



DATA ANALYSIS MEETING MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2022

2:00-3:30

Facilitator:	Lee Nelson Weber		
Meeting Attendees:	Alyssa Anten, Lee Nelson Weber, Johanna Schulte, Francisco Calderon, Laura Betts, John Wynbeek, Cheryl Schuch, Jeremy DeRoo <u>Staff:</u> Brianne Robach, Courtney Myers-Keaton		
Time Convened:	2:01	Time Adjourned:	3:32

Review of Agenda			
Discussion			
Amendments	Remove MI Racial Equity Strategic Plan as there are no updates Add HUD CoC Supplemental NOFO to Address Unsheltered Homelessness		
Approval of Minutes		June 9, 2022	
Motion by:	John Wynbeek	Second:	Laura Betts
Discussion			
Amendments	None		
Conclusion	In favor, motion passes.		
FY21 Racial Equity Demographics Report			
Discussion	<p>This racial equity demographic report was submitted with the community's MSHDA ESG Exhibit 1. Lee developed and shared a document with high-level data. The report includes all entered into permanent housing, shelter, transitional housing, outreach or prevention project in FY21 (10/1/2020-9/30/2021). The report does not describe outcomes or show how the system is performing but describes population of folks accessing services. The group discussed the report data. Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Around half of all persons included in this report are Black/African American which is higher than the percentage of Black/African American households in Kent County. - Hispanic/Latinx households are represented at a proportion similar to the proportion of Latinx households in Kent County. - The group asked about the definition of prior living situations. Courtney offered to connect with Gerry Leslie (MCAH) around this definition. - Agreement that the percentage of persons coming from private apartments over the past few years would be interesting to analyze. An increase in persons coming from private apartment could indicate a need for increased prevention funds. - About 1/3 of persons were served with prevention services though folks could be served in 2+ categories. Members suggested that the number of people served by prevention is compared with total funding spent to estimate funding needed to divert additional households. - The report does not include CERA funding as it not included in HMIS. - The report can be run for other system periods; FY19-FY21 comparisons would be helpful - Lee noted the importance of a data definition worksheet so the committee can accurately understand data points being reviewed. - There are limitations in how the report can be pulled and downloaded due to limitations of WellSky. 		



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Members agreed that it would be helpful to review data disaggregated by race, ethnicity, project type, household type to determine if disparities exist. Returns to homelessness within 24 months would also be helpful. Courtney indicated that Richard (HMIS Support) may be able to take this project on or staff can seek other options. Lee wondered if local higher education institutions could provide data supports. Courtney indicated that there is the potential to contract for future needs. Cheryl feels it is important to have data capacity in house to support a data-driven system.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Explore capacity for racial disparity data analysis	CoC staff	

Draft PIT Count Report

Discussion

An updated draft report was provided in the agenda packet. Brianne overviewed updates made to the report since the last meeting.

Racial and ethnic demographic graphs were updated to display data by family and single household types. Members noted that in 2020 and 2021, the percent of Latinx households experiencing homelessness was fairly represented where in other years there was over representation and discussed potential reasons for this shift.

Members suggested comparing PIT Count data with other data sets to determine if and where disparities exist. Results could be reported and if needed, strategies developed to address disparities. Courtney agreed and noted that this analysis could also help determine if disparities exist in the assessment. Cheryl agreed and noted that automating tools does not necessarily eliminate bias. (Cheryl left the meeting at 3:12)

The report also includes data from some federally defined subpopulations which are not distinct. Subpopulation data from those experiencing unsheltered homelessness is self-reported making accuracy uncertain. Lee feels this data is valuable as it speaks to the complexity of work. Members suggested changes to the report to make it easier to interpret.

Johanna suggested that once capacity for analysis increases, analysis and conclusions are developed and then the report tells the story of conclusions. Courtney agreed and noted the need for capacity. (Jeremy left the meeting at 3:17)

Staff will determine if 2022 PIT Count data have been accepted by HUD.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline

Supplemental NOFO to Address Unsheltered Homelessness

Discussion

Courtney shared that HUD recently announced availability of additional funding to address unsheltered homelessness. This is a one-time application for over \$5M over three years. Successful communities will demonstrate the need to address unsheltered homelessness and the capacity to do



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so by collaborating with cross-sector partners. System performance measures will also impact the score. Bonus points will be awarded to communities with high unsheltered numbers in the 2019 PIT Count; our community will not qualify for these bonus points which decreases the likelihood of receiving funding.

Courtney thinks that planning for the application will be beneficial in planning to address chronic homelessness. Johanna sees a need for upfront investment in data collection and analysis to ensure the Coalition can communicate system performance in future applications.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Next Steps		
Discussion		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make suggested edits to PIT Count report - Explore racial disparity data and look to find capacity for analysis 		
If there are not new agenda items, the group will not meet in August; comparison reports will be shared.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Adjournment		