



NorCal CoC PIT Committee Special Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 18, 2020

9:00 to 10:00 am Via Teleconference

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (Quorum Established)

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Duane Kegg, Committee Chair.

Quorum was established.

Members on the phone: Duane Kegg (Siskiyou), Jennie Neal (Shasta), Misty Malloroy (Del Norte), Grace Poor (Lassen), Cathy Rahmeyer (Plumas), Carol Madison (Modoc) and Lauri Marsh (Sierra).

Lead Agency: Caedy Minoletti, Hollie Zander, Tonya Willock and Medea Henderson

Other Attendees: Jessica King (Del Norte Alternate), Dawn Pittore, Lourdes Manzo (Shasta Alternates), Kristen Quade (Plumas Alternate), Jessica Stading (Lassen Alternate) and Members of the Public in attendance: Kalie Brisbon, Roy Jackson, Alyson Kohl, Melissa Janulewicz, Barbara Longo, Tracey Ferguson, Kristen Schreder, and Maddelynn Bryan.

2. Public Comment Period:

Melissa Janulewicz, Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency, Branch Director for Economic Mobility Branch, Member of Shasta County Advisory Board and past Executive Board Chair.

Melissa Janulewicz is requesting that the CoC submits a full exemption to HUD to not complete the PIT Unsheltered count for 2021. Ms. Janulewicz stated HUD's that safety was the number one priority for the unsheltered count. She understands that there are concerns related to funding, but HUD states that would do everything possible to ensure that there are no negative financial consequences if a CoC decides to not to do the count. She states that many large counties in California have requested an exemption. Further, if the count was completed, she believes that the data would not be used by HUD. Ms Janulewicz states that our local funding decisions have been made by our Executive Board and it is documented in our governance charter and by a funding formula, and the action of the executive committee could either temporarily suspend this formula or change it if necessary.

Tracey Ferguson, Plumas County, Chair of Plumas/Sierra Advisory Board, Plumas County member of the NorCal CoC Executive Board.

Tracey Ferguson ask a general question if the Committee or Lead Agency has received in writing from HUD assurances that no negative impact towards future funding will occur.

Kristen Schreder, Redding City Council, Shasta Advisory member and Shasta PIT committee

Kristen Schreder supports what Melissa Janulewicz said. Ms. Schreder is very concerned about the safety and health of the vulnerable population and the volunteers. She understands that there is written documentation from HUD regardless she believes that the health and safety of our community should be of concern. Ms. Schreder states that she believes that the data collected will not be reliable.

Dawn Pittore, Shasta County

Since the CoC has the Counting Us App and a list of volunteers that have used the app in the past, this will reduce the handling of paper and pens for the sheltered count.

Maddelyn Bryan, Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency

Maddelyn Bryan stated that Siskiyou county does not have any shelters, so she was asking what the count would look like for the smaller counties that don't have shelters. Their primary count is for the unsheltered.

Alyson Kohl, Shasta County

Alyson Kohl states that they did receive a letter from HUD that there would be no repercussions for not doing the unsheltered count. She states that there are no many counties that are not doing the count.

1. HMIS Lead Agency Updates

- a. Discuss Lead Agency Staff Report regarding HUD Guidance for Unsheltered Count – Attachment A

Caedy Minoletti states that there is more information from HUD that is included in the Staff Report. She states that the Northern California Region is the only region that is not under a stay at home order. There are 2 counties within our CoC that are under stay at home orders. She wanted to make sure that the Committee understood that an option provided by HUD is to request an exemption from completing the unsheltered count. The HIC and the sheltered count is still required, and Project Room Key would be included. Ms. Minoletti has an email from William Snow that she can share that states there would be no negative impact if a community decides to not complete the unsheltered count due to safety reasons. Ms. Minoletti stated that William Snow that communities should not be punished for not doing the count due to a pandemic.

There was concern expressed since HUD was not being specific on how they would make funding decisions in the future if there was no unsheltered count completed, especially in the smaller counties with no shelters. Everyone is concerned since there are more homelessness. Ms. Minoletti stated unfortunately there is not a concrete answer on how HUD will handle future funding's and that many CoC's will be in the same situation. Ms. Pittore asks if a county wants to collect more data they can. Ms. Minoletti said that the CoC must agree on an exception. Ms. Henderson said that if we request an exemption from HUD to not do the unsheltered count that will be the data that the CoC is submitting to HUD and any additional data collected is for the benefit of local use only. A point was made that if the CoC did do the unsheltered count and other CoC's did not do the unsheltered count, it would seem

logical that the unsheltered count numbers would not be used since that would not be fair to those counties that did not count. It was reiterated that safety is very important.

2. New Business – Action Items

a. Discuss and approve 2021 PIT Methodology for Unsheltered Count

A motion was made to make a request for a full exemption from the unsheltered count by: Carol Madison

Seconded: Cathy Rahmeyer

Discussion: Grace Poor from Lassen County stated that they are concern since their 2020 PIT count numbers would not count from the state, local and federal levels. She was interested to see how the NorCal CoC Governance Charter could be changed to address this issue. Ms. Poor said that they are reluctant to make a decision on the PIT unsheltered count before the Governance is changed. She concurred that like other small counties, they do not have a shelters and would like to have a better understanding on how this decision will impact funding before making a decision. She said that they are providing essential services and intended to do the unsheltered count while providing those services.

Hollie Zander, Lead Agency, said that we needed to move forward and make a decision today.

The motion and seconded was confirmed after the discussion period.

Roll Call vote was taken:

Misty Malloroy, Del Norte Member – Yes

Carol Madison, Modoc Alternate – Yes

Jennie Neal, Shasta Member – Yes

Cathy Rahmeyer, Plumas Member – Yes

Laurie Marsh, Sierra Member – Yes

Grace Poor, Lassen Member – No

Duane Kegg, Siskiyou Member – Yes

Majority in favor and motion passes.

Duane Kegg confirmed with Medea Henderson if anything additional for the PIT Methodology. The PIT Methodology would be updated to reflect this vote. Mr. Kegg asked when the next meeting would be; Ms. Henderson confirmed that at the prior meeting we decided to have a special meeting on January 5, 2021 which may include app training.

3. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 am by motion made by Jennie Neal, seconded by Misty Malloroy. Roll Call vote was taken, all approved, and none opposed.