

Colorado Balance of State Continuum of Care

2023 Point-in-Time Count Volunteer

Levels of Engagement Decision Guide

In order to help providers across the state decide on the amount of time/resources they can dedicate to rural Colorado's Point-in-Time Count (PIT Count) helping to understand how homelessness looks in communities across the state, the Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoS CoC) has released this "levels of engagement" guide. This will help provide information on "lowest" to "highest" levels of engagement required for a successful PIT Count in your areas.

Low Level of Engagement

Action(s): Very low (Hour or Less) capacity to participate in the count. Could potentially offer assistance in the form of "Survey handouts" and "Survey reviews" when completed.

Capacity Prior to and Night of Count or Day(s) After: Staffing or volunteer time is limited to unavailable. (Less than an hour or less to dedicate.)

Request of time:

- 1. Ability to take a one hour Zoom Training of PIT Count surveys and volunteering to go over surveys directly with people experiencing homelessness.
- 2. Ability to collect and review surveys to make sure they are answered legibly and completely.
- 3. Ability to send completed surveys to PIT Coordinator after count is completed. (Scan email, hand deliver, or mail)

Medium Level of Engagement

Action(s): Some time (1 hour to 4 hours) to Volunteer to go over Point-in-Time Surveys with participants, can answer some questions.

Ability to Survey People Directly: Some time to help go over surveys with people experiencing literal unsheltered homelessness or sheltered homelessness directly.

Capacity Night of Count or Day(s) After: Staffing or volunteer time is available, but not to a great degree. (Up to 2 to 4 hours or less)

Request of time:

- 1. Ability to take a one hour Zoom Training of PIT Count surveys and volunteering to go over surveys directly with people experiencing homelessness.
- 2. Ability to dedicate time late evening January 24th (or more realistically Wednesday January 25th) to participate in the PIT Count.
 - Ability to dedicate time late evening January 24th to participate in the PIT Count. May do this the next day (Wednesday 1/25/2023) for safety and ask that survey participants answer based on where they spent the night on Tuesday 1/24/2023.
 - b. Collect and review surveys with participants to make sure they are answered legibly and completely.
- 3. Ability to send completed surveys to PIT Coordinator after count is completed. (Scan email, hand deliver, or mail)

High Level of Engagement

Action(s): Some time (8+ — Speak to CoC or regional coordinator about availability) to Volunteer to go over Point-in-Time Surveys with participants or help in other ways. If interested in helping to Coordinate volunteers, contact Shawn Hayes - shayes@coloradocoalition.org.

Ability to Survey People Directly: 2-4 hour (+) shifts to go over surveys with people experiencing literal unsheltered homelessness or sheltered homelessness.

Capacity Night of Count or Day(s) After: Staffing or volunteer time is available.

Request of time:

- 1. Ability to take a one hour Zoom Training of PIT Count surveys and volunteering to go over surveys directly with people experiencing homelessness.
 - Ability to dedicate time late evening January 24th to participate in the PIT Count. May do this the next day (Wednesday 1/25/2023) for safety and ask that survey participants answer based on where they spent the night on Tuesday 1/24/2023.
 - b. Review all surveys with participants, to make sure they are answered legibly and completely.
- 2. Ability to send completed surveys to PIT Coordinator after count is completed. (Scan email, hand deliver, or mail)

For More info click on the volunteer section of the Point-in-Time Website here: <u>www.coloradocoalition.org/BoSCoCPITHIC</u>