

Point-in-Time Count Committee Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, January 10th, 2013, 1:30-2:30pm

Location

Families in Transition, Family Willows, 161 S. Beech St., Manchester, NH

Attendees

Chris Emerson	Cathy Kuhn	Susan Howland	Abby Easterly	Rob Smith
Kyle Beaulieu	Mark Stokes	Doug Howard	Jake Hull	Dave Carroll

Locations: Reviewing the Maps

- Katie will email a copy of last year's maps to Jake and Dave.
- Jake, Dave, and Rob will do a pre-count of the area.
 - Pre-Count locations include:
 - West side by Kelly Street Bridge, camps by OutFITters, train tracks by River's Edge
- Susan will get the abandoned building list to review.
- Some places volunteers should avoid for safety reasons, including Motorcycles of Manchester.
- Certain parking lots need to be included in the Count.
 - Walmart, Shaw's, etc.
 - Maybe one group could focus on various parking lots across the city.
- Should we count Hooksett?
 - We have in the past when we've known of people staying in that area.
 - They should be counted - those living in Hooksett are pulling from Manchester resources.

Group Leaders and Volunteers

- Our Group Leaders include Cathy/Mark, Roger, Rob, and Dave.
- Other volunteers include Doug, Kyle, Kelsey, Caroline, Craig, Mary, Olivia, Casey, Keith, Susan, and Michele.
- Katie will reach out to Jay and Lisa about volunteering.
- Chris will contact Will McClinton and Jackie Lewis.
- Katie will send an email out to the Continuum asking for volunteers.
 - We will want 4-5 in each group (no less than 3).

Sheltered Count

- Should we reach out to Catholic Charities this year?
 - Susan will ask Brother Paul how he collected surveys from churches in the past.
- Should we utilize the library this year?
 - We will have to place someone there to complete intake forms.
 - Chris could visit the library if he has enough coverage at the Center.
 - Susan has 3 United Way interns who are willing to help out at the HSC.
 - Jake will cover the library the rest of the time.
- Katie will reach out to Dominique for a contact to involve the Manchester Community Health Center in this year's PIT.
- Susan will contact Marty at the Office of Youth Services about participating in the sheltered count.

Updates and Reminders

- Should we have police involvement this year?
 - This could potential mess up relationships that the outreach workers have with the homeless living in the camps.
 - It may not be necessary to involve the police.
 - They don't usually want to be involved and rush through the Count.
 - Susan believes some police want to be involved.
 - She can let them know when it's happening, so they are aware that people will be out on the streets counting.
 - She will leave it up to them whether they would like to be involved.
 - If they do come they can drive around the city and count the people they see out.
 - They did this last year, and it worked out well.
- We will host the unsheltered PIT at Families in Transition's Market Street location this year in case there is overflow from New Horizons at the Center.
- We will meet one last time before the Count – Tuesday, Jan. 22nd from 11:00am-12:00pm at the Homeless Services Center.

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