

Yakima County Homeless Coalition  
Data Committee  
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER      The **December 9, 2024** Data Committee meeting came to order at **10:00am**.

INTRODUCTIONS      Members present: N/A

Zoom: Zack Almquist (University of Washington), Elizabeth (YWCA), Dave Hanson (SOC), Jeanna Hernandez (Comm. Member), Linda DiLembo (Valley Mall), Raeann Rowe (RH),

Human Services staff present:

Deann Bergquist, Rosana Negrete, Juan Castaneda, Melissa Holm

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#### OLD BUSINESS

*Approval of minutes*

Approval of Minutes: November 18, 2024 Data Committee Meeting.

*Dave Hanson moved to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2024, Data Committee Meeting. Linda DiLembo seconded. No one abstained/denied. The motion carried.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*PIT 2025 Planning Efforts/ UW Research Support*

Zack Almquist presented details of the work he has done with the PIT Count for King County. He gave the background of how the survey methods were derived. He mentioned he was aware of the concerns from the Human Services Department (HSD) regarding where the holes are and who we are missing from the survey counts. He spoke about leveraging spatial aggregates and historical data in order to attempt more targeted outreach to determine actual coverage and reduce the traditional undercount of homeless individuals as well as providing some formal statistical structure to look at count expectations and reduce the undercounts. They are continuously looking for better ways to meet the needs of local providers.

Rosana Negrete mentioned Melissa Holm's concern about having enough volunteers to cover the whole county in the brief time frame that we have to complete the counts. She shared a slide and reviewed the comfort kits 800 and hygiene kits (275) that the HSD will put together for PIT along with the PIT training dates/locations details that will be held on January 26, 2025, from 1:00pm -3:00pm and January 29, 2025, from 9:30am – 11:30am.

**Action Item: HSD will email out the Power Point and registration details to the group.**

*Outreach Data*

Juan Castaneda presented the HMIS Yakima County Outreach Data and reviewed the Program Roster Reports for the agencies. He mentioned the new monthly reporting standard and reviewed with the group the data for active users from

#### Five Year Plan

November 1 through December 6, 2024, touching on the active clients for each of the outreach agencies and said the trends for the services that are most needed are for rental and utilities assistance for enrolled clients for each agency. Rosana briefly spoke about the Five-Year Plan updates and provided the four upcoming Strategic Sessions listed below.

Month	Date	Meeting	Activity	How to register
February	2/18/2025	Strategic Session #1 (full day)	Developing a shared understanding of the issues and identifying needs, gaps, and opportunities	<a href="#">Eventbrite link</a>
May	5/13/2025	Strategic Session #2 (full day)	Reviewing goals developed based on Session 1 input and Data Committee feedback	<a href="#">Eventbrite link</a>
August	8/11/2025	Strategic Session #3 (full day)	Reviewing first draft of Five-Year Plan document	<a href="#">Eventbrite link</a>
November	11/17/2025	Strategic Session #4 (partial day)	Report-out of final draft of Five-Year Plan document before BOCC approval (optional)	<a href="#">Eventbrite link</a>

Rosana went over the November monthly HENA data that showed there were 13 Total Duplicated Submissions and a total of 71 Total Submissions. The top 4 vulnerability scores for 16 individuals, with scores ranging from 8.5 to 10. She reviewed the HENA Data for the high vulnerability scores for individuals and where they are currently being housed which was requested by Dave Hanson during the previous meeting. She shared the report that for June to October and November alone with the HENA Score, CE Referral Date, Current Housing Status and As of Date related to Dave's question.

She shared a slide with the November YAHA Data that had 10 Total Duplicated Submissions and 25 Total Submissions, and the Top 4 Vulnerability Scores for 14 people. For June to October, she shared the Top four scores with CE Referral Date, Current Housing Status and the As of Date. In both the HENA and YAHA data, they were using services, and these were listed out. Some individuals were not actual program enrollments for housing but were using them for other resources, so we plan to work more closely with these agencies to also include enrollments for housing. Juan emphasized that the clients must also have a willingness to participate in services of any kind. Dave asked if there is a way to learn the reasons why individuals refuse services. He would like to capture the reasons if the individuals are willing to give it to the outreach workers.

**Action Item: Juan will follow up with Melissa on if we can develop a question to capture the “why” for their unwillingness to accept services.**

*Next Meeting*

**DATE: January 13, 2025**

Location: Hybrid Zoom and In Person at Yakima County Human Services Office

*Adjourn*

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at **10:36am**.