

Planning & Research Committee

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In Attendance

Andrew Fike, Door of Hope; Andrew Hughes, Union Station; Anna Jacobsen, City of Pasadena Housing Department; Anne Lansing, City of Pasadena Housing Department; Brian Wallace, Playhouse District Association; Dan Davidson, Rose City Church; David Kim, Urban Initiatives; Gary Talbert, Salvation Army; Jessica Petrass, Hillside Youth Moving On; Joan Reid, St. Andrew's Catholic Church; Joe Colletti, Urban Initiatives; Jon Pollard, City of Pasadena; Martha Solorio, St. Andrew's Catholic Church; Sofia Herrera, Urban Initiatives;

Welcome & Introductions

Presenters: Joe Colletti & Anne Lansing

Pasadena Partnership

The Pasadena Partnership is the lead agency for the Pasadena Continuum of Care (CoC). The CoC is the local planning body that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals. Currently, Pasadena Partnership is one of four CoCs in the LA area: LAHSA, Pasadena, Glendale, and Long Beach.

Homeless Planning & Research Committee

The Pasadena Partnership's Homeless Planning & Research Committee meets monthly and focuses on improving CoC-wide participation in mainstream resources and program, developing the CoC's coordinated assessment system, and implementing strategies that provide a wide-range of social services. This special meeting of the committee will focus on the 2016 Homeless Count.

2016 Homeless Count

Each year the Pasadena Partnership conducts a homeless count (also called a Point-in-Time Count). The Homeless Count is a one night count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons conducted during the last week in January (this year's count will be on Wednesday, January 27). The results of the count are reported to HUD and Congress and, together with other CoC Counts, are used to determine billions of dollars of federal funding (see HUD's [2015 AHAR Reports](#) for more information).

Pasadena's homeless count uses a "true count" methodology, meaning that we count each person rather than taking a sample of the homeless community. Individuals are asked detailed questions to determine our homeless population's demographic makeup (including age, gender, veteran status, mental health, etc.) and our methodology to avoid duplication has been featured in HUD's last two publications on Homeless Counts. This year, because homelessness has become more visible today than in the past (despite the fact that the numbers have gone down), we are making a concerted effort to be completely transparent and include the community in our planning process for the count. The sighting of tents on the sidewalks and underpasses that has become more common in Pasadena this year is unusual for us, and it is important for community members to understand that this increased visibility is due to the increased needs of this population and does not necessarily correlate with an increase in number.

HUD's definition of homelessness

One important reminder for the community is that the homeless count only counts those people who meet HUD's current definition of homelessness (24 CFR 578.3). Accordingly, for the purpose of the count, homeless means an individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

- An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building bus or train station, airport, or camping ground (this does not include persons living in housing that is substandard and in need of repair, housing that is crowded, or individuals who are "couch surfing"); or
- An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or
- An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution

Identifying Unsheltered Count Locations

Location	Streets
76 Gas Station	Union
99 Cent Stores	All locations, including Los Robles by PCC
AAA Property (adjacent)	Lake & Union
Abandoned car dealership	Hill & Colorado (North of Hill Library)
All Recycling Centers	
Allen Station	
Ambassador Campus	
Apartments West of zone 10	Near fire station, in alleys, across from Central Park
Arlington Gardens	
Arroyo Wash	
Bank of America (big overhang)	Colorado & Lake
Behind courthouse	
Brenner Park	
Bus benches around Memorial Park	Raymond
Bus Stops	Orange Grove & Green
Churches on Hill	
Eaton Blanch Park	Wash next to it
Eaton Canyon Wash	
Filmore Gold Line	
Freeway Offramps	
Freeway overpasses	
Funeral Home	Los Robles & Orange Grove
Hill Library	
Huntington Hospital	Surrounding areas
Kinneloa Underpass	S. side of Corson , Altadena near lumbar store, Target
Levitt Pavillion / Memorial Park	
Methodist Church	Colorado
Metro Stations	
Near Smart & Final	Maple St.
North Fair Oaks	By laundry facilities & La Pintoresca Park (northwest of zone 1)
Parking Lot	Between Social Security Office & Boston Court
Pasadena City College	
Pitfire Pizza (alley behind)	725 S. Marengo
Playhouse Paseo	Between Vroman's and Laemmly
Presbyterian Church	Colorado
Ralphs	Across the street from Social Security Office
Ralphs	Colorado & Green
Rose City Church	Allen & Del Mar
Salvation Army	
Singer Park	
Social Security Office	
St. Andrew's	
Storeways on Linden	Linden
Trinity Church	Walnut by Salvation Army
Union Street (south side)	Between Mentor & Catalina
Villa Park	
Washington Park	
Waverly School	Alleyways
Western Justice Center	

Identifying Places where Homeless Persons Sleep in Vehicles

Location	Streets
911 East Union (former salon)	
Between Green & Colorado	North/South Streets
Church of Christ Scientists	El Dorado & Madison
Eaton Blanch Spillover	Del Mar or California
McDonald's	Colorado & Chester
Orange Grove	Between Oakland & Los Robles
Orange Grove Property Line	
Ralphs	Green & Pasadena Ave
Target (East Pasadena)	
Vroman's Parking Lot	Union & Lake
Yolo St. (zone 7)	

Youth Count

Counting homeless youth is not easy. You need to be careful because 87% of youth who say they are homeless are actually sleeping with family or friends (so not falling under HUD's definition). Historically, Hillside's Youth Moving On and Dan Davidso have been instrumental in helping Pasadena conduct its count.

Time & Locations

Jessica Petrass from Hillside's Youth Moving on will conduct a focus group to help determine the best time for the youth count (3-5pm or 8-10pm).

Identifying Locations

- 99 Cent Stores
- Gold Line Stations
- La Rocha Park
- Learning Works (HOPE Center)
- Libraries
- Main Library
- Old Town Pasadena
- Orange Grove & Foothill
- Parks
- PCC
- PUSD (Contact Socorro Rocha)
- Salvation Army
- Victory Park
- Villa Park
- Whole Foods
- Winchell's
- Youth Moving On
- Youthville, Jackie Robinson Center

Recruiting Youth Counters

Jessica Petrass will work to recruit youth counters

Action Items:	Person Responsible:
Reach out to PCC Contact	Anne Lansing
Focus Group on Time of Count & additional locations	Jessica Petrass
Recruiting Youth Volunteers	Jessica Petrass

Homeless Count Volunteers

We are in desperate need of additional volunteers. As of 12/7, we had only 44 persons registered as volunteers but we need close to 100 volunteers for the day of the count which means 140 persons registered (due to a 35% attrition rate). Please [sign up today!](#) If you would like to request a special location you can [email Sofia](#) after registering to volunteer. Can email Sofia for special requests of locations.

Action Items:	Person Responsible:
Register to volunteer for the homeless count	All members
Recruit others to volunteer for the homeless count	All members

Recruiting Homeless & Formerly Homeless Persons as Counters

We would also like to include homeless and formerly homeless persons as counters as we have had much success with them helping to identify areas that would have otherwise been unseen in the past.

Action Items:	Person Responsible:
Reach out to Dorothy Edwards	Anne Lansing
Recruit volunteers from Centennial Place	Ryan Izell / Sandy Peterson

Inform the Community About Homeless Count Planning Efforts

Because we expect increased scrutiny of this count, we would like to ask CoC members and other attendees to help us in disseminating the message about our Homeless Count planning efforts. Various attendees made commitments to relaying this message to additional community members.

Action Items:	Person Responsible:
Communicate efforts to Playhouse District	Brian Wallace
Communicate efforts to Community Clergy Coalition	Dan Davidson
Communicate efforts to Pastor Kerwin	Dan Davidson
Communicate efforts to HOPE Team	Jon Pollard
Communicate efforts to Socorro Rocha	Jessica Petrass
Communicate efforts to Pacific Clinics	Jessica Petrass
Communicate efforts to Learning Works	Jessica Petrass

Next Meeting

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