Institute for Community Alliances

2022 Point-In-Time HMIS Training

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What is the Point-In-Time?

- Annual count and survey of unsheltered and sheltered homeless persons.

- Conducted on a single night in January, typically the 4th Wednesday.

- Every community nationwide participates in the count.

- The count includes those that are unsheltered and those that are sheltered in Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing and Safe Havens.

- Agencies that enter in to HMIS for their Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing and Safe Havens will be using their HMIS data to report on their sheltered count

- Agencies that do not enter in to the HMIS will be using the Google Survey to enter the data they collect using the Paper Survey for sheltered.

- All agencies can survey those that are unsheltered, using the paper survey, which is then entered into the Google Survey.
  - You are also maybe to directly enter in to the Google Survey and be paper free if you are able.

Why the Point-In-Time?

- Required for all communities nationwide that receive federal dollars
  - To comply with federal regulations and requirements that serve homeless individuals and families

- Helps identify areas of need and improve service delivery based on demographics collected from the Point-In-Time Count

- Supports the communities needs when applying for local, state and federal funding

- To measure and monitor trends and changes in homelessness on local and national levels

Why is the Point-In-Time done in January?
- Nationwide the count is conducted around the 4th Wednesday of January
- Ensures consistent data statewide and nationwide
- Winter is when communities are most likely maximizing resources to serve people's needs
- The end of the month is selected to capture all potential utilization of other resources used

When do we conduct the Point-In-Time Count?

The night of Wednesday January 26, 2022 is the start of the PIT. No earlier than that.

Start the PIT 6 pm on Wednesday January 26, 2022. No Earlier than that. The ask if the time of 6pm-6am on the PIT date.

Please make sure that only clients who were physically in a bed or were unsheltered on January 26th, 2022 are being counted.

Point-In-Time: Who to count?

WHO IS <u>NOT</u> COUNTED:

- Precariously housed, doubled up, couch surfing, private motel stay paid by household or their family/friends.

- Corrections (Jail/Prison/DOC transitional housing)

- Foster Care – home placement or group home not dedicated to serving the homeless

- Mental Health – State Hospital or equivalent, DMH Housing Subsidy Program, MH crisis bed or group home

- Other Health Care – hospitals, nursing facilities/assisted living, substance use treatment bed/facility

WHO IS <u>IS</u> COUNTED:

- People who are Literally Homeless under the HUD definition, meaning:

- Unsheltered people who are homeless -
  - staying in a place not meant for human habitation such as in a tent, in a car, in an abandoned building, or on the street.

- Shelters people who are homeless –
  - staying in an emergency shelter, safe haven (as defined by HUD), transitional housing designated for people who are homeless, in a motel paid by state funds (GA), or in a motel paid for by a charitable organization.

How is the data collected?

HMIS – Sheltered Count

Agencies that enter data into the HMIS will use their HMIS data.

- Sheltered data is collected by: Entry Exits for Transitional Housing and Safe Havens
- Entry Exits and/or Shelter Stays for Emergency Shelter

The data that is entered for that enrollment is used to populate the data in the HMIS PIT report

Non HMIS Sheltered and Unsheltered

- **Sheltered**: Agencies that don't enter data into the HMIS will need to survey their clients on the night of the PIT to gather all the required HUD data and then enter that into the Google Forms

- **Unsheltered:** All agencies, HMIS and Non HMIS agencies, can survey clients that are not physically staying in their emergency shelter, transitional housing or safe haven to see if they should be included in the PIT. The paper survey can be used and then all that data is entered into the Google Survey by the agency that collected it

Google Survey – Demo Links

BoS and Nashua:

- Unsheltered: https://forms.gle/dAamj9JGBcK5ZZif9
- Emergency Shelter: https://forms.gle/E3ktNYyNh8n7N3UG8
- Transitional Housing: https://forms.gle/2vyCqPHdhvN28Q9QA

Manchester:

- Unsheltered: https://forms.gle/VZPrdAGv9JRnbfXf6
- Emergency Shelter: https://forms.gle/LNTpkZyLMFfNSTfV7
- Transitional Housing: https://forms.gle/7yVjComJqBhKSW6b9

The End!

Thank you for participating!

If you have any questions about the PIT and HMIS, please reach out to the NH HMIS HelpDesk: nhhmis@icalliances.org