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2021 PIT Count Subcommittee Minutes

Thursday, January 21, 2021 || 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

[Recording of Zoom Meeting](#)

The chat is available below the minutes.

Attendance:

Member	Area of Representation	Present
April Wick	People with Disabilities	Yes
Cynthia Hunt	Housing Services Cottage Housing	Yes
Jeffery Tardaguila	Advocate	Yes

SSF Staff	SSF Title
Hamid Bashiri	Lead Data Analyst
Hannah Beausang	Communications Manager
Lisa Bates	Chief Executive Officer
Michele Watts	Chief Planning Officer
Michelle Charlton	Continuum of Care Coordinator
Tiffani Reimers	Community Outreach Coordinator

Agenda Item	Presenter(s):	Time	Item Type
I. Welcome and Introductions	April Wick, Co-Chair	9:00 AM (5 minutes)	Information
April welcomed and started introductions.			

II. 2021 Unsheltered PIT Exemption Request Submitted to HUD	Michele Watts, SSF Chief Planning Officer	9:05 AM (5 minutes)	Information
<p>Michele explained the CA-503 2021 Unsheltered PIT Waiver Request to HUD. She shared details on the use of volunteers, COVID safety, By-Name-List, HMIS data use, how this submission is not a replacement of PIT, and additional details.</p>			
III. Training and Fielding Update	Michele Watts & Tiffani Reimers, SSF PIT Coordinator; & Shannon Williams, ISR Executive Director & Jessica Newham, ISR Research Analyst	9:10 AM (40 minutes)	Information
<p>Michele mentioned short surveys to collect information over the next 2 weeks using professional outreach workers, the testing of the survey was the week before, and the coordination with Sacramento ISR. Once the data has been collected and the data will be matched with the data we have in HMIS. She explained the goal of this years' sampling. Tiffani gave an overview on the Google maps with pinpoints where there is homelessness (provided by navigators and law enforcement officers). Jessica explained definitions, how the random sample was drawn, and the number of surveys.</p> <p>Questions were asked in the chat, see chat and recording.</p>			
IV. Next Steps	Michele Watts	9:50 AM (10 minutes)	Information
<p>Michele explained once the data is collected, we will match the data from the sampling. Once we see the outcome, we will focus on strategies to improve efforts moving forward.</p> <p>Questions were asked in the chat, see chat and recording.</p>			

V. Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 AM

Next PIT Count Subcommittee Meeting: Thursday, February 18, 2021



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- 09:21:20 From Jeffery Tardaguila : From 5-100 groups and sizes how many encampments?
- 09:21:51 From Joseph Smith : What time of day will this be done?
- 09:22:39 From Jeffery Tardaguila : how many away from Freeways underpasses?
- 09:22:54 From Joseph Smith : Evening is best, but before dark - for safety
- 09:24:05 From Jeffery Tardaguila : away from public transportation ?, bus vs light rail ? more than one miles ?
- 09:33:58 From Bridget Alexander (she/her) : Will the information on that overlap assessment be shared with this committee?
- 09:34:07 From April Wick : I see you Bridget
- 09:34:33 From Jeffery Tardaguila : can we look back and record forward how many drop off our list vs placed in housing ?
- 09:35:58 From Michele Watts : Yes, the overlap assessment will be shared with this subcommittee, as well as the CoC Board.
- 09:37:44 From Joseph Smith : I have a general question
- 09:38:37 From Jeffery Tardaguila : how is state homeless database progressing ?
- 09:39:57 From April Wick : Hi Crystal. I'll get you introduced in just one moment I see you
- 09:52:54 From Bridget Alexander (she/her) : Can I comment on this?
- 09:53:04 From April Wick : You're next Bridget
- 09:56:12 From Crystal Sanchez : how do we help in the updates in hmis we have 275 volunteers going out also in very rural areas
- 09:56:53 From April Wick : I see your question Crystal we'll get it
- 09:56:56 From Bridget Alexander (she/her) : THIS is a great question (and idea) Crystal.
- 09:58:09 From Michele Watts : You can also email HMIS@SacStepsForward.org to add your programs to HMIS.

09:59:47 From Crystal Sanchez : thank you this is helpful!

10:00:07 From Bridget Alexander (she/her) : Crystal if you ever want to talk about what it might look like to get into HMIS, happy to connect.

10:00:24 From Crystal Sanchez : sounds great

10:00:29 From Bridget Alexander (she/her) : bridget@wakingthevillage.org

10:00:38 From Hamid Bashiri : Please feel free to contact me hbashiri@sacstepsforward.org