

# 2021 Unsheltered Point-in-Time Count: PIT Subcommittee 12/4/20



# Agenda

1. HUD Guidance
2. 2019 Local Unsheltered PIT Description
3. 2021 Local Unsheltered PIT Approach Options
4. Preliminary Recommended Approach
5. Local Approach Development & Finalization Process



# Sacramento CoC 2021 PIT Count Team

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# HUD Guidance

- 2021 PIT count will not be comparable to other PIT counts
- In doing a 2021 unsheltered PIT, HUD wants to (1) know how the unsheltered PIT count has been impacted by COVID-19; and (2) be able to say if homelessness increased or decreased in different types of communities (+ / - only)
- CoCs should reduce or eliminate the reliance on volunteers
- Set of exemptions & alternatives detailed in HUD guidance



# 2019 Unsheltered PIT Count

- Nearly 1,000 Volunteers
- Held Over 2 Nights
- 2 Large Volunteer Deployment Sites (on both nights)
- Spontaneous Assembly of 3-4-Member Count Teams
- 171 Canvassing Sites Visited
- 550 In-Person Interviews Conducted



# 2021 Unsheltered PIT Count- Local Options

- Full Count
- No Count
- Observation-Only Count (1-2 days)\*
- Very Brief Survey Count (up to 14 days)\*
- Alternative Data Source with Enhancements

\* No demographic survey required by HUD this cycle



# Preliminary Recommendation: Alternative Data Source with Enhancements

- Use the “By Name List” (BNL) generated out of HMIS
- Cross-reference BNL with very brief surveys of unsheltered persons to determine overlap (# TBD)
- W/buy-in from funders & providers, multi-agency collaborative of outreach workers to conduct surveys over 10-14 days
  - Each survey can be completed in less than 2 minutes
  - 200-400 surveys are likely needed, still working to set the number



# Additions to Recommendation of Alternative Data Source with Enhancements to Consider

- In addition to pursuing the Alternative Data Source with Enhancements approach, the CoC could:
  - Request a total exemption from counting but proceed with this approach, as a safeguard in case things go awry and the data collected is not reliable
  - Announce plan to do, or explore doing, a 2022 Unsheltered PIT as part of the recommendation





# Local Approach Development & Finalization Process

- Brief CoC Executive Committee- 11/17/20
- Brief CoC Board- 11/18/20
- Brief PIT Subcommittee- 11/19/20
- SSF and ISR Consult with HUD- 11/23/20
- Brief Local Jurisdictions- 12/2/20
- Consultation with County Health Services- Schedule Pending



# Local Approach Development & Finalization Process

- Present Options to CoC Executive Committee+ for Input- 12/4/20
- Present Options & SSF/ISR Recommended Approach to PIT Subcommittee for Approval- 12/4/20
- SSF/ISR/PIT Subcommittee Recommended Approach to CoC Board for Approval- 12/9/20

