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2019 PIT/HIC Lead Status Call Minutes

December 14, 2018

2019 PIT/HIC Leads attending:

- Region 1 – Sarah Martin
- Region 2 – Emily Lowery
- Region 3 – absent
- Region 4 – absent
- Region 5 – Andrea Merriman
- Region 6 – absent
- Region 7 – absent
- Region 8 – absent
- Region 9 – Monica Kearney
- Region 10 – Candice Rountree
- Region 11 – Erica McCloud
- Region 12 – Jim Cox
- Region 13 – absent

NCCEH staff attending: Brian Alexander, Jasmin Volkel, Bagé Shade

Overview of PIT Goal and Status Call Purpose

- 2019 PIT/HIC Goal: *The NC Balance of State CoC will complete accurate and comprehensive Point-In-Time and Housing Inventory Counts in 2019.*
 - These status calls are meant to provide updates on your region's progress towards planning for the count, and we also want this to be time to share ideas, ask questions of others who are going through the same process, and provide support to each other as this is going to be a very busy time for everyone.

Current Benchmarks for 12/14/2018

✓ Ask all potential service-based count sites to participate and determine how many volunteers will be needed

✓ Announce the date of the 2019 PIT/HIC count and then initial plan, outline, and goals for the Regional Committee

✓ Review the list of homelessness and housing programs that participated in the 2018 PIT/HIC. Determine if any other homelessness or housing programs dedicated to people experiencing homelessness exist in the region.

✓ Send the name of the agencies/programs and contact information to NCCEH staff at bos@ncceh.org.

Regional Reports Out

Briefly provide an update on where your region is currently with planning for your count.

- Have you identified and asked potential service-based count sites to participate?
- Have you determined how many volunteers you'll need at each site?
- Have you announced the 2019 PIT/HIC date, initial plan, outline, and goals for the Regional Committee?
- Have you reviewed the list of programs from 2018 to determine if there are other homelessness or housing programs that exist in the region?
- **Region 1:** Sarah reported that Region 1 has connected with agencies to help with their unsheltered count. They're working with harm reduction agencies that operate in 7 counties. The harm reduction agency helps with reaching counties (Swain, Madison, Clay, Cherokee) that they had less counts in last year. She reports they can find out if harm reduction agency (NC Harm Reduction Coalition) serves other regions. They are also working with WNCAP.org (AIDS services). They have not determined volunteers, but they do have a lot of people who have said they can help them get volunteers, but not as many as they would like in some counties. They announced the date at their coalition meeting, outlined the fact that last year they got less zeros, but they want no zeros this year and discussed their plan on how they're going to do that. They have not yet reviewed their list of agencies to participate.
- **Region 2:** Emily reported Region 2 has contacted the list of agencies they received and confirmed they will all participate. Date and planning info were announced at their regional coalition meeting
- **Region 3:** absent
- **Region 4:** absent
- **Region 5:** Andrea reports Region 5 had their meeting and discussed PIT. Davidson and Cabarrus will need additional support. Nicole sent out link to providers for HIC information. They have started reaching out to previous volunteers to make sure they're on board in each county, and they have service-based count locations; Bage needs to forward list of 2018 participating agencies to Andrea
- **Region 6:** absent
- **Region 7:** absent
- **Region 8:** absent
- **Region 9:** Monica reports Region 11 has identified and called all 18 providers, and they have announced date at December RC meeting. All providers that participated last year except one, and VOA is participating as RRH provider as well. They have PIT committee to plan process to do a street based count; wants each site to identify volunteer and provide brochures. Brian recommended Lataya reach out to VOA for street outreach assistance. Reports having trouble contacting housing Granville and My Sister's House.



- **Region 10:** Candice reports Region 10 has identified service-based site as they are leaving that up to county leads. Problem area is Greene county which hasn't done a count, but they do have someone secured. Looks different from county to county. Reports they have someone providing hygiene items, blankets, and gloves for the whole region. They have Spanish-speaking volunteers who go out to do the count. Facing challenges with being 1 region now instead of 2 as it relates to having a standard plan across the entire 6-county region.
- **Region 11:** Erica reports Region 11 met on Tuesday, and they're reaching out to the same service-based participants from last year. Some have agreed to participate; requested Bagé resend list of 2018 participating agencies
- **Region 12:** Jim reports Region 12 met on Wednesday for their super regional meeting where they announced PIT date, reviewed planning, and met with others after the meetings with county leads for planning on the local level. Jim is keeping them up to date by sending slides. Working with organizations to get incentives. Reports facing challenges with reaching out to some counties, but they have made attempts to reach out. Their goal is for no county to go uncounted. They are trying to do service-based counts in rural areas by identifying soup kitchens and food pantries to participate in service-based count. Working specifically in Bertie and Washington, and Region 12 feels confident they'll get numbers from Washington since they now have a champion pushing those efforts. Using outreach during PIT to start their work on street outreach.
- **Region 13:** absent

Ongoing Resources for Planning and Training

- Resources for Conducting a Point-in-Time Count (central location for all links)
 - <https://www.ncceh.org/datacenter/pointintimehowto/>
 - [2019 PIT/HIC Lead Orientation Webinar](#)
 - [Training: Unsheltered PIT Count and Regional Best Practices](#)

Upcoming Training

Training Date	Topic
<i>December 14, 2018 @ 11 AM</i>	Conducting a Youth Homelessness Count
<i>January 4, 2019 @ 11 AM</i>	Unsheltered Count-Data Collection/Mobile App
<i>January 25, 2019 @ 11 AM</i>	Data Collection for non-HMIS sheltered count

Helpful Planning Reminders

- Outreach, Advertise, Plan, Recruit



- Use your agency list to start reaching out to the programs that participated in 2018 to ensure they're on board this year, and invite them to your planning meetings, your trainings, ask if they need volunteers, ask if they can offer volunteers.
- Also remember that this is a time to engage new partners or even an opportunity to engage existing partners that you've had difficulty getting to attend and participate in regional committee activities.
- Think about what volunteers you'll need and plan for your training

Next Steps

Looking ahead to Benchmarks for January 4, 2019:

- ✓ Contact all agencies in the region that participated in the 2018 PIT/HIC count to inform them of the date and initial plans. Discuss their needs for volunteers to conduct counts. Invite them to join the planning committee.
- ✓ Determine the number of volunteers needed to staff service-based and street-based counts to provide full coverage in the region.
- ✓ Announce and begin creating a list of volunteers to conduct unsheltered counts in each county

Wrap Up

- 2019 PIT/HIC Planning worksheet was due December 7th: Submit using [this link](#).
- As of 12/12, we need plans from the following regions:
 - **1*, 2*, 5, 6, 7*, 8, 11, 12, 13**

*(*granted extensions until 12/14)*

Next Status Call: Friday, January 4, 2019 at 10 AM

