

AGENDA – June 25, 2021, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm,
PPCoC Governing Board Meeting, CHP, <https://www.gotomeet.me/EvanCaster>

Members in Attendance (*indicates Ex-Officio members): Alison Gerbig, Andy Barton, *Andy Phelps, Andy Prehm, Anne Markley, Chris Garvin, *Crystal La Tier, Haley Chapin, Kat Lilley-Blair, Kimberley Sherwood, Kristy Milligan, Laura Nelson, *Paul Spencer, Shawna Kemppainen, Patience Kabwasa, Stephanie Johnson, *Steve Posey

Staff Present: Evan Caster, Jennifer Mariano

Absent: Ann-Marie Manning, Jeff Cook, John Spears, Michael Malone

Guests: Taryn Bailey

Documents: June 2021 Agenda; May 2021 Meeting Minutes; PIT/HIC 2011-2021 comparison chart; PIT/HIC 2021 presentation; two-page brief from last year's (2020) community reporting on PIT/HIC.

Call to Order: 11:33am

Approval of April Meeting Minutes – Andy Barton

VOTE: Motion by Chris Garvin for "Approval of the May 2021 Meeting Minutes," seconded by Andy Prehm, all in favor, motion passes

Point In Time/Housing Inventory Count (PIT/HIC) 2021 – Evan Caster

Review the sheltered counts for PIT and HIC 2021.

Work with CHP on developing communication strategy.

Meeting Discussion:

Presentation on 2011-2021 PIT/HIC comparison chart Word document, to be sent to the Board.

Presentation on graphical representation of PIT/HIC for 2021 sheltered count.

Shawna Kemppainen/Kimberly Sherwood/Patience Kabwasa/Kat Lilley-Blair – questions about hotels funded during the pandemic as "emergency" or "transitional" housing. HUD does not consider hotel in the PIT as emergency shelter unless they were paid for through agency dedicated funding for emergency shelter.

Jennifer Mariano – "if people are "living" in hotels, HUD does not consider them homeless unfortunately. We hope that these individuals are connected with service providers so that they can be connected to services, but we know that we aren't connected with a number of these folks staying in hotels/motels using their own resources."

Kat highlighted the connection from hotels to homeless prevention services available – "But even with the lack of HUD recognition of homeless status for those living in motels, it is a great opportunity for our community to engage those folks in Homeless Prevention services to move them into housing."

Some agencies such as Family Promise, Homeward Pikes Peak, Ascending to Health, and the Supportive Service for Veteran Families (SSVF) providers (RMHS and VOA) had flex funds during the 2021 PIT sheltered count dedicated to hotels for emergency shelter stays.

Chris Garvin highlighted permanent housing utilization, which was recognized by the CoC Board as a tremendous success.

Large increase in transitional housing thanks to the System Design Clinic and agencies like TESSA sharing transitional housing programs not previously counted.

Permanent Housing numbers increased based on new funding for rapid re-housing through Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and new project-based housing (Freedom Springs, Greenway Flats).

VA shared additional permanent housing vouchers previously not captured in the PIT.

Kimberly question about reporting to HUD. Evan discussed role of narrative to explain additional housing in the community and need to continue reporting full amount of housing available.

Shawna highlighted the need for more permanent supportive housing and permanent housing solutions due to the increased percentage of households on the Coordinated Entry By Name List scoring in the Permanent Housing voucher range on the housing needs assessment (VI-SPDAT).

Kristy Milligan pointed out that more exist in the community who need permanent housing and let their VI-SPDAT lapse after 90-days because of lack of ongoing service connection, continue to engage services.

Continue to support permanent housing solutions especially with the success in utilization.

Emergency shelter utilization also did go up with increased shelter beds a sign of success for emergency shelter providers and street outreach providers connecting households to ES beds.

Communication strategy will be through Taryn Bailey, CHP staff. Evan will send out two-page brief from last year and shared link to CHP website where reporting is posted: <https://www.ppchp.org/homelessness/coc-reports-and-resources/>

Kimberly noted her interest to help with review.

CHP Kaiser Permanente Grant – Jennifer Mariano/Evan
Update from the CHP/KP Advisory Committee on next steps.

Meeting Discussion:

Opportunity with flexible funding and looking at communities like Metro Denver Homeless Initiatives (MDHI) after meeting with them and City of Dallas flex fund.

Kimberly questions about ensuring fidelity around flexible fund use.

Jennifer noted the advisory committee made up of El Paso County local government, City of Colorado Springs local government, and Kaiser Permanente. Data will be reported to ensure transparency.

Kimberly noted the connection to homeless diversion and work on a community “mindset” around training and alignment. Jennifer noted funds from Inasmuch to provide community training to providers around Diversion and Housing First.

Patience highlighted opportunity to connect people with lived experience – “Wouldn't it be cool if those who were closest to homeless were set up to do, be paid for and participate in the "mindset" training.”

Strategic Planning Update – Andy

Update from the Executive Committee.

Discussion on Objectives to measure Strategic Planning, see end of minutes, page 4.

Example strategic plan from Central Virginia CoC: <https://centralvirginiacoc.org/strategic-plan>

Strategy plan link: [Central Virginia CoC – Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness: 2020-2023](#)

Meeting Discussion:

Transparency around CoC objections and measures, which were updated and shared to the CoC Board.

Reviewed Central Virginia CoC strategic plan and ideas around continuing strategies on a similar strategic plan's framework.

Next steps will be to begin drafting strategic plan and narratives of strategies. Will not have the same level of detail as Central Virginia but will mimic similar strategic narrative conversations.

Kimberly noted past precedent in reviewing CoC plans from central Virginia (ie. Richmond) and discussed the role of a “champion” in communities like Salt Lake City. Recognition that Pikes Peak has a group of “champions” and do not have a focal point, perhaps to the Pikes Peak CoC betterment. Alignment is key.

Steve Posey emphasized the need to identify measures and highlight the work done by the CoC for public consumption. Andy Barton asked if the measures provided illuminated the request and Steve agreed.

Timeline will be drafting over summer months to present first to the CoC Board (ideally August CoC Board meeting).

Public comment and feedback during September and utilize the Coalition for Homeless Advocates and Providers (CHAP) meeting for feedback.

Shawna requested sharing with organizational Board, Evan indicated minutes are publicly available.

Other Business – Evan

Meeting Discussion:

Future (July) topic of discussion, Federal legislation advocacy and decision based on follow up from with National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) virtual day on the hill.

Emphasis on CoC Board Committee opportunities including the Youth Advisory Board (YAB) and the Ranking and Prioritization/CoC Monitoring Committees.

Evan on connecting to committees – “If there is committee interest for Ranking and Prioritization and/or Monitoring please reach out to me (evan.caster@ppchp.org). For the Youth Advisory Board connect to me or Shawna (Shawna@theplacecos.org) and for Coordinated Entry Advisory connect to our Coordinated Entry Administrator Kelly Whitcombe (kelly.whitcombe@ppchp.org)”

Chris noted interest in helping with R&P/Monitoring Committee.

Stephanie Johnson noted interest in helping with YAB Committee.

Adjourn: 1:02pm

Next Meeting: July 30, 2021, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm – *request to push back one-week, approved by Board.*

Strategic Planning Goal: homelessness should be rare, brief, non-recurring. 3-Year Plan

- **Rare** – Inflow of homelessness
 - Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons
 - Objectives – decrease unsheltered homelessness in PIT by **10%**.
 - Objectives – observe bed utilization for transitional housing is **90%** or greater.
 - Measure 5: Number of Persons who Become Homeless for the First Time
 - Objectives – achieve a **15%** reduction in First Time homelessness.
 - Objectives – discuss the causes of racial inequity in homelessness and support change by reducing BIPOC first time homelessness by **25%**.
 - **Activities:**
 - *Diversion*
 - *Racial Equity*
 - *Homeless Prevention*
- **Brief** – Length of time homeless
 - Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless
 - Objectives – reduce length of time persons are active in an emergency shelter program to less than **X days**. (*Confirm X with data quality requirements by HMIS Team*)
 - Objectives – reduce length of time prior to housing move-in to less than **120 median days**.
 - Measure 7: Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing
 - Objectives – Increase exits to permanent housing from street outreach by **5%**.
 - Objectives – Increase exits into temporary/Institutions from street outreach **10%**.
 - **Activities:**
 - *Rapid Re-Housing*
 - *Housing First Approach (Case Management)*
 - *Landlord Navigation*
- **Non-recurring** – Outcomes of homelessness
 - Measure 2: The Extent to which Persons who Exit Homelessness to Permanent Housing Destinations Return to Homelessness
 - Objectives – Decrease homeless returns to less than **20%** within six-months of stays from emergency shelter.
 - Measure 4: Employment and Income Growth for Homeless Persons in CoC Program-funded Projects
 - Objectives – Increase cash earned benefits for adult leavers to **20%**.
 - Objectives – Increase unearned benefits for adult leavers to **40%**.
 - Measure 7: Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing
 - Objectives – successful exit placements into permanent housing increase to **20%** of all exits.
 - Objectives – observe retention of permanent housing at **90%** or greater.
 - **Activities:**
 - *Data Quality*
 - *Improve income/non-cash benefits*
 - *Funding Alignment*
 - *Monitoring/Reallocation/Accountability*