X
Ben Crosby , City of Keizer	x	STAFF: Carla Munns , Consultant MWVHA	x
Guests			
Denae Overman		Hailey - Home	
Sarah Owens		Angie Torres	

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