



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

Point in Time Committee

Wednesday, June 26, 2024 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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| Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center | Jennifer Wilking, Chico State | Meagan Meloy, BCOE |
| Annie Terry, ORC | Josh Jamison, OHC | Michael Wright, DESS HH |
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| Erin Spasbo, DESS HH | Lynann Pillely, ORC | Tracey Stogsdill-Gillihan, 211 |
| Isabel Alaniz-Alvarado, DESS HH | Lyndall Ellingson, Chico State | Vern Hartman, Gridley Lions |
| Jay Coughlin, DESS HH | Maisue Thao, Butte College | Wendy Cumberland, DESS HH |
| Jaymee McLaughlin, CUSD | MaryJo Alonzo, City of Chico | 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 |
| a. Welcome, updates and announcements | | |
| 2. Approval of May 29 th , 2024 Minutes | – ACTION | J. Coughlin |
| 3. Approval of Unsheltered PIT Survey Questions | – ACTION | J. Coughlin |
| a. Review and discussion of Survey Questions | | |
| 4. HUB locations | | J. Coughlin |
| Identification and discussion of locations and logistics. | | |
| 5. Adjourn | | All |
| a. Next meeting Wednesday July 24 th , 2024 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. | | |



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Point in Time Committee
Wednesday, May 29th, 2024
3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Butte County Employment and Social Services
Virtual Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Austin Herbaugh, DESS PIO
Erin Murray, DESS HH
Erin Spasbo, DESS HH
Isabel Alaniz-Alvarado, DESS HH
Jay Coughlin, DESS HH
Jennifer Zellers, Youth for Change
Keesha Hills, OSCIA
Kenneth Huenink, DESS HH
Laura Smith, DESS HH
Lisa Angle, DESS HH
Lisa Torres, OSCIA
Lorena Reed, BCDBH
Lynann Pilley, ORC
Mary Jo Alonzo, City of Chico
Nancy Jorth, Youth for Change
Shelly Storkan, BCDBH
Susan Roll, CSU Chico
Wendy Lo, DESS HH

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Aimee Decker, Nation’s Finest
Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center
Annie Terry, ORC
Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS HH
Charles Withuhn, NSST
Codie McCormack, Caminar
Deborah Taylor, NorCal VA
Dee Price, DESS HH
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS HH
Kaitlyn Sherril, DESS HH
Kevin Thompson, OSCIA
Jennifer Wilking, Chico State
Josh Jamison, OHC
Leslie Johnson, CHAT
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Tracey Stogsdill-Gillihan, 211
Vern Hartman, Gridley Lions
Wendy Cumberland, DESS HH

RECORDING:

Jay Coughlin

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Committee Chair J. Coughlin called the meeting to order at 3:03 P.M. and welcomed the committee. No announcements were made.
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a motion by Nary Jo Alonzo, seconded by Austin Herbaugh the minutes of April 24th 2024 were approved.
- 3. UNSHELTERED PIT SURVEY QUESTIONS:** J. Coughlin said that the group has previously reviewed and suggested changes/updates to the Unsheltered PIT survey questions. At today’s meeting

the group will be given an additional opportunity to decide if any other changes need to be made before bringing the questions forward for final approval. J. Coughlin said it is ok to bring up any question for discussion, even if we have previously discussed it, so far all suggestions are possible and none look to change our ability to work with the data collected in the long term. J. Coughlin thanked the group for all of their valuable input so far.

M. Alonzo said that sometimes it is difficult when you end up starting to interview an individual that says they were sleeping the night before at a friend's house, and then you need to end the survey since they are not technically homeless. Would it be possible to still offer an incentive to these individuals this year? J. Coughlin said that depending on funding we are hoping to be able to provide incentives to individuals answering the unsheltered and sheltered survey this year. E. Murray said this should be possible this year, however it is always dependent on funding, so it is not a guaranteed incentive for future counts.

J. Coughlin said that many of the potential changes previously suggested by the committee will be implemented in the training put together this year so the survey will be consistently delivered. Discussing how best to read out and present the large lists of options for the last few questions and going over the distribution of incentives will be updated in the training.

The committee went through the questions to finalize/approve.

#1. What is your name?

- update to “if hesitant, ask “What are your initials, or the name you prefer to be used”. Training will point out that sometimes individuals experiencing homelessness will use a street name as well.

#2. Have you already been interviewed for the 2025 PIT Count? (if yes, STOP)

- No change. Training to explain in greater detail about potential incentives if a survey is stopped at this point with an individual.

#3. What area did you stay in last night?

- No change.

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

- Updated Pallet Shelter to Genesis Shelter and added Jesus Center/Renewal Center to options listed. Training will point out that if an individual does not indicate one of the first options that will continue the survey if and when an incentive can still be given. The training will also clarify that the extended list is for the benefit of the interviewer and each option does not need to be read in its' entirety.

#5. What is your gender?

- No changes. J. Coughlin said that any changes to this question or any of the other HUD mandated questions that are sent out by HUD prior to the PIT Count will be updated before the final surveys are distributed and put in the Counting US app to be used again for the 2025 PIT.

#6. How do you identify your sexual Orientation?

- No changes.

#7. What is your date of birth?

- No changes.

#8. What is your race?

- No changes.

#9. Are you Hispanic/Latino?

- No changes.

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

- No changes.

#11. How long have you been homeless this time?

- No changes.

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

- No changes.

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

- No changes.

#14. Do you have any Substance Abuse Issues?

- No changes.

#15. Do you have a Chronic Health Condition?

- No changes.

#16. Do you have a Mental Health Problem?

- No changes

#17. Do you have a Physical Disability?

- No changes.

#18. Do you have a Developmental Disability?

- No changes.

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

- No changes.

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

- No changes.

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

- No changes.

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

- Removed extra letter 'a' from sentence.

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

- Removed option for providing name of school if individual marks currently in school.

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

- No changes.

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

- No changes.

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

- No changes. Update training to make it clear what the intent of the question is for both the interviewer and interviewee.

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

- No changes.

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

- Medical Respite or Hospice added to list.

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

- No changes.

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

- Added 'Unable to use Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher or other subsidy' to options.

#31. How do you support yourself financially (Choose all that apply).

- Question updated from "How do you get money" to "How do you support yourself financially"

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

- No changes.

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

- No changes.

#34. If you don't use Emergency Shelters, why not?

- All options removed. A space will be left for the interviewee to provide their answer/answers.

#35. Additional information:

- No changes.

End of Survey.

- HUB locations:** J. Coughlin asked for feedback from the committee on HUB locations and feedback from past experiences at the HUB locations. M. Alonzo suggested that the same HUB locations from last year are used again if each location is still available, however potentially using one HUB location in Chico might help with volunteer staffing. The group discussed this option and thought having a North and South County HUB would work better to prevent a bottleneck of volunteers in the morning and afternoon trying to sign in for their shifts. However if we are short on volunteers we can revisit the suggestion. The group agreed that outreach for additional volunteers will be important and discussed exploring options like outreach to schools at a future meeting. Additional volunteers at the HUBs, especially in Chico is definitely needed this year for the busy morning check in at the downtown location, and more in the afternoon would be helpful. E. Murray discussed potential incentives for sheltered and unsheltered survey respondents. This year funding is available to provide the \$10 gift card to both, and Youth for Change has once again agreed to help with getting the gift cards, thank you!

The group discussed food trucks at the different venues. N. Jorth said they will be having a food truck at the 6th street center again for the youth count. M. Alonzo said if food trucks are used again this year, it would be very helpful if they were open to volunteers to purchase lunch as well. However the group does not think Food Trucks were helpful in areas such as Paradise where there were not many surveys collected and the hours to use the Food Truck was too small a window for individuals to redeem vouchers. This was also a problem in Chico, so if food trucks are used, the group would like to see them available for a longer period of time. The group discussed not using food trucks and potentially having a group come in and cook hot dogs like what happened in Gridley and Oroville this last PIT. M. Alonzo said if funding could be used for snacks and coffee at the HUBs it would be great for the volunteers. E. Murray said we can't purchase food with our funds, however some locations brought their own and the group might be able to get some donations of coffee from local vendors for the day.

J. Coughlin encouraged the group to come back to the June meeting with more suggestions and be ready to decide on using food trucks again this year or not.

5. ADJOURNMENT: No other announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 4:01 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 or the name you prefer to be used?"

- Person refused

2. Have you already been interviewed for the 2025 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, Genesis Shelter, Catalyst Shelter, Jesus Center/Renewal Center, 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: _____

2025 Unsheltered PIT Survey

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

2025 Unsheltered PIT Survey

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
- 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
- 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
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

2025 Unsheltered PIT Survey

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 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
- Person doesn't know
- Person refused

2025 Unsheltered PIT Survey

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

2025 Unsheltered PIT Survey

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
- Medical Respite or Hospice
- 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

2025 Unsheltered PIT Survey

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
- Unable to use Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher or other subsidy.
- Nothing, I prefer to be homeless
- Other: _____
- Person Doesn't Know
- Person Refused

31. How do you support yourself financially? (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

2025 Unsheltered PIT Survey

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?

2025 Unsheltered PIT Survey

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	