

Point in Time (PIT) Committee Minutes

Tuesday, November 23, 2021 1:00 pm- 2:00 pm

Zoom

Attendance: Sarah Lim, Carla Williams, Shannon Campion, Tyler Schueffner, Jessica Sims, Michael Moody, Andrea Gaines, Kora Schultz, Liz Schnee

1. Introductions
2. Select note taker
3. Agenda items
 - a. Updates

Tyler had contact with UW student services about collecting housing and homeless information. They will focus on housing instability among students next fall. Tyler also met with Madison College staff. They did student housing related survey two weeks ago. Tyler will follow up about result.
 - b. Follow up discussion on youth count

Notes from the Youth Action Board meeting on 11/22/21

How can we better identify unaccompanied youth age under 18 and youth age 18-24 who are unsheltered?

- Most people who are “unsheltered” are sleeping in their cars
- A lot of young people will stay with strangers or acquaintances
- Find youth around them. Most youth that sleep in their cars tend to have a certain set of friends or none at all. Maybe looking for those types of groups
- How many predetermined areas do the PIT teams visit? - Teams of 4-5, divided by area (Central 1, Central 2, East 1, East 2), visit known locations reported by street outreach
- Known locations = 100+ locations
- Libraries if there are any that are 24/7
- School social workers may know of different places where youth are staying
- Think about rural/suburban areas where youth may sleep
- Fitchburg Target & Hyvee
- Sun Prairie Woodman’s
- Involve schools - I don’t know if we have contact with school counselors or anything like that but I know when I was in school I would reach out there because I didn’t know who to reach out to

What should the unsheltered PIT count be like? What questions should we ask? We need to ask the required questions to report to HUD. Should we ask any optional questions? If so, what questions?

- Even if we don’t use the optional questions at PIT, we could use them at Youth Count
- #7 - Add parent/guardian + other family member
- #8 - More options or explanation for each of these

- #13 - Include definitions of “hustling,” “under the table,” “sex work”
- #15 - barriers to access, doesn’t include “racial or other discrimination”
- #19 - More options under sexual orientation or “other”
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Don’t add optional questions to the January PIT count. Instead we can add them to Youth Count later.

PIT Committee decided to follow the YAB’s recommendation of not adding additional youth specific questions to the January PIT. Sarah will update the questions based on YAB member feedback and use them for the Youth Count. Tyler will follow up with schools to get their help identifying unaccompanied youth. Sarah will add additional locations identified by YAB members to the unknown location list.

- c. PIT donation received – what to purchase for participants?

The Committee decided to purchase \$5 gas station cards that can be used for gas, food and other things.

- d. PIT survey form review, including additional question about why people are not using the shelters

The Committee agreed that it is important information to collect to inform shelter providers and new shelter development approach. However, there was discussion on whether PIT is the best way to do that. It may be best if outreach teams could collect the information for people they are working with so that conversations can happen during the day and follow ups can be made if personal stories are shared. The Committee decided that this should be discussed at the outreach meeting to see if there is a way to collect and report this information through outreach activities. If we can’t identify a good way to do this, we may want to add the questions to the PIT survey. We will follow up on this item after discussing at the outreach meeting.

It was suggested that we ask, “which services are you connected to, if any?” and follow up with outreach information.

- e. Walk-on items

The Committee will discuss the team makeup and assignment at the next meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, December 7, 1-2pm.