



DATA ANALYSIS MEETING MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2021

2:00-3:30

Facilitator:	Lee Nelson Weber		
Meeting Attendees:	Lee Nelson Weber, Francisco Calderon, John Wynbeek, Alyssa Anten, Francisco Calderon, Alonda Trammell, Tammy Britton, Jenn Headrick, Veronica Arvizu <u>Staff:</u> Courtney Myers-Keaton, Brianne Czyzio Robach		
Time Convened:	2:01	Time Adjourned:	2:54

Review of Agenda

Discussion			
Amendments	None		

Approval of Minutes

June 10th 2021

Motion by:	John Wynbeek	Second:	Alonda Trammell
Discussion			
Amendments			
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes.		

Draft Point in Time Count Report

Discussion

Brianne shared a draft report of the draft 2021 point in time count. The numbers have not been approved by HUD yet, so they are listed as draft.

Feedback and suggested changes:

- Add the ES/TH/unsheltered data to the graph with the total to clarify.
- Chronic should be separate
- Include data around change in disparities over time (2016-present)
- Remove unsheltered data from race and ethnicity as it is observational and accuracy is limited

Conversation around the context behind this data. It will be important to include the history of family shelter and changes in the sheltering model. Anecdotally, we have seen an increase in unsheltered individuals since 2019. 2019's count was during the polar vortex with substantial outreach to get people to safety. The 2020 unsheltered count has strong planning and outreach ahead of time resulting in a robust number. The 2021 unsheltered count was observational, plus clearing of large encampment at the end of December contributed to decrease of observable unsheltered individuals. Courtney will draft a narrative to provide context and significant factors impacting the data.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Incorporate changes suggested above	Brianne	
Draft narrative/community context to include	Courtney	

Draft Annual Count Report

Discussion

Brianne shared a draft report of the 2020 annual count data for the group to review.

Feedback and suggested changes:

- 2016 and 2017 chronic data, double check that it is unavailable



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- Include breakdown by race/ethnicity in 2020 at the forefront of document
- Reformat the change in number/percent year over year to be more digestible
- Remove gender disparities graphic as it is binary, keep note around historically marginalized populations

Performance measures such as length of time/stay are not included in the annual count report. The report looks at who is experiencing homelessness not the experience itself. This context will be added to the introduction.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Incorporate changes suggested above	Brianne	
Incorporate additional narrative	Brianne & Courtney	

CoC Scorecard

Discussion

Members reviewed the CoC Scorecard that was developed as part of the strategic planning process. The benchmarks are baselines that average 2019 and 2020 data. The 2022 targets were based on functional zero criteria, requirements for HUD High Performing Communities, and other sources. Data sources and the reasoning behind each target is included in the spreadsheet.

A prevention metric is included, but not all current funding is inputted in HMIS as funding does not go through Coordinated Entry (CE). A goal could be advocacy to encourage folks to enter data on prevention services into HMIS, specifically for those who are at imminent risk of homelessness (category 2).

Staff will be reaching out to BFO for guidance on a target for a reduction in chronic homelessness. For youth, the target mechanism will need to be adjusted as it does not currently refer to the baseline.

Conversation around the CE enrollments. Uncertainty if this is the number assessed without connection to resource or the total number assessed. Need to clarify whether the number is households. For the CE intake, need to define whether this is for entry or referral and ensure shelter entries are not included.

Average length of time has not been something that we have measured traditionally, but we want to begin to track and meet the targets outlined using by-name list management. Through byname list management, there is a way to track whether LOT for those who do access a resource and those who do not. The number of households who do not get a resource could be explored by looking at the number accessing permanent housing and the total households assessed.

Conversation around the PSH beds/Move Up vouchers metric. Staff pulled the # from the HIC for the baseline, but this does not include the vouchers in the community. Courtney will check with BFO to see if they have a recommendation for the number of beds to add each year to ensure these goals align with that work. This measure needs to be better understood. HIC measures specifically measures beds, unsure if the CSH calculator is looking at beds or units. Members noted that there is



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also other vouchers that are accessed by chronic households, should these be included? Further information is needed around Move Up vouchers and the process and flow for these vouchers. Staff will bring this back to the group.

As we consolidate reports and get into a rhythm, Lee indicated that she wants to continue to review the number of calls to CE as these show the need. John suggested that the committee also reference data that is broader, similar to data that is in a market study (available, demand, income levels), to get broader perspective and context to the CoC's work. The Housing Next report likely has some of this data. Lee expects that the Housing Stability Alliance will be looking at this type of comprehensive data around the housing market once they are operating. She would also like to see prevention data broken out by demographics as this is the only place the CoC can begin to impact who is entering the system. Tammy wondered if there is a comprehensive report like the Housing Next report that is County-wide (not just City of Grand Rapids data). Lee noted that they provided some general numbers in the report to Kent County in July 2020. The City and County prepare a joint report on impediments to housing choice for HUD, available here:

<https://www.grandrapidsmi.gov/Government/Departments/Community-Development>

Lee is excited that the strategic plan will push for more data, better data, and better use of data moving forward.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Next Steps		
Discussion		
Denny has indicated that he will be resigning from this committee as he retires from Dwelling Place at the end of the month. The group thanked Denny for his years of service to the CoC or this committee over the years.		
Adjournment		