



Point in Time (PIT) Committee Agenda

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 1-2pm

Zoom

1. Introductions

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2. Agenda items

- a. Committee chair(s): Sara Allee-Jatta and Sarah Lim currently co-chair the committee. Sarah Lim would like to step down. Would anyone else co-chair the committee?

There was no new volunteer to chair the committee. Sara and Sarah will continue to co-chair the committee.

- b. Summer PIT Count: Summer PIT counts are no longer required by the State. Should Dane CoC continue to do summer PIT counts?

The committee reviewed the basics of PIT and the numbers from the last 10 years.

The committee discussed the pros and cons of not doing the summer count.

- Pros: Many agencies that are required to participate (funded by the City or State) have expressed reluctance of waking people up in the middle of the night. There was not much interest among outreach partners in participating in the PIT. Planning PIT is intensive and takes a lot of time investment. There has been a pattern between summer and winter PIT count, which we can use to estimate summer numbers or we could use outreach case conferencing list numbers to identify the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness consistently.
- Cons: Having data is important. In the absence of data, people will make up their own stories and draw conclusions.

The committee discussed whether to include non-outreach agencies this year, if we decided to go ahead with the PIT. COVID spread is increasing. HUD recommended limiting the number of people doing the count last time. But just doing it with outreach programs that are willing to participate won't be sufficient to carry out a PIT.

The committee discussed a PIT model for this summer:

- 9/14 (Tue) night, the count will start 7am on 9/15 (Wed). Early morning seems to be most accurate.
- Informal count without surveys, just counting the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
- The post count will last for a few days
- Try to cover with outreach teams; and invite people who may want to as needed.

The committee was leaning toward conducting a PIT this summer and will make a final decision on whether to conduct the PIT this summer or not and discuss further planning details at the next meeting.

c. Walk-on items

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