



## DATA ANALYSIS MEETING MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 2024

2:00 – 3:30pm

Facilitator:	Lee Nelson Weber		
Meeting Attendees:	Rebecca Long, Francisco Calderon, Johanna Schulte, Tenisa Frye, Eleibny Feliz, Alex Kontras		
	Staff: Evan Hile, Alyssa Anten, Craig Heerema, Ronan Parmenter		
Time Convened:	2:04pm	Time Adjourned:	3:30pm

<b>Approval of Minutes</b>		<b>June 13, 2024</b>	
Motion by:		Support from:	
Discussion			
Amendments			
Conclusion			
<b>Ad Hoc Meeting Review</b>			
Discussion			
A small group has been meeting to work on the framework for building a comprehensive report based on conversations in this committee. There are plans to meet next week, and a report back to this group in September.			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
<b>PIT Count Update</b>			
Discussion			
In the latest update, Alyssa reported on the ongoing work with the HUD Consultant team to clean the PIT and HIC data. Many communities faced challenges with submissions due to issues with the HDX2.0 platform, resulting in discrepancies, particularly with the Sheltered PIT total not aligning with the number of clients enrolled in HMIS on the night of the PIT. Evan shared the final PIT numbers, highlighting differences from previous reviews. There was discussion around changes to methodology for future counts. Staff noted that questions have been raised with MCAH to clarify the impact on total counts. Lee suggested that the committee should discuss these changes in more detail next month, including an analysis of nightly traffic patterns.			
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<b>SPM Data Quality Table Review</b>			
Discussion			
Alyssa updated the group on the System Performance Measures, specifically addressing the data quality table that evaluates the completeness of exit destination reporting. She acknowledged a submission error in the first submission, where there were reported incorrect figures regarding entries without exit interviews. While this did not impact the NOFO, it will be possible to resubmit this table when the 2024 SPMs reopen. Francisco raised the possibility of breaking down data for singles versus families, while Lee inquired about the implications of missing exit destination data, noting improvements in data collection from emergency shelters and street outreach. Evan shared a HUD CoC System Performance Measures report that compares local performance with other CoCs			



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nationwide. The group discussed the appropriate coding for exit destinations, including concerns about the inclusion of deaths, with clarification provided by Evan based on HUD guidelines. Lee also questioned the committee's relationship with the CoC Program Competition Workgroup, suggesting a need for coordination to avoid redundancy. Alyssa indicated that Courtney would determine whether data components should be shared with that group, especially given that the program competition is currently ongoing. Tenisa supported the idea of minimizing overlap, while Rebecca noted that ongoing monitoring throughout the year could provide valuable insights to enhance the other group's efforts. Alyssa proposed revisiting this discussion in February.

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### Family Shelter Data Dashboards

#### Discussion

Francisco provided an update on shelter capacity, noting that all available rooms were occupied and the average length of stay had increased. This rise in length of stay may be linked to limited turnover and challenges in securing affordable shelter for families. Alex expressed concerns about worsening conditions related to the shelter waitlist and pre-shelter outreach, highlighting difficulties in finding suitable housing. Tenisa mentioned that medical crises among some families might affect their ability to exit shelters, contributing to the overall challenges faced.

Lee inquired about the potential for future private funding for flexible shelter options. Eleibny suggested presenting data with and without outliers to better illustrate trends, and Francisco agreed to consider this approach in future reports.

Alex discussed the challenges of communicating the complexities of homelessness to various audiences. He emphasized that metrics like the PIT count provide only a limited view of the situation, which can lead to misunderstandings about the dynamic nature of homelessness. To illustrate these issues, Alex and Evan presented visual graphics that highlighted the significant inflow and outflow of individuals experiencing homelessness.

The conversation included distinctions between households and individuals, as well as the importance of identifying first-time versus repeat experiences. Alex sought feedback on whether the graphics effectively conveyed the complexities of the homeless response system. Concerns were raised about how data regarding exits to unknown destinations might be interpreted, with an emphasis on accurately representing the system's effectiveness to avoid misconceptions.

Alex requested that the graphics not be shared outside the meeting for now, while Francisco noted the importance of providing context around the numbers to better reflect the true scope of homelessness compared to what the PIT count indicates.

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### Next Steps

#### Discussion

- Ad hoc group meets next week
- Discuss role relative to program competition with Courtney



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<b>Adjournment</b>		