



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

Point in Time Committee

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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 Wendy Cumberland, DESS HH
 Wendy Lo, DESS HH

Chairperson: Jay Coughlin
Second Chairperson: Erin Murray

Recording: Jay Coughlin

AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order | J. Coughlin/All |
| a. Welcome, updates and announcements | |
| 2. Approval of March 27, 2024 Minutes – ACTION | J. Coughlin |
| 3. Unsheltered PIT Survey Questions | J. Coughlin |
| a. Review and discussion of Survey Questions | |
| 4. Unsheltered PIT ideas/feedback | J. Coughlin |
| 5. Adjourn | J. Coughlin |
| a. Next meeting Wednesday May 29 th , 2024 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. | |



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3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Butte County Employment and Social Services
Zoom Virtual Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Austin Herbaugh, DESS PIO
Deborah Taylor, NorCal VA
Dee Price, DESS HH
Erin Murray, DESS HH
Jay Coughlin, DESS HH
Jennifer Zellers, Youth for Change
Kaitlyn Sherrill, DESS HH
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Wendy Lo, DESS HH

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

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Annie Terry, ORM
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RECORDING:

Jay Coughlin

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Committee Chair J. Coughlin called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. introductions were completed and new members were welcomed to the committee. The group welcomed the new Second Chairperson Erin Murray officially and thanked her for taking on the role.
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a motion by Shelly Storkan, seconded by Tami Ritter the minutes of February 27th 2024 were approved. 1 abstention. Keesha Hills.

- 3. UNSHELTERED PIT SURVEY QUESTIONS:** J. Coughlin said that the questions used for the previous PIT have been included in your packet, the first questions in red are HUD required questions and the committee can't remove them, but could suggest minor changes to how they are written/asked. Questions in black are questions that have been used in prior years, and could be modified by the group. We will spend the next few meetings reviewing the questions and then the group will approve them for use at our May meeting. E. Murray said that she knows there are often concerns expressed about the length of the survey, but if we remove any questions that means some agencies lose some valuable data points. While it might make the process easier for asking/answering questions, we would lose some good information for future grants, so please keep that in mind when you think about changes.

The group discussed questions 1 – 22 at today's meeting. No major changes were requested, however the group suggested the following:

Question #1: Add an option for 'What is your street name" or "Nick name" or "what you prefer to be called" when individuals are hesitant to give their Name or initials.

Question #4: J. Coughlin said that A. Abney-Bass requested to add the Jesus Center/Renewal Center as an option. It was suggested to update Pallet Shelter to Genesis Shelter. E. Murray asked the group if it was helpful to have all of these options listed, or since the interviewer is supposed to read all of the questions as listed does it just make the process longer, her suggestion would be to remove the options after Emergency Shelter. The group agreed that it might not be necessary to list all of these options since most individuals that are surveyed know where they were staying the night before. J. Coughlin said that he will make a note to look at updating the training to address the time necessary to ask all of the questions.

Question #16: The group suggested looking at updating the questions to 'are you experiencing a Behavioral Health issue that limits your ability to hold a job. J. Coughlin said he will let the group know what the official HUD language is once we get the finalized HUD questions.

Question #22: Remove 'a' in front of "a duty"

J. Coughlin went quickly over Questions 23 – 35 and said they will be discussed at the next meeting. Please review them and bring questions.

- 4. UNSHELTERED PIT IDEAS:** J. Coughlin asked for any additional PIT ideas or feedback the group might have. No new feedback at this time.

- 5. ADJOURNMENT:** An open invite was given to the committee members to send names in for others who might be interested in being on the committee, or just forward the meeting invites. No other announcements. The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 P.M.

2025 Unsheltered PIT Survey

All questions in red are HUD required questions.

All questions in black are local questions.

1. What is your name?

- First Name: _____
- Last Name: _____
- If hesitant, ask "What are your initials?" _____
- Person refused

2. Have you already been interviewed for the 2023 PIT Count? (If yes, STOP)

- Yes
- No

3. What area did you stay in last night?

- Biggs
- Chico
- Gridley
- Oroville
- Paradise
- Magalia
- Other location in Butte County: _____
- Outside Butte County: _____

4. Where did you sleep the night before the Count?

(If option in bold/highlight is selected, continue with the survey)

- Abandoned building**
- Under bridge/ overpass**
- Bus/ train station**
- Vehicle/ boat/ RV**
- Outdoor encampment**
- Park**
- Street or sidewalk**
- Emergency shelter (Torres, Sabbath House, Safe Space, ORM, Pallet Shelter, Catalyst Shelter, Etc.)
- Transitional housing
- Hospital
- Treatment program
- Jail
- Hotel/Motel paid for with own money
- Hotel/Motel paid for by an agency
- Temporarily with friends or family (couch surfing)
- House or apartment-rent/own
- In a place being evicted from
- Other location: _____

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5. What is your gender? (Choose all that apply)

- Male
- Female
- A gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male'
- Transgender
- Questioning
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

6. How do you identify your sexual orientation? (choose all that apply)

- Straight or heterosexual
- Lesbian, gay, homosexual, or same gender loving
- Bisexual or pansexual
- I identify as: _____
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

7. What is your date of birth?

- ____ / ____ / ____
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

If refused to answer date of birth, ask "How old are you?" _____

If refused to answer age, ask "What age range do you fall into?"

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

8. What is your race?

- American Indian or Alaska native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- White
- Other: _____
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

2025 Unsheltered PIT Survey

9. Are you Hispanic/Latino?

- Yes
- No
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

10. Is this the first time you have been homeless?

- Yes
- No
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

11. How long have you been homeless this time? (Only include time in shelters and/or streets)

- 0 to 3 months
- 4 to 6 months
- 7 to 11 months
- 1 to 2 years
- 2 to 3 years
- 3 years or more

12. How many months did you stay in shelters or on the streets over the past 3 years?

- 0 to 3 months
- 4 to 6 months
- 7 to 11 months
- 1 to 2 years
- 2 to 3 years
- 3 years or more

13. How many separate times have you stayed in shelters or on the streets in the past 3 years?

- Fewer than 4 times
- 4 or more times
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

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14. Do you have any Substance Abuse Issues?

- No
- Alcohol abuse
- Drug abuse
- Both alcohol and drug

(If "yes") is this a long-term disability that impairs your ability to hold a job or live independently?

- Yes
- No
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

15. Do you have a Chronic Health Condition?

- Yes

(If "yes") is this a long-term disability that impairs your ability to hold a job or live independently?

- Yes
- No
- No
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

16. Do you have a Mental Health Problem?

- Yes

(If "yes") is this a long-term disability that impairs your ability to hold a job or live independently?

- Yes
- No
- No
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

17. Do you have a Physical Disability?

- Yes

(If "yes") is this a long-term disability that impairs your ability to hold a job or live independently?

- Yes
- No
- No
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

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18. Do you have a Developmental Disability?

- Yes
- No
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

19. Do you have AIDS or an HIV related illness?

- Yes
- No
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

20. Are you experiencing homelessness because you are fleeing Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking?

- Yes
- No
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

21. Are you a victim/survivor of Domestic Violence?

- Yes
- No
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

22. Are you a veteran? (Have you served in the US Armed Forces OR been called into a duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist)

- Yes
- No
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

23. What was the last grade level you completed in school?

- Less than 8th grade
- Less than 12th grade
- High School Graduate or GED
- AA Degree
- Some College
- College Degree or More
- Currently in school (If checked, provide name of school)

Name of school: _____

- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

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24. Were you ever in foster care or stayed in a group home?

Yes

(If "yes") Were you exited from foster care or group home into homelessness?

Yes

No

No

Person doesn't know

Person refused

25. Are you currently on probation and/or parole? (Only ask if client is over 18 yrs old)

Yes

(If "yes") Were you released from custody into homelessness?

Yes

No

No

Person doesn't know

Person refused

26. Were you living in Butte County when you became homeless?

Yes

No

Person doesn't know

Person refused

27. How long have you been in Butte County? If in and out, what is the TOTAL amount of time?

More than a month but less than 1 year

1-2 years

3-5 years

6-9 years

10-19 years

20+ years

Person doesn't know

Person refused

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28. What housing and/or sheltering options would you be interested in? (Check all that apply)

- A parking lot with security where you can safely sleep in your car or RV
- Large shelter with individual rooms for each person
- Outside space that is legal to camp
- Sharing a room in a house or apartment
- Shelter with large shared sleeping space with pets allowed
- Shelter with large shared sleeping space without pets
- Tiny house
- Your own room in a shared house or apartment
- Your own house or apartment
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

29. What do you think led to your homelessness? (Choose all that apply)

- Age out of foster or group home
- Alcohol or substance use or abuse
- Domestic violence or partner abuse
- Direct result of COVID-19
- Employment or financial reasons
- Family crisis such as a death or serious illness in the family, divorce, family conflict, or another family problem
- Forced to relocate from home or evicted
- Incarceration
- Leaving your house due to intolerance of your sexual orientation or gender identity
- Medical or disability problems
- Mental illness
- Natural or other disasters
 - Are you survivor of the 2017 Wall Fire?
 - Are you a survivor of the 2018 Camp Fire?
 - Are you a survivor of the 2020 Bear/North Complex Fire?
- Are you a survivor of another disaster? Please state: _____
- Parent or foster parent abuse
- Personal choice to be homeless
- PRCS (Post Release Controlled Supervision)
- Recent immigration
- Substandard housing
- Other: _____
- Person Doesn't Know
- Person Refused

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30. What barriers prevent you from accessing permanent housing (choose all that apply)?

- Criminal History
 - (If criminal history is checked) Were you convicted of 290 offense?
- Finding affordable housing
- Finding a job
- Finding services to help me
- I don't like the housing options available to me
- Lack of an ID card
- Lack of local services
- Managing my mental health
- No money for rent or deposit
- Pets
- Poor/no credit
- Rental History
- Substance Use
- Transportation to services
- Nothing, I prefer to be homeless
- Other: _____
- Person Doesn't Know
- Person Refused

31. How do you get money? (Choose all that apply)

- Child support or alimony
- Food Stamps (CalFresh)
- Friends or family
- General Assistance (GA)
- Job or paid internship
- Odd jobs
- Panhandling or busking (street performance)
- Pension or retirement
- Recycling
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- Student aid or grants
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF or CalWORKs)
- Temporary or seasonal (harvest) employment
- Unemployment benefits
- Veteran's benefits
- Other: _____
- Person Doesn't Know
- Person Refused

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32. What is your household's approximate monthly income? (Choose one)

- No income
- \$1-\$150
- \$151-\$250
- \$251-\$500
- \$501-\$1,000
- \$1,001-\$1,500
- \$1,501-\$2,000
- Over \$2,000
- Person Doesn't Know
- Person Refused

33. Which of these services would you use? (Choose all that apply)

- Access to electricity
- Court transportation and support
- Detox center
- Drop in center for clothes, computer use, food, mail, and support
- Free laundry service
- Life coach/case manager/mentor
- Mobile shower
- Needle exchange program
- Phone charging stations
- Safe kennel provided for pets
- Safe medicine storage
- Safe personal property storage
- Temporary housing when sick
- Transportation to appointments
- Warming/cooling centers
- Other: _____
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

34. If you don't use Emergency Shelters, why not? (Choose all that apply)

- I don't like the staff
- I don't like where it is located. "It's difficult for me to get there"
- I don't need to
- I feel overwhelmed being around so many people
- I feel unsafe
- I have been kicked out of the shelters and have not asked to go back
- I have too much stuff to store there
- I'm afraid of getting sick with all the people in one place
- I prefer to camp outside
- I think my children would be unsafe
- It's too noisy
- The shelter is low-barrier and it triggers me.
- There are too many rules

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- They don't allow medicinal Marijuana
- They don't allow my family to stay together
- They don't allow people to use drugs or alcohol before signing in
- They don't allow pets
- They don't know how to shelter transgender people
- There is somebody else in shelter that I cannot be around.
- They require religious participation to stay
- Other: _____

35. Additional information:

Activity	Date
January 2024	
PIT meeting	
Volunteer Committee	
Sheltered Point in Time Count	
February 2024	
PIT meeting	2/28/2024
PIT Count date - Wednesday January 29th, 2025	
PIT Count Methodology	
Survey Questions	
March 2024	
PIT meeting	3/27/2024
Survey Questions Update/Discussion	
April 2024	
PIT meeting	4/24/2024
Finalize Survey Questions	
May 2024	
PIT meeting	5/29/2024
Approve Survey Questions	
Identify HUB locations - sheltered/unsheltered/excluded areas	
June 2024	
PIT meeting	6/26/2024
Identify HUB locations - sheltered/unsheltered/excluded areas	
July 2024	
PIT meeting	7/24/2024
Develop draft of marketing materials	
August 2024	
PIT meeting	8/28/2024
Approve marketing material	
September 2024	
PIT meeting	9/25/2024
Develop media and outreach plan	
Volunteer Committee: List of volunteers for review	
Secure incentives for homeless participants	
October 2024	
PIT meeting	10/30/2024
Review Annual HIC/PIT Count Notice	
Obtain CoC Board approval of PIT Count Approach/ Methodology/ Survey Qs	
Prepare and send "Sheltered" Count Docs to Agencies	
November 2024	
PIT meeting	11/20/2024
Designate and list spokespersons for media and outreach	
Volunteer Committee: Coordinate volunteer placement	
Volunteer Committee: Develop volunteer deployment plan	
Finalize HUB locations - sheltered/unsheltered/excluded areas	
Make a plan to case Butte County outskirts (Concow Banger etc)	
Submit survey questions for PIT to simtech Solutions	

December 2024	
PIT meeting	12/4/2024
Distribute marketing materials	12/18/2024
Issue press release for Professional Volunteers	
Develop trainings for volunteers	
Notify law enforcement of plan	
Notify health care agencies of plan	
Set volunteer training dates - week of 1/13/25	
January 2025	
PIT meeting	1/15/2025
Develop communication strategies	
Issue press release explaining PIT Count (what and why)	
Conduct PIT volunteer training sessions	
Start formal street outreach	
Distribute gift cards to Volunteers	
Engage law enforcement	
Engage health care agencies	
Prepare for command center set up	
Obtain TV coverage for the day of the PIT count	
THE DAY OF PIT	1/29/2025
February/March/April 2025	
PIT meeting	2/5/2025
Data entry, de-duplication, and analysis	Feb/Mar/Apr
Preliminary results available	Feb/Mar/Apr
Complete the draft of the PIT Count Report	Feb/Mar/Apr
Submit data into HDX	Feb/Mar/Apr
Present finalized PIT Count Report to CoC Council	Feb/Mar/Apr
Release Final PIT Count Report	
July 2025 - Begin Prep for next Count	