



## Pikes Peak Continuum of Care – 2021 *Point In Time* Plan Announcement

Greetings and happy New Year:

2020 was a unique and challenging year, which drastically changed the way many of us interacted and delivered services to our community. The Pikes Peak Continuum of Care (PPCoC) is in awe of the tremendous heart and perseverance showed by our partner agencies and local homeless service providers to creatively and ardently provide services to our homeless and at-risk-of-homeless community members.

On January 7th, 2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued a [memorandum for Continuums of Care conducting the unsheltered Point In Time count in 2021](#), which indicates that CoCs are required to complete unsheltered counts biennially and may be exempt from conducting an unsheltered PIT Count for 2021 if they completed an unsheltered PIT in 2020. The PPCoC completed an unsheltered PIT in 2020 and is available on the [Community Health Partnership website](#).

In consultation with the memo and [guidance from HUD](#) and the PPCoC Governing Board, the decision has been made for the PPCoC to file for a full exception of the 2021 Unsheltered Point In Time Count due to health and safety of volunteers and the unsheltered population of El Paso County, Colorado.

So what does this mean?

- The PPCoC will not be training and administering the 2021 Unsheltered Point In Time surveys.
- The PPCoC will conduct the 2021 Sheltered Point In Time survey using the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which captures emergency shelter and transitional housing data.
- The PPCoC will conduct the 2021 Housing Inventory Count capturing bed utilization data for shelters and housing projects in the PPCoC.

The PPCoC will take the opportunity in 2021 to evaluate the unsheltered Point In Time survey and will explore customized reporting out of the HMIS to track the unsheltered population on a monthly basis to offer strategic recommendations and improve service delivery to our unsheltered homeless households. The PPCoC has begun capturing unsheltered data for homeless youth, veterans, and most recently families, and we are working on creating public dashboards to share data.

On behalf of the administering agency of the PPCoC, Community Health Partnership, and the PPCoC Governing Board, we want to share our immense gratitude for meeting our most vulnerable community members where they are at and continuing to save lives. Thank you.

Please direct any questions to Evan Caster, Manager of Homeless Initiatives: [evan.caster@ppchp.org](mailto:evan.caster@ppchp.org)

Well wishes,

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