2022
BRIDGING THE GAP
POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

Ka Mana O Na Helu
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Overview of PIT Count

- PIT Count is HUD mandated. Requires both a Sheltered and Unsheltered Count.

- Key data point. Measures progress towards reducing and ending homelessness.

- Integral to federal funding and evaluation processes.

- PIT Count is a cross-section of homelessness – this year as of 1/23/22. DOES NOT measure numbers served over one month, one year.

- Used by HUD. Data aggregated with all other CoCs to estimate homelessness nationally.

Overview (cont.)

- CoC Program NOFO – Changes in PIT demographic data is a key part of scoring and funding determinations

- BTG last two full PIT Counts:
  - 2020 – 2,010 (706 sheltered, 1,304 unsheltered)
  - 2019 – 1,995 (758 sheltered, 1,237 unsheltered)
  - 0.8% increase in total homeless from 2019 to 2020, including a 5.4% increase in unsheltered homelessness

- Important! QA unsheltered survey data centrally before entry in the HMIS.

- PSH households are considered housed and should not be counted.

- Those enrolled in RRH awaiting housing placement and that are literally homeless should be counted under correct component.

Overview of Changes in Data Collection for 2022

- Minimal HUD changes in 2022 – reflected in unsheltered survey gender/ethnicity fields. Only custom change to Hawaii County unshltd survey

- 2022 Forms are available on the BTG website:

https://www.btghawaii.org/reports/housing-inventory-counts-point-in-time/hawaii-homeless-point-in-count-reports/2022-point-in-time-count-resources/

- Same chronic homeless (CH) criteria

Sheltered Count

- Night of the sheltered count is Sunday, 1/23/22

- All individuals and families residing in ES/TH programs on that night should be included
  - Should not be included in unsheltered count

- The HMIS will be used primarily for the sheltered count

- Updating client records and matching vs actual census count
  - HH configurations
  - DQ for demographic/subpopulation information

Sheltered Count (cont.)

- Matching internal census to HMIS data. HH listing a great report for this.

- Great data quality will enhance the accuracy of BTG's reporting.

- Non-HMIS providers (e.g. DV) will use manual form.

Unsheltered Count

- Counts individuals and families that resided in unsheltered locations on the night of the count, 1/23/22

- Important question on the survey: Where did you sleep the night of Sunday, 1/23/22? Unsheltered canvassing spans Mon 1/24 through Sat 1/29

- If response is sheltered, end survey and do not enter in PIT module of the HMIS.

- Important to verify that children were unsheltered as of that night.

- As in prior years, HUD mandates population and subpopulation reporting.

- HMIS PIT module. Finalizing and will be up and running for data collection by Sun, 1/23/22.   This year includes option to do data entry in field

PIT Forms – Overview

- Outlines the PIT initiative

- Provides key dates along with data entry timelines for PIT leads

- Volunteer information and coordination

Unsheltered Single and Household Survey Forms

- Ideally, top third of the form should have no missing data.

- Emphasizing the importance of skilled outreach personnel or homeless services providers to conduct the survey as much as possible, coordinating volunteers as needed

- Important data quality fields: CH, Vet, families, duplicates

- Single/HH form data quality checks

- Skilled HMIS data entry staff with attention to detail.   Minimizing staff doing HMIS unsheltered survey data entry.

Unsheltered Single and Household Survey Forms (cont.)

- URL to the HMIS PIT module will be provided along with instructions as we get closer to the count date

- Very important to clean unsheltered survey data prior to entry – e.g. weeding out duplicates; omitting sheltered surveys; review of client data, provider, demographic, and subpopulation info by outreach personnel to ensure completeness and accuracy.

PIT Forms – Additional PIT Instructions

- Data quality for surveyors. Matching HMIS lists to canvassing

- Outlines ways to identify active outreach clients in the HMIS that can be used to improve the count.

Contact & Confidentiality Form

- Form must be signed by all surveyors

- PIT surveying captures client information that should not be disclosed and should be kept out of public view.

- Volunteers should not be entering survey data into the HMIS – this should be done by skilled HMIS data entry staff with great attention to detail.

Questions??