



Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

September 9th , 2024 | 1:00-2:30pm

Meeting Location:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84448218971>

Board members: Anna Scott, Amanda Greenberg, Jennifer Kreitz, Kris Kuntz, Patricia Robertson, Erin Dobyys

1. **Call to Order / Roll Call** Anna Scott
2. **Approval of Agenda** Anna Scott
Review proposed Agenda. Make revisions/additions, as necessary
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** Anna Scott
4. **Public Comment**
5. **Jurisdictional PIT Data** *Thurmond Consulting*
6. **HHAP 5 Update** *Thurmond Consulting*
7. **CoC Competition** *Thurmond Consulting*
8. **Roundtable**

Meeting Adjournment

Next meeting date: October 14th, 2024 Zoom only



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August 12th, 2024 | 1:00-2:30pm

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Board members: Anna Scott, Amanda Greenberg, Jennifer Kreitz, Kris Kuntz, Patricia Robertson, Erin Dobyns

1. **Call to Order / Roll Call**

Patricia Robertson

Attendees: Patricia Robertson, Erin Dobyns, Jennifer Kreitz, Kris Kuntz, Amy Wyatt, Danielle Murray, Morningstar Willis Wagoner, Francie Avitia, Janice Waddell, Felicity Gasser, Kyle Osland, Vanessa Ruggio, Monica Kyle, Kody Jaeger, Hannah Roddenbery, Garrick Wong, Erin Rubin, Isaura Ocampo

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Patricia Robertson

Review proposed Agenda. Make revisions/additions, as necessary

Ms. Robertson moved to approve; Ms. Kreitz seconded
Ayes: Ms. Kreitz, Mr. Kuntz, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Dobyns
Nays: -0-
Absent: Ms. Greenberg, Ms. Scott

3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Robertson moved to approve; Mr. Kuntz seconded
Ayes: Ms. Kreitz, Mr. Kuntz, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Dobyns
Nays: -0-
Absent: Ms. Greenberg, Ms. Scott

Patricia Robertson

4. **Public Comment**

No comment

5. **HCD Consolidated Plan Listening Session**

Felicity Gasser/Janice Waddell

Ms. Gasser- Community Development Branch Chief and Janice Wadell- Assistant Deputy Director from Federal Financial Assistance at HCD.

Required to submit a plan to HUD every 5 years. Must include community feedback and engagement from our partners around housing, homelessness, poverty, etc.

1. What is driving homelessness and which populations seems to be more

impacted or vulnerable?

- Ms. Robertson states availability of housing is number 1 barrier, even if you could afford it. Not enough housing. We are trying to create housing as well.
- Ms. Ocampo states homeless population does look different because they are above the 30% AMI and sometimes above 80% AMI. Hard to place some people in certain projects because they may be homeless but are over the 80% AMI.
- Ms. Wyatt states from her perspective there is a lot of seasonal homelessness (surge in summer and fall), but people move out before the snow starts. Ms. Robertson clarifies that Mono County does still have homelessness in the winter.
- Ms. Kreitz states this has been an issue for many years- the PIT count shows there are quite a few people who live in their cars in January. Mono County wants to pilot a safe parking space on county owned property- we have entered an MOU.
- Ms. Wyatt states there is no year-round emergency shelter, motel vouchers are provided. This is reflected in this year's PIT count since there were no year-round shelter beds.
- Ms. Waddell asks if there is a level above the 30% AMI that would more accurately capture the workforce? Ms. Robertson says it depends on the population- we have a large workforce that is homeless that are at least 80% AMI.
- Ms. Gasser asks about local funding- Ms. Robertson states there is not a lot of funding available for shelters, also not enough staff.
- Ms. Kreitz also states there are some community/political interests that would like to see more permanent housing solutions versus temporary housing. Mono County's issue is working homeless- they have jobs but can't find housing. We have the Sawyer with 13 units for Mono County Behavioral Health clients.
- Ms. Dobyns states Alpine County has the smallest population of any county in CA, they struggle with supporting people who are at risk. There are no local community partners, so they partner with Eastern Sierra COC. If you are at risk of homelessness in Alpine County the odds are you have family there who cannot afford to support you and therefore you may have to leave.

2. Issues with homelessness response?

- Ms. Gasser summarizes that the ability to respond is constrained by staffing shortages and the focus of local support to permanent housing solutions.
- Mr. Kuntz states from the Managed Care perspective- there are housing resources that are underutilized. States they can support

members and have only served 3 in the past year. Services are available but we are not connecting our members to these things.

- Ms. Avitia states her staff does not know the benefits of the program; an in-service would be helpful.
- Ms. Rubin states that they see folks at the bottom end of the income pyramid, she was not aware of the services mentioned by Mr. Kuntz.
- Mr. Kuntz states happy to do any sort of presentation.

3. Issues around exiting homelessness and maintaining housing are most important to you?

- Ms. Gasser states it sounds like there is nowhere to exit to-
- Ms. Robertson states housing is expensive, so we see a lot of overcrowding, or spending more than 50% of your income on rent. Lots of children living in overcrowded houses. We do not have any fair housing testing that happens in the area. People will stay in housing that is not habitable (windows broken, mold, rodents) and there is nothing that can be done because there is no legal aid for households above low income or for undocumented residents.
- Ms. Rubin states people will bring issues of mold, vermin, windows broken and the first thing they tell their clients to do is to get a county inspector to review, but they are afraid if they do that, they will lose their housing. So, they stay in uninhabitable housing and there is no plan b.

4. Do community members in need have equal access to supportive services? Do we have populations we feel are harder to serve?

- Ms. Ocampo states it is hard to help families (household over 3 people) due to funding sources and availability of affordable housing.
- Ms. Best-Baker states another population hard to serve is those without Social Security numbers, landlords can't run a credit check.
- Ms. Robertson states it is hard to serve anyone who needs a rental subsidy, no easy access to section 8 vouchers. Developmentally disabled is also hard to serve.
- Ms. Waddell says we need more ongoing subsidies
- Ms. Kreitz states there have been a lot of conversations about frustration with the housing choice voucher program and how it does not work in CA. In Mono County we cannot find a unit that meets the rent threshold that would be eligible for the vouchers. We have vouchers available to use but rent is too high to use them.
- Ms. Robertson states we do not have any project-based vouchers- we are not doing the 100-unit tax credit project all the time. If we could easily access more project-based vouchers that would be helpful.

5. Anything else to "lift up"

- Ms. Best Baker states Inyo uses CA Dept of Housing Social Services

- funding, but the funds are unstable.
- Home Safe is also very helpful for elderly like installing ramps, paying utilities to keep them in their house.
- Ms. Kreitz states HHAP program has been helpful due to flexibility.

6. CoC Competition

Amy Wyatt

Ms. Wyatt states she was going to wait to announce the COC program competition until we got the annual renewal demand report from HUD- the report shows what the COC can apply for in bonus funding. HUD has not release ARD yet so announcing early.

Can apply for PH- permanent supportive housing units, rapid rehousing, joint transitional housing rapid rehousing.

DV bonus- Apply for coordinated entry.

Agencies that have not applied in the past, please attend the webinar on August 21. Webinar has info on how to register to apply for funding.

September 13 is deadline for new applications. If new projects are received, they will be reviewed and ranked. Final deadline for COC competition is 10/30.

Now at \$50,000 for the planning grant, one change is that it is moving towards a 2-year grant term. Only have to apply once every 2 years. \$50,000/year. Will be sending out an email.

7. Grand Opening/ Ribbon Cutting

Amy Wyatt

Ms. Robertson states the Access Apartments groundbreaking ceremony occurred- 13 studio and 1 bd apartments serving 80% AMI and 120% AMI. Recent changes in the funding structure. 50 people attended; general contractor was there. Demolition to buildings is occurring.

8. HHAP 5 Update

Amy Wyatt

Ms. Wyatt states changes were asked by HUD for equity. They are reviewing it for a 3rd time.

9. PIT/HIC Update

Melissa Best-Baker

Ms. Wyatt has final PIT numbers-

2024 PIT Count 92 households (106 people), 69 unsheltered, 1 emergency sheltered, 36 transitional housing,

Age wise- bulk is 25-34, there are a couple unaccompanied youth (18-24). Increase in 55+. 16 chronically homeless.

Most were male. Most were white. Second highest ethnicity tied with Indigenous and Hispanic (16 and 16).

An individual in transitional housing no longer meets chronically homeless definition. Still meets the definition of homeless, just not chronic.

5 individuals that were 18-24, 4 of 5 male, 4 white, 1 American Indian Alaska native/indigenous.

3 veterans all unsheltered, male, white 2, 1 white Hispanic/Latino. 2 chronically homeless.

Additional populations- SMI= 20, SUD= 20 HIV/AIDS= 8 DV=28.

Ms. Best Baker states there will be an email coming out in a couple weeks for a committee for next year's PIT.

10. Constant Contact Sign-up

Sign up if you haven't yet! Email should be from: hhs-admin-
inyocounty.us@shared1.ccsend.com

Melissa Best-Baker

11. Roundtable

None

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Eastern Sierra CoC 2024 Point-In-Time Count



Total Number of Sheltered Individuals:
37



Total Number of Unsheltered Individuals:
69

Inyo County Chronically Homeless

14

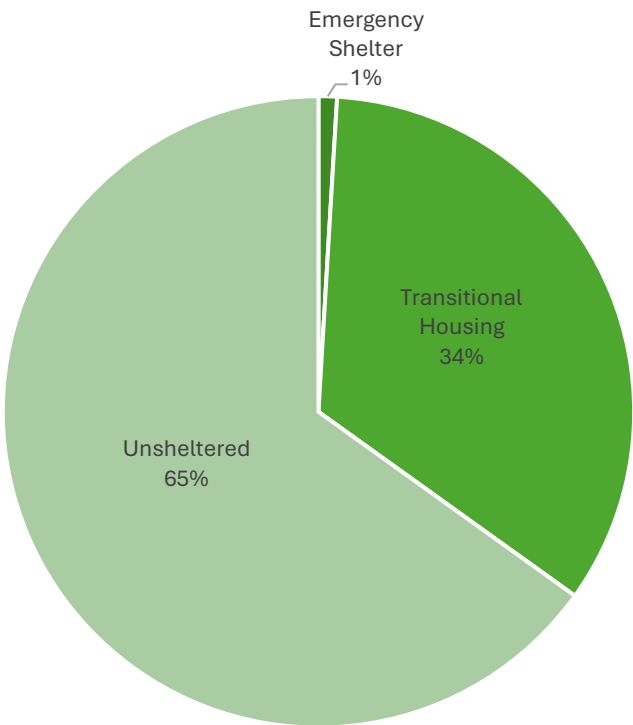
Mono County Chronically Homeless

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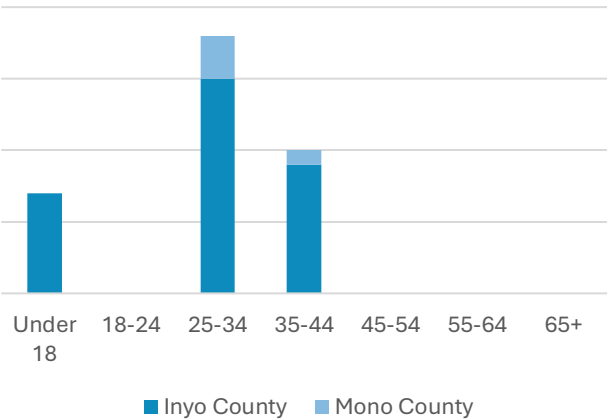
Total Individuals Experiencing Homelessness by Region

Inyo County: 71
Mono County: 35

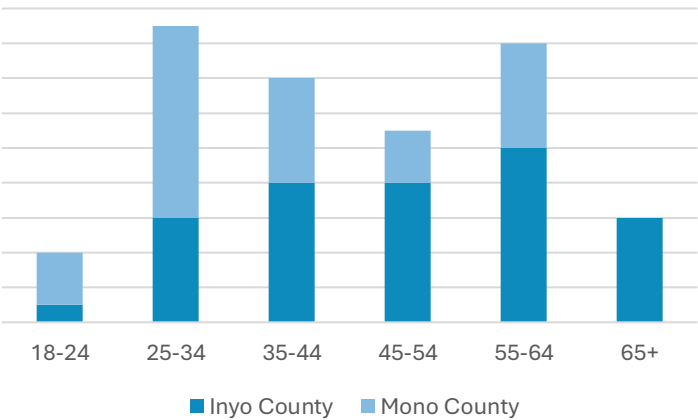
Total Persons Experiencing Homelessness



Sheltered Age Demographic by Region



Unsheltered Age Demographic by Region



Mono County Unaccompanied Youth: 3



Inyo County Unaccompanied Youth: 1



Mono County Unsheltered Veteran: 1

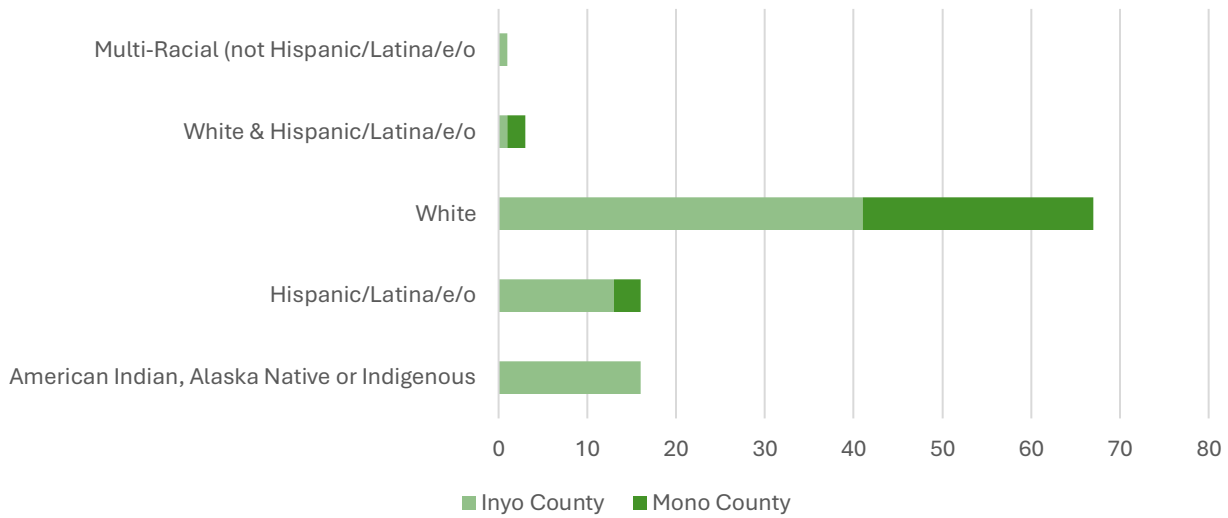


Inyo County Unsheltered Veterans: 2

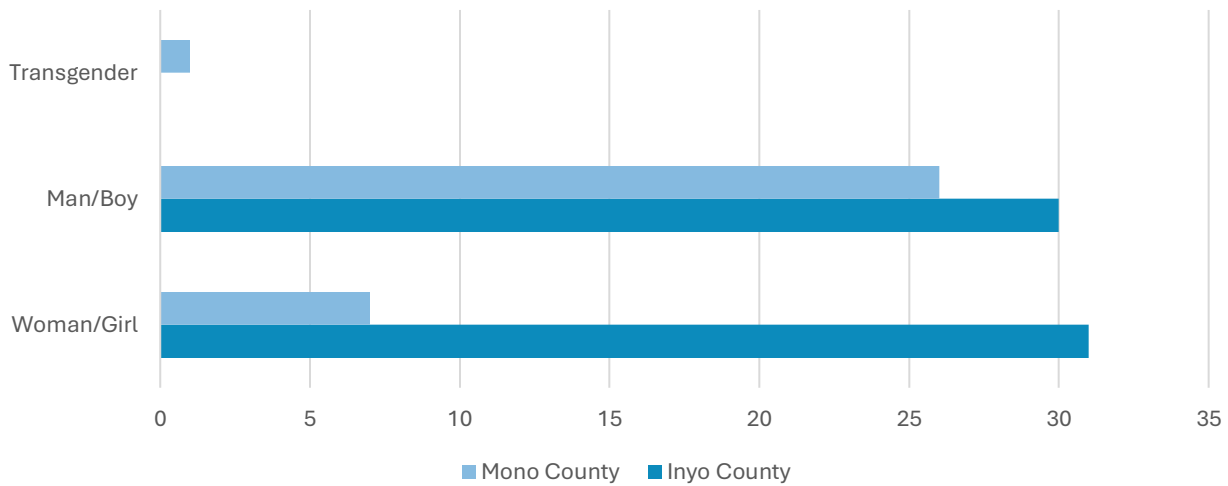


Inyo County Households with Children: 4 Households

Total Race and Ethnicity by Region



Gender Identity By Region



Additional HUD-Defined Subpopulations

Adults with Severe
Mental Illness

Inyo County: 13
Mono County: 7

Adults with Substance
Use Disorder

Inyo County: 11
Mono County: 9

Adults with
HIV/AIDS

Inyo County: 3
Mono County: 5

Adults Fleeing
Domestic Violence

Inyo County: 27
Mono County: 1