

## **HSC Point In Time Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, June 25th, 2019 at 10 AM-11:30 AM  
Briarpatch**

Attending: Uschi Marschke, Valerie Henderson, David Vobora, Rayshawn Nash, Corey Erickson, Lauren Ward, Alejandra Salinas, Victor Ponce, Glenn Ruiz, Abbey Vassen, Sawyer Johnson, Jobril Smith, Sarah Lim, Tyler Schueffner, Ben Jackson, Will Brewer, Paris Smith, Matt Julian, Elizaebth Hendricks, Robin Sereno

### **Agenda:**

- A. Introductions.
- B. Review January 2019 PIT.
- C. Discuss lessons learned and suggestions.
- D. Review and finalize the PIT survey (consider additional questions).
- E. Assign tasks and assignments (Due by the next the PIT Meeting in July).
- F. Examine known locations map. (Team leads examine known locations and give Sarah Lim updates)

### **Important Information:**

- This may be the last PIT for the Summer.
  - July 2019: State of WI mandates CoCs to administer PIT.
  - Winter PIT info is forwarded to HUD
  - Summer PIT is given to the State
  - There are differences between summer and winter PIT
    - Summer: larger numbers, more scattered
    - Winter: clusters, concentrated

### **B. Review of Jan 2019 - PIT**

Jan. 2019: After debriefing with team leads =

- Cold weather
- 6 inches during the day
- Discuss starting time for campus and central locations
- PIT poster for shelters and windshields: need to clarify shelter policies
  - Differences for Men and women's shelter
- Confusion about post-count: no locations listed
- Double Counting

Winter 2019 Memo:

- [HSC Website](#)
- Jan numbers decreased from previous
  - 570 people in Jan 2019

- Since 2018, overall homelessness decreased by 6%
  - However, 9% increase for families

### **C. Discussion of lessons learned and suggestions**

Upon reflection of Winter 2019:

Attendees at PIT Planning Meeting mentioned the following...

- Car campers in the winter
- Need for follow-up from agencies
  - Addressed concerns of PIT survey
- Jan 2019 day after PIT was -20:
- Need a plan to help people access warming shelter for folks who refuse - for next winter
- Because of weather, people were doubled up
- Surprised: not many vehicle sleepers the night of Jan 2019

### **How Winter 2019 can inform Summer 2019:**

- **Discussion on Starting Times for Campus and Central (1 + 2)**
  - Midnight (12 AM) still works for Campus, Central 1 & 2
- **POST-COUNT:**
  - PIT Members decided that only people in the PIT meetings can collect post count information outside of the post-count hours and report to Sarah Lim
    - Sarah Lim will send post-count instructions to PIT members, including post-count volunteers (those assigned to Bethel/Beacon/library)
    - However, we would need to be able to confirm they are sleeping outside
      - I.e. family in car. Outreach worker knows a week in advance that family is in car (specifics of car make, license plates). Outreach worker can collect PIT survey info.
        - Outreach worker on the night of PIT can confirm if they see the family's car without waking the family up for more accurate data.
      - To prevent duplication, only members of PIT can post-count

How to make PIT better:

- Consider Communities outside of Madison (rural locations)
  - City of Madison reached out to sheriff, JFF (Verona, Middleton, Sun Prairie)
  - Reach out to libraries
  - Non profits in rural areas (HSC)
  - Facebook/Social Media

### **D. PIT Survey:**

**First set of questions are already mandated by HUD. However, PIT planning committee can change formatting, wording, and the additional parts.**

Sarah Lim proposed to change additional question about VISPDAT and Coordinated Entry to Outreach staff contacting consumer.

- No opposition: PIT members approve
- Team leads responsible for collecting just names and contact info from interested community members.
- Sarah Lim will forward night time PIT to Sankofa
  - Sankofa contact people asap
  - Sankofa also provide business cards or pamphlets for teams
- Will and Ben will connect and work with interested folks in the rural locations

Also suggest questions to assess why consumers sleep outside instead of accessing shelter

- Why? Need for shelters
  - Salvation Army is trying to build new shelter for women and children's.
  - Our community needs men's shelter. (Porchlight provide night shelter services with churches)
  - Various stakeholders interested in forwarding shelter conversation  
HSC formed shelter study group (capacity and design): developing survey on thoughts about policies
- No opposition: PIT members approve, but some members suggest more options on the survey, and the following:
- Things to consider about developing the question
  - "Safety": has different meanings
  - Some people feel shelter system is not working for them
  - Examine bans to shelter, 90 days
  - Think about better questions
- Sarah Lim will work on a draft and suggest it for the next meeting.

On July PIT 2019, shelters will open, but each shelter has different policies. Sarah Lim will work on clarifying them for the flyers.

Sankofa prepares contact information/business cards

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Next planning meeting: Wed., July 10th at 10 AM.

Training for Monday, July 22nd at 11 AM - Briarpatch

Make-up training is 23rd Tuesday at 4 PM (MMB, Room 202)