



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

Point in Time Committee

Wednesday, March 27th, 2024 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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| Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center | Jay Coughlin, DESS HH | Maisue Thao, Butte College |
| Annie Terry, ORM | Jaymee McLaughlin, CUSD | MaryJo Alonzo, City of Chico |
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| Erin Spasbo, DESS HH | Lisa Currier, CHAT | Tracey Stogsdill-Gillihan, 211 |
| Gabriell Beck, DESS HH | Lorena Reed, BCDBH | Vern Hartman, Gridley Lions |
| Hilary Crosby, Safe Space | Lynann Pilley, ORC | Wendy Cumberland, DESS HH |
| | | Wendy Lo, DESS HH |

Chairperson: Jay Coughlin

Recording: Jay Coughlin

Second Chairperson: Erin Murray

AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order | J. Coughlin |
| a. Welcome, introductions and updates | |
| 2. Approval of February 27 th 2024 Minutes – ACTION | J. Coughlin |
| 3. Unsheltered PIT Survey Questions | J. Coughlin |
| a. Begin review and discussion of Survey Questions | |
| 4. Unsheltered PIT ideas/feedback | J. Coughlin |
| 5. Announcements/Adjourn | All |
| a. Next meeting Wednesday April 24 th , 2024 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. | |



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Butte County Employment and Social Services
Zoom Virtual Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Austin Herbaugh, DESS PIO
Deborah Taylor, VA
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS HH
Jay Coughlin, DESS HH
Josh Jamison, OHC
Kenneth Huenink, DESS HH
Lorena Reed, BCDBH
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

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Wendy Cumberland, DESS HH
Wendy Lo, DESS HH

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. 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.
- 2. CALENDAR:** J. Coughlin went over the committee Calendar in today’s packet and asked if there were any updates or suggestions that the committee might have. No changes or updates were made.

- 3. POINT IN TIME COUNT (PIT) DATE AND METHODOLOGY:** J. Coughlin went over the previous methodology for completing the Point in Time which has been approved by the committee and the Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care in previous years. The group felt that we should use this methodology for the upcoming Point in Time Count which is scheduled for the last Wednesday in January – January 29th 2025.
- 4. UNSHELTERED PIT SURVEY QUESTIONS:** J. Coughlin said that the questions used for the previous PIT have been included in your packet. Please look over the questions, and the PIT Committee will start to review the questions to be used for this year’s PIT at our next few meetings. The group discussed the length of the Survey. J. Coughlin said potential additions and removals of questions will be looked at during the next few meetings.
- 5. UNSHELTERED PIT IDEAS:** J. Coughlin asked for input from the committee about things that worked well in previous years as well as things that might not have worked well. The committee discussed the need to engage earlier with Public Safety and Code Enforcement, as well as some of the difficulties that were run into in areas when Public Safety came out with volunteers. The group would like to see incentives be available for those completing the Unsheltered and Sheltered Point in Time Surveys. There was a lot of confusion and tension that came up when individuals who had stayed the previous night at an area like Safe Space were told they could not have an incentive, and this was especially problematic at the HUBs where the volunteers had to calm down participants who were frustrated that they could not get a Gift Certificate or a meal voucher. The group agreed to look into additional funding that might be available to increase incentives this year. The group talked about the Taco Trucks which were stationed at the various HUBs. The group felt they were under utilized and Gift Cards and other incentives would be a better use of funding. There was also frustration directed at the volunteers at HUBs when people found out they could not pay for food at the Taco Trucks, as well as the frustration from those who couldn’t get a food voucher. If Food Trucks are used again in the future the group suggests multiple locations for easier access by those on all sides of the town, as well as a longer time frame to turn in food vouchers. The group would like to do more outreach at the beginning of the PIT process to places like the VA, Public Safety, possibly get Probation and Parole more involved, but it was great to see them out this year. It would be helpful to have 211 text messages earlier in the process and then a week before letting everyone know the count is happening that week. The group would like to see if there is a way to get Public Safety and Code Enforcement to not clear camps in the weeks leading up to the count. A possible new incentive the group would like to look into is bus passes and the committee would like to see snacks available for the volunteers on the day of the PIT count. A reminder in the training to bring food might also be a good addition. The group would also like to look at ways to spread out the volunteers throughout the day, many volunteers went home by lunch time and that left the volunteers working all day very tired and often without someone to relieve them for a break. This was especially problematic at the HUBs in Chico, more after lunch volunteers would help. The committee discussed the ability to go later in the day for counting individuals, and it was

highly encouraged to not start any earlier. Overall the group felt that the count was a successful experience and is looking forward to making some changes for an even better count this year.

6. ADJOURNMENT: 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?" _____
- 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: _____

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
- 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

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 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

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
- 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	