2022 Unsheltered PIT Count Training

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Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions - please type your name in the chat
- Point in Time (PIT) Count Overview
- Who to count for the unsheltered count?
- Safety Guidance
- Important PIT Count Resources
- Survey Instruction
- Interview Techniques
- Timeline/Due Dates!
- Questions
PIT Overview

- Count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January.
- HUD requires Continuums of Care (CoC) conduct an annual count of homeless persons who are in emergency shelter, transitional housing, safe havens, and unsheltered homeless persons.
- The count plays a central role in determining our progress towards ending homelessness in Ramsey County.
- The count also plays a central role in determining the amount of funding Ramsey CoC receives from federal, state, local, and private funders for homelessness services.
Who to Count?

- Unsheltered individuals, unaccompanied youth (ages 24 and younger), youth-aged heads of households, and/or families (with minor children) who are sleeping outside, sleeping in cars, riding public transit all night, and/or staying in other places not meant for human habitation (i.e., storage unit, condemned buildings, etc.).

- Doubled-up or couch-hopping individuals, unaccompanied youth (ages 24 and younger), youth-aged heads of households, and/or families (with minor children) - key is that they are temporarily staying with friends or other family members and are not on the lease.
Safety Guidance

- We encourage people involved in counting to be fully vaccinated (2 shots and 1 booster).
- HUD, State of MN, and Ramsey County Public Health recommends being tested no more than 7 days prior.
- If you are feeling sick, we encourage you to stay home.
- Please bring masks (ideally N95) and wear them for the duration of the count.
- Please bring and use hand sanitizer frequently.
- HUD discourages CoC’s from using volunteers that are at high risk of contracting COVID-19, including persons age 65 or older, to physically count.
- Practice social distancing.
PIT Count Resources

- 2022 PIT Count Volunteer Sign-up
- PIT Surveyor One-page Instructions
- PIT Short Paper Survey
- Test PIT Live 2022
Survey Instructions

PIT Short Survey 2022

- Overview
- Survey Question Review:
  - Single Person
  - Multiple People
Interview Techniques

- How do I introduce myself and what I am doing?
- What if people don’t want to take the survey?
- Do people have to answer all of the questions?
- Should I have safety concerns? For the person being surveyed? For the Surveyor?
- How do I keep things private?
- How do I survey a large group of people?
- What if someone wants to talk too much?
- Are there things I should be careful about saying?
- Should I be doing outreach during the survey and connecting people to resources?
PIT Timeline/Due Dates

- PIT Count Date: January 26, 2022 (starts at sundown on January 26th through sunrise on January 27th)
- PIT Surveys being offered at numerous sites and/or by calling clients from caseloads starting January 27th - February 2nd
- Enter PIT Surveys Live (online link to be emailed out before January 26th), or enter on paper format and then either:
  - Email Joseph Desenclos (Joseph.Desenclos@co.ramsey.mn.us) in the paper format by end of day on Monday, January 31st for Ramsey County to enter online for you, or
  - Manually enter into PIT Live yourself by end of day on February 2, 2022
Questions

- Will there be incentives for taking the survey?
  - Yes, 10-ride bus pass cards will be provided. One per household; the head of household must sign for the bus pass.

- Will there be extra pens in case people taking the survey want to circle their own answers during the sensitive questions section?
  - Yes, we will provide extra pens to volunteers at the various sites, as well as either hand sanitizer or wipes.
THANK YOU!!!!