South Dakota Housing for the Homeless Consortium (SDHHC)

QUARTERLY MEETING | June 16, 2020

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Meeting Agenda

Welcome & Announcements - 11 AM

COVID-19 Information & Discussion - 11:10 AM

2020 PIT Count Report – 11:25 AM

Youth Report & YHDP - 11:45 AM

System Performance Measurements &

2019 CoC Competition Debrief 12:15 PM

Committee Reports - Town Hall – 12:35 PM

PAC Election & Honoring Melanie Bliss 1:00 PM

Adjourn 1:30 PM

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Introductions – Announcements

- o Name
- o Agency – Affiliation
- o Please use SKYPE chat box
- o Attendance
- o Please mute when not speaking
- o Collaboration & participation is highly important

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SD COVID – 19 Resources

SD Department of Health

covid.sd.gov

https://doh.sd.gov/

COVID -19 Resources

https://www.hud.gov/coronavirus

Infectious Disease Toolkit for CoCs

United States Interagency Council on Homelessness: COVID-19 Resources

National Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) Council: COVID-19 Resources

CDC COVID-19 & Homeless Shelters Guidance

https://www.hudexchange.info/

COVID – 19 Response

- Please keep SDHDA staff informed
- The best course of action - follow recommendations & mitigate risk
- Plan to continue to provide information
- HUD SNAPS office focused response
- ESG, ESG-CV 1 & 2 report
- COVID-19 agency – community reports

2020 PIT Count

Point-In-Time Count

o Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020

o Statewide count

o Multiple agencies & volunteers working together

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PIT Count Results

- Notable differences in the characteristics between West & East South Dakota
- Increase total homelessness (6%) statewide
- Chronic Homeless substantially higher
- Reduction Veteran Homelessness
- Increased persons counted DV projects

PIT Count Snapshot

2019 PIT Totals
Statewide: 995
Sheltered: 761
Unsheltered: 234
Chronic: 100
Veteran: 66
DV Projects: 218
18 -24 years: 72
Children: 188

2020 PIT Totals
Statewide: 1058
Sheltered: 812
Unsheltered: 246
Chronic: 162
Veteran: 43
DV Projects: 238
18-24 years: 83
Children: 215

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PIT Count by Race

2019 PIT Totals

Native American:
(609 – 61%)
White: (285 – 29%)
Black: (75 – 7.5%)
Multiple: (23 – 2.3%)
Asia: (3 - .3%)

2020 PIT Totals

Native American:
(699 - 66%)
White: (265 - 25%)
Black: (65 - 6%)
Multiple: (27 - 2.5%)
Asian: (2 - .2%)

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PIT Count Comparison

2019 PIT
Rapid City: 322
Sioux Falls: 334
Dewey County: 102

2020 PIT
Rapid City: 353
Sioux Falls: 344
Dewey County: 118

PIT Count by Survey Type

2020 PIT Rapid City
Sheltered: 161
Unsheltered: 192

2020 PIT Dewey County
Sheltered: 93
Unsheltered: 25

2020 PIT Sioux Falls
Sheltered: 327
Unsheltered: 17

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PIT Count by Race - Chronic

2020 PIT Rapid City
Native American: 277
White: 64
Black: 4

Chronic: 44

2020 PIT Sioux Falls
Native American: 145
White: 130
Black: 53

Chronic: 72

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PIT Count Discussion

- Adequate housing in tribal areas related to "unsheltered Count"
- Mobile App - paper survey
- PIT surveys completed for night of the count
- DV agencies chronic homelessness
- Projects are completing PIT surveys more often
- Learning file

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FY 2019 CoC Competition

- Debrief provides info on scoring
- Review collaborative application & seek improvements
- Complete grant agreement tasks
- Continue performance improvement activities
- HUD may begin 2 year CoC grant cycle

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FY 2019 CoC Competition

Learning - Discussion

- Data quality improvements - HMIS
- Competition – rating & ranking doc
- Bed coverage rates & HIC (ES, TH, PSH)*
- Permanent housing placement & retention*
- Returns to homelessness*
- Accuracy & Reporting for HIC
- HUD priorities
- Improvements over time

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SPM & HMIS NOFA

HMIS Bed Inventory FY2019

- o 26% Emergency Shelter (ES)
- o 7% Transitional Housing (TH)
- o 31% Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- o 100% Other PH (GPD & HOPWA)
- o 100% Rapid Rehousing Beds (RRH)
  - o DV Beds are not included in info

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2020 CoC Competition

- Never to early to prepare
- HUD Exchange https://www.hudexchange
- Discuss ideas/questions with SDHDA

SPM

System Performance Measurements

- HUD analysis tool for CoC performance
- Measures progress
- FY2019; 10/01/18 – 09/30/2019
- Reports data from HMIS
- Submitted to HUD
- Utilized in CoC Competition scoring
- Fiscal Year comparison tool

SPM - Progress

SPM Report FY2019

o Progress evident
  - o Average length of time (LOT) Homeless
  - o Returns to homelessness improved
  - o Improvement in total income for system stayers & leavers
  - o % of successful exits from all categories improved

SPM - Goals

System Performance Measurements Report

- o Improvement goals
  - o Continue progress evident
  - o Decrease percentage returning to homelessness (ES)
  - o Increase bed coverage rate
  - o Data quality errors below 3% for all categories

SPM & HMIS NOFA

HMIS NOFA - Report

o Expand HMIS participation data integration
o Increase HMIS data accuracy - training platform & policy development
    o Review HMIS & CoC policies & procedures. Complete revisions comply with HUD standards. Expanding CoC data quality plan to all HMIS projects.

Youth

Consortium Homelessness Response

o Foster Youth to Independency Initiative (FYI) – housing voucher program
o Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) Application – youth specific funding for housing & services
o Youth Committee
o Youth Advisory Board (YAB)

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Youth Characteristics

Experiencing Homelessness

- Transitional Age Youth (TAY) 16-24 years
- Can be difficult to serve/locate
- Highly vulnerable population
- Many have foster care history
- Couch surf - move regularly
- 18-24 year PIT category
- Unaccompanied youth & child PIT categories

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FYI Initiative

Foster Youth to Independency Initiative

o Pennington County Housing participating PHA

o Housing voucher program - foster care experience

o Partnership between PHA, DSS, SDHHC, & service provider (LSS)

o CES & other referral process

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FYI Initiative

o Up to 25 vouchers per year per participating PHA
o 36 months of rental assistance coupled with service options
o https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/fyi_tpv

FYI

In the news - Rapid City & FYI

https://www.kotatv.com/content/news/Secretary-Ben-Carson-introduces-new-program-in-Rapid-City-aimed-to-help-youth-aged-out-of-foster-system-570503291.html?jwsource=cl

YHDP Requirements

- Assess Needs
  - Racial & ethnic minorities
  - LGBTQ+
  - Parenting Youth
  - Youth engaged in foster care & corrections
  - Youth victims of human trafficking
- Include Youth Action Board (YAB)
  - Lived homelessness experiences 2/3
  - 3 member minimum

YHDP

- Engage Wide variety of stakeholders including
  - YAB
  - Housing providers
  - State child welfare agency
  - School districts
  - Workforce development organizations
  - Juvenile justice system
  - Homelessness Organizations
  - CoC Collaborative Applicant

YHDP Organization

- New team meeting schedule
- Variety of partners participating
- Development of YAB
- Identification of need – data
- Preparation of other activities for application
- Anxiously awaiting NOFA
- Confirm team for new meeting invite
- Discussion

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Youth Engagement

Rapid City YAB Team

Panel Discussion

Engaging Youth in Your Organization

Young people are not our future leaders

They are our leaders of today!!

Adult's Attitudes Can Be Very Repulsive

It would require a policy change?!?

We don't have any opportunities for "kids."

They don't deserve help until they help themselves … "Entitlement Syndrome"

It's more work than it's worth

ADULTS ARE USUALLY THE "ROADBLOCKS"

We will have them do the stuff we don't want to do.

Adults know what is best for youth.

They only know about youth issues and not about societal issues.

They don't have enough life experience to make important decisions.

They can't be trusted!

You Are Competing Against Heavy Competition!

➢ School (7:30am – 3:30pm = 40 hr. + 5-7 hr. homework = 45 hr)

➢ Sports, clubs, extra curricular (5-10 hr. per week)

➢ Part time job (5-10 hr. per week)

➢ Time for their family, friends, church, hobbies

➢ And then . . . Time for your organization

YOU ARE COMPETING WITH THE NEXT RELATIONSHIP, SPORT, TEST AND/OR PAID JOB.

Consider Other Challenges

➢ Transportation

➢ Youth transiency

➢ Adult attitudes

➢ Lack of care/interest

WOW Factor Needed

Offer opportunities, not just "volunteering"

Match **interests** to opportunities – be creative

Incentives are powerful tools
(gift cards, raffles, food, events)
Peer influence is powerful
(family, neighbors, sports team, church)

When creating opportunities, be sure to take
into consideration all age levels.

Youth is Key

➢ Youth's perspective

➢ Thinking outside of the box

➢ Insight for further recruitment

➢ Ambitious volunteers

➢ A new energy

Communication is Key
(Recruit, Train, Remind and Praise)

Text reminders
Zoom

Social Media
Phone call

Communication with adult mentors

Recruitment Ideas

➢ Volunteer Connections – Helpline Center

➢ Personal invite to young person (grandchild, child, babysitter, neighbor, church)

➢ National Honor Society

➢ Student Councils

➢ Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts

➢ Churches

➢ School clubs

Tips From Youth

- ➤ Work alongside of us.
- ➤ Don't give us too much leeway. There should be expectations, but be reasonable as we continue to learn.
- ➤ Remember that we are individuals and do not represent the voice of all youth.
- ➤ Don't interrupt! This will shut us down immediately.
- ➤ Ask for our opinions.
- ➤ Your role is a partner, not a parent.
- ➤ Let us know you value our ideas, insights and service.
- ➤ When we make a mistake, let us know (preferably in private).

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**Welcome, Mentor, Be Patient,
Value and Respect, Trust and Have Faith**

Committee Reports

o PAC
o Veteran
o PIT Count
o HMIS
o Youth
o Coordinated Entry
o Homeless Summit
o Native American

Coordinated Entry

Statewide Annual Training

- July 28-29

CES Continues to develop & evolve

SDHHC Town Hall

o Reports from communities & agencies
o events, training, etc.
o Concerns, questions
o Chat box & verbal reports

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2020 PAC Election

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9MF7VJJ

Link to vote for PAC candidates. If you cannot locate the ballot by clicking on the web address, please cut & paste the address into your web browser and vote.

Honoring Melanie Bliss

Serving SDHHC Since 2001 – Thank you!

- o PAC member 2012 – 2020 (2 terms)
- o Community & housing advocate extraordinaire
- o Contributory to many successful CoC collaborative funding applications
- o Nearly 20 years of faithful & active service so far

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NEXT MEETING | September 15, 2020 | Pierre, SD

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SDHHC

Beliefs

o Housing and other basic human needs should be within everyone's reach in an affordable and dignified manner

Vision and Values

o Empower those experiencing homelessness to self-sufficiency

o Homelessness is unacceptable, preventable, expensive and resolvable through education, coordination & collaboration

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The South Dakota Housing for the Homeless Consortium formed in 2000
- Statewide organization of service providers, individuals, city/county/state government, faith-based organizations all working together to address homelessness with technical & financial assistance from U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development