

SD Housing for the Homeless Consortium (SDHHC) Quarterly Meeting

11:00 A.M. to 3:00 PM

December 10, 2019

SDHDA Board Room, Pierre, SD

Agenda

11:00 – 11:20	Welcome & Introductions
11:20 – 11:25	2020 US Census
11:40 – 11:45	2020 PIT Count Training
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch
1:30 – 2:00	Coordinated Entry System
2:00 – 2:30	Committee Reports & Youth Info
2:30 – 3:00	Town Hall
3:00	Adjourn

Meeting Notes:

SDHHC quarterly member meeting completed at SD Housing Development Authority Board Room. Attendance was recorded. Meeting was also available via SKYPE. Welcome & Announcements was provided by Davis Schofield, CoC Administrator.

Introductions:

Attendees completed individual introductions including providing their names, agencies, community, and SDHHC involvement and activities.

2020 Census:

Rob Timm, US Census provided information on the 2020 Census activities and planning for South Dakota. Rob discussed the organization of census activities and positions available. Rob fielded basis questions. The census requires a major effort. People experiencing homelessness including those in emergency shelters, DV & human trafficking shelters, and unsheltered need to be counted. Rural areas and Native American Reservation areas can be challenging for census workers. People are encouraged to complete the on-line census information. Census workers will be contacting households that do not respond on-line. The census is very important to allocation of federal resources and allocation of legislative boundaries and representation on the federal level. Census helps with planning and provides important historical information about the country and demographics.

2020 PIT Count:

Davis presented on the PIT Count including training. The PIT Count for SD statewide is Jan. 28, 2020. Multiple agencies and volunteers are involved in the effort. There was a discussion on,

Why we do the PIT Count. Numerous questions were asked and answered. Stephanie Monroe clarified that the count was for the literally homeless. The PIT Count is the count of literally homeless in SD. Literally homeless folks are sleeping in shelters or Transitional housing projects or in places not meant for human habitation, fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence or human trafficking. The PIT Count is completed the last 10 days of the months for specific reasons and in the winter time for specific reasons. PIT Count dos and don'ts were discussed. A data comparison of 2018 and 2019 was completed. The mobile count application was demonstrated and attendees were able to enter fictitious data into the training system. The paper survey was also reviewed. Joseph Tielke discussed the mobile app and using it to conduct the count at Pathways Shelter. Anita Deraleau voiced her concern with the federal definitions used for the PIT Count. Darcie Bultje discussed the south eastern part of SD and issues involved in organizing PIT Count activities.

Lunch Break:

SDHHC members broke into regional groups to complete PIT Count planning discussions.

Coordinated Entry System:

Davis presented on the Coordinated Entry System. Tara Wilcox and Sara Hornick discussed some CES issues in Rapid City and ideas to address concerns. Davis explained that CES is systematic approach to homelessness and we are all part CES. The Core Elements of CES were reviewed. Roles and responsibilities of CES were reviewed. The processes continue to develop. Case conferencing on the regional level continue to grow with new agencies joining the effort.

Youth Homelessness:

There was a discussion on the current SDHHC response to youth homelessness. Melissa Jungemann and Stephanie Monroe discussed VOA-Dakotas role in serving youth. Davis explained that SDHDA had completed some activities with TA provider on identifying and setting goals and making action steps involving youth. Melissa talked about the three surveys recently completed with youth. Davis, Lorraine Polak, and Roger Jacobs discussed the Foster Youth to Independency Initiative (FYI). This program could have a major impact on housing youth leaving the foster care system.

SDHHC Committees:

SDHHC members were encouraged to join and participate in formal committees of SDHHC. There are 8 formal committees. An email solicitation for membership is coming out next week.

PAC – Joseph Tielke provided info about the PAC. The PAC is the governing board of SD-500 CoC which is SDHHC. The PAC meets monthly and more frequently depending upon need such as the CoC Competition.

Veteran – Jamison Hild, Veteran Administration and Davis Schofield, SDHDA provided info. Davis talked about the By-name List of Veterans and managing. The committee is currently meeting monthly with by-name list meeting by—weekly. The

PIT Count – Davis provided info on the PIT Committee. Sara Hornick discussed concerns with adequacy of housing and double-up. The committee is meeting bi-weekly. Regional and City Leads and other committee members continue to develop processes and make positive changes.

HMIS – Denise Albertson discussed the HMIS Committee. HMIS continues to expand. HMIS Data is showing great improvements. Joseph discussed efforts to learn more about the capabilities of HMIS.

Youth – Melissa Jungemann reported that the youth committee meets monthly and that the committee is supporting the efforts with Youth action Board Development including recent surveys of youth. A YAB meeting was completed for the first time in Sept.

Coordinated Entry – Davis discussed the committee is meeting monthly and is important place to voice ideas and concerns. Sara Hornick discussed participation in Rapid City and growing involvement of additional agencies.

Homeless Summit – The summit is scheduled for June 2020. Planning is going on in earnest for next year. Kim Hanson discussed the activities of the committee and ideas for future summit.

Native American – Jean Blonigen provided information on the committee activities. Attendance has been a struggle. The plan is to reach out for additional members.

Town Hall:

Melanie Bliss suggested that the Town Hall portion be moved to the beginning of the quarterly meeting to allow more time for agency and community reports. There is a DV training planned for Aberdeen. Beacon Center reports a successful fundraising event. Roger Jacobs provided information on latest HUD related issues for the state. Lorraine discussed SDHDA Housing Development Program info. The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for March.

The SDHHC Quarterly meeting was adjourned.