YHC MEETING

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

State Fair Room

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PIT COUNT RECAP

Overview of the YHC Pit Count opt-in meeting on August 17th

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Understand the PIT count

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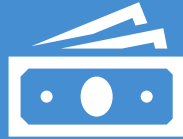
Develop intent and scope for 2020 PIT count

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Identify volunteers for a YHC Pit Count/Data Needs Subcommittee

PIT COUNT MEETING GOALS

Decision to locally conduct the 2020 PIT Count

Include Street outreach, Shelter counts, and Project Homeless Connect (PHC)

$36,600 max budget

Formation of YHC PIT Count/Data Needs subcommittee

PIT COUNT MEETING OUTCOMES

PIT COUNT/DATA NEEDS SUBCOMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Primary focus is execution of PIT count

People with the following types of professional and personal experience are often most useful in PIT count planning: shelter project staff, homeless outreach workers, researchers, and people who have experienced homelessness

During months where PIT count planning is not needed, subcommittee will focus on data-related issues and needs

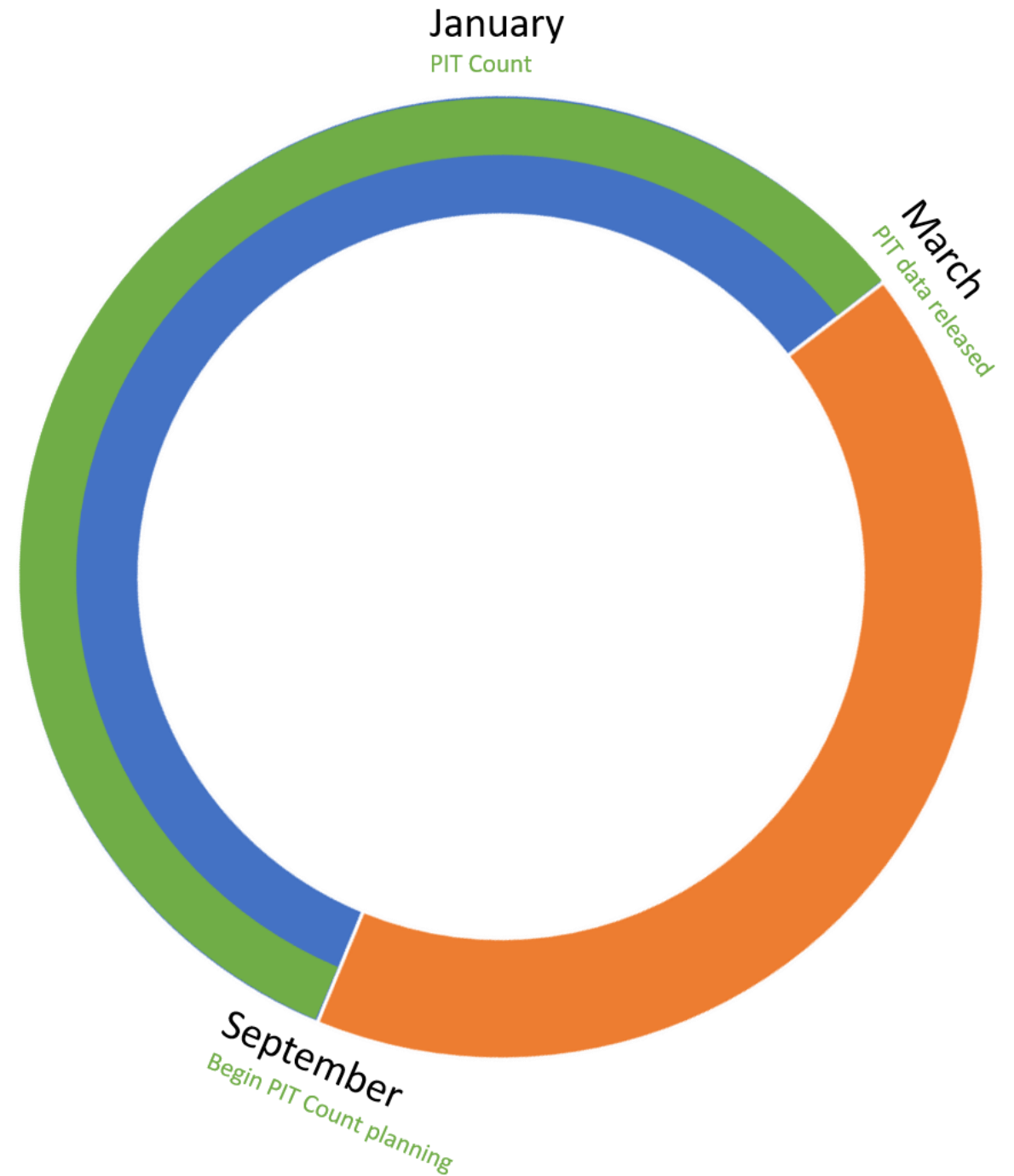# HNY/YHC COLLABORATIVE DATA COLLECTION TIMELINE

HNY – Housing Profile
- Focus on housing stock

YHC – PIT Count
- Focus on consumers

Collaborative Period
- Combine data collected to paint a broader picture of the housing/homelessness landscape
- Analyze findings to develop data-driven 5-year plan updates and recommendations

Contact Esther if you are interested in participating

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FIRST SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING – TBD!

5-YEAR PLAN UPDATE

Review and feedback of the new draft of the 5-Year plan

5-YEAR PLAN DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Streamline current plan by consolidating redundant goals/tasks and removing cumbersome/unsupported goals/tasks

- Create measurable outcomes for goals/tasks and identify data sources to track them

- Develop goals that are realistic, effective, and fundable
  - ⇨ Goals that align with State Objectives
  - ⇨ Goals that are supported by existing opportunities and work
  - ⇨ Goals that respond to needs within our community

- Assess status of final goals

**State Objectives
(must be included in Local Plan)**

1. Quickly identify and engage people experiencing homelessness

2. Prioritize housing for people with the greatest needs

3. Operate an effective and efficient homeless crisis response system that swiftly moves people into stable permanent housing

4. Project the impact of the fully implemented local plans on the number of households housed and the number of households left unsheltered, assuming existing resources and state polices

5. Address racial disparities among people experiencing homelessness

Current Local Plan Goals

1. Utilize a Coordinated Entry, Assessment and Referral System
2. Coordinate funding for Homeless Programs
3. Develop additional Shelter beds with access to services and maintain existing resources
4. Create additional Rapid Re-Housing options to provide a transition from homeless shelter to more permanent housing
5. Expand Permanent Supportive Housing options and prioritize services and housing for chronic homeless families and individuals using Coordinated Entry
6. Facilitate continued data collection efforts and share data between all programs
7. Prevent Homelessness when possible
8. Build the Community and Political commitment to end homelessness in our County
9. Better serve youth homelessness
10. Increase Capacity to add employment opportunities for self sufficiency
11. Increase Transparency of Program funding and services provided and Monitor program performance with measurable benchmarks

UPDATED LOCAL GOALS

01

Quickly identify and engage people experiencing homelessness through outreach and coordination between every system that encounters people experiencing homelessness

02

Operate an effective and efficient homeless crisis response system that swiftly moves people into stable permanent housing

03

Support the development of adequate affordable housing

04

Track and publish data regarding homelessness in Yakima County

05

Address disparities among people experiencing homelessness

01

QUICKLY IDENTIFY AND ENGAGE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH OUTREACH AND COORDINATION BETWEEN EVERY SYSTEM THAT ENCOUNTERS PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

1.1 **Design, implement, maintain, and utilize an efficient and compliant Coordinated Entry (CE) System**

1.2 **Improve outreach to identify individuals experiencing homelessness and encourage participation in services through CE or BNL**

1.3 **Use Vulnerability Index (VI-SPDAT) in CE to prioritize services for people with the greatest need**

02 OPERATE AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT HOMELESS CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM THAT SWIFTLY MOVES PEOPLE INTO STABLE PERMANENT HOUSING

2.1 Increase exits to permanent housing from Emergency Shelter (ES) to 26% by June 30, 2020

2.2 Increase exits to permanent housing from Rapid-Rehousing (RRH) programs to 80% by June 30, 2020

2.3 Increase exits to or retention of permanent housing from Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) programs to 92% by June 30, 2020

2.4 Increase percent unsheltered served by homeless response system to 49% by June 30, 2020

2.5 Reduce returns to homelessness after exit to permanent housing to less than 10% by 2022

2.6 Reduce average length of time homeless of those served to less than 90 days by 2022

2.7 Increase percentage of exits from street outreach to positive outcome destinations as defined by HUD System Performance Measures to >76% by 2022

2.8 Increase system-wide percentage of exits to permanent housing to >59% by 2022

2.9 Continue to provide the services, infrastructure, and resources that make up the homeless crisis response system, including: low-barrier overnight shelters (including cold-weather emergency shelter), domestic violence shelters, day-shelters, respite, case management, prevention, diversion, rental and eviction assistance, supportive housing, transitional housing, housing choice vouchers, drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs, mental health programs, and employment assistance

03 SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADEQUATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

3.1 Support potential capital projects for building low-barrier PSH

3.2 Partner with landlords to increase willingness to rent existing housing to clients with history of homelessness

3.3 Support affordable housing initiatives for new construction of low-income units such as accessory or efficiency housing

3.4 Support construction of new low-income housing with appropriate program supervision

3.5 Support and increase landlord tenant counseling

04 TRACK AND PUBLISH DATA REGARDING HOMELESSNESS IN YAKIMA COUNTY

4.1 Project the impact of the fully implemented local plan on the number of households housed and the number of households left unsheltered, assuming existing resources and state politics

4.2 Continue to use and promote the shared enterprise of County-wide HMIS database

4.3 Support accurate and consistent Point in Time data collection efforts

4.4 Create and utilize visual reports/aides to provide transparency regarding program performance and clients being served

4.5 Monitor and track program performance to ensure performance targets are being met and make results known to all stakeholders

4.6 Track available housing through the Housing Inventory Chart (HIC)

05 ADDRESS DISPARITIES AMONG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

5.1 Analyze racial disparities using a racial equity tool and data provided by Commerce

5.2 Seek data sources for tracking LGBTQ* disparities

5.3 Engage with agencies including, but not limited to, School Homeless Liaisons, Rod's House, Henry Beauchamp Community Center, YNHS LGBTQ Youth Resource Center (The Space), and Catholic Families Youth to identify youth and determine their specific needs

5.4 Create a safe overnight facility for Youth and Young Adults (YYA) experiencing homelessness

5.5 Support after-school programs to encourage YYA mentoring in a safe environment

5.6 Create partnerships to advocate for youth homelessness issues and educate providers on legislatively acceptable strategies for addressing the needs of youth

5.7 Increase opportunities for LGBTQ* youth experiencing homelessness to access support, resources, housing, and family reunification when possible

5.8 Design, implement, maintain, and utilize an efficient and compliant By-Name List (BNL) for YYA experiencing homelessness

5.9 Design, implement, maintain, and utilize an efficient and compliant BNL for veterans experiencing homelessness

FEEDBACK?

Goal 1: Quickly identify and engage people experiencing homelessness through outreach and coordination between every system that encounters people experiencing homelessness

Goal 2: Operate an effective and efficient homeless crisis response system that swiftly moves people into stable permanent housing

Goal 3: Support the development of adequate affordable housing

Goal 4: Track and publish data regarding homelessness in Yakima County

Goal 5: Address disparities among people experiencing homelessness