



SAN LUIS OBISPO POINT-IN-TIME COMMITTEE

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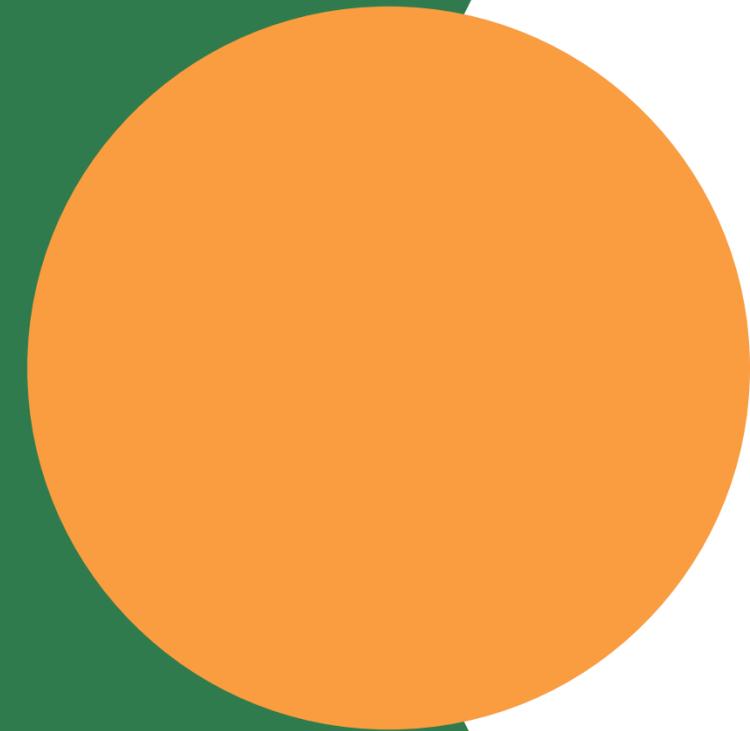
Who is Thurmond Consulting?

Thurmond Consulting has over 25 years of experience providing HUD-funded services and technical assistance to non-profit organizations and government agencies. Our team has conducted over 20 homeless counts in Northern California, including essential planning and technical assistance. The team on this project includes:

- Scott Thurmond, Owner and Principal Consultant
- Isaiah Rich-Wimmer, Director of Projects and Programs
- Amy Wyatt, Senior Coordinating Consultant

What is the Point-in-Time Count?

- The Point-in-Time (PIT) count is a count of all sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night within the last 10 days of January.
 - The CoC must conduct a sheltered count every year (those residing in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and Safe Havens).
 - The CoC is required to conduct a count of unsheltered people experiencing homelessness every other year.
 - Thurmond Consulting recommends that the CoC conduct both a sheltered and unsheltered count each year if possible.



What will the CoC do with the information?

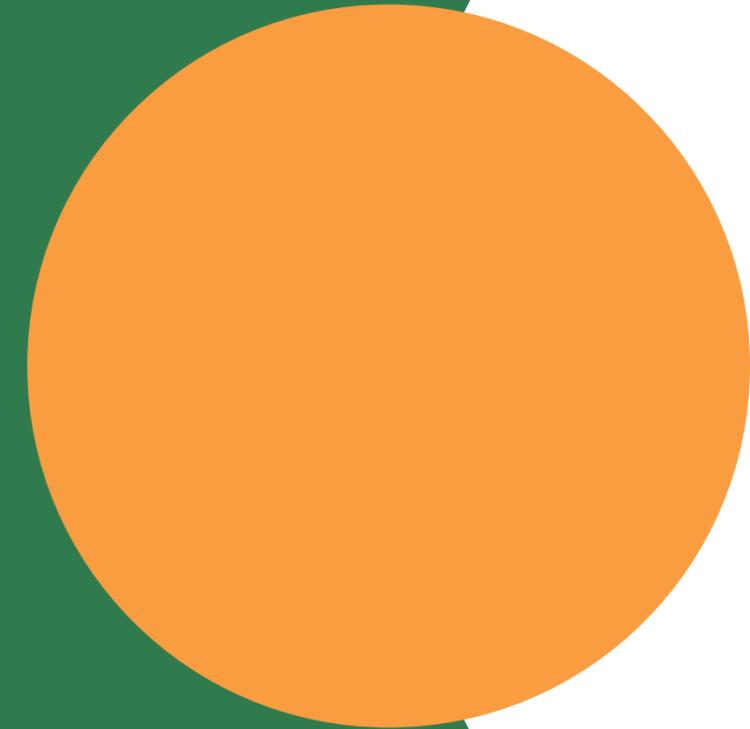
- The CoC will report aggregate data on demographics (race/ethnicity, age, gender, chronic homeless status) to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This information reported to HUD is not broken down by jurisdiction, but Thurmond Consulting will create a report showing PIT numbers across the County.
 - HUD reports nationwide PIT data to Congress to inform future budgets.
- The PIT survey tool has the ability identify potential gaps in services. Supplemental questions can be added to the survey in addition to the HUD-required questions.
 - The purpose of the PIT Count is not to identify encampments for the purpose of “sweeps,” but can be used to help inform outreach efforts.

PIT Planning Committee

- Homeless service providers
- Community service providers (i.e., food/clothing banks, soup kitchens, day shelters or drop-in centers, community centers, community action agencies, detox programs, 211 operators, mental health providers, mainstream social service agencies)
- Homeless coalitions and advocacy groups
- Homeless and formerly homeless individuals
- Outreach teams
- Federal Partners (HUD, VA, Dept. of Education, HHS, etc.)
- Local government partners
- Faith-based community partners
- Health service providers
- Law enforcement
- Philanthropic foundations
- McKinney-Vento school liaisons
- Local colleges or universities
- Public housing agencies
- Public Libraries
- Local businesses and chambers of commerce
- Community volunteer and civic groups

Engaging PIT Count Partners

- Helping identify count locations (mapping)
- Assisting in planning or day-of-count activities
- Recruiting volunteers
- Donating or purchasing incentives
- Assist in data collection, analysis, and reporting
- Leveraging participation of reluctant providers



Leveraging Support

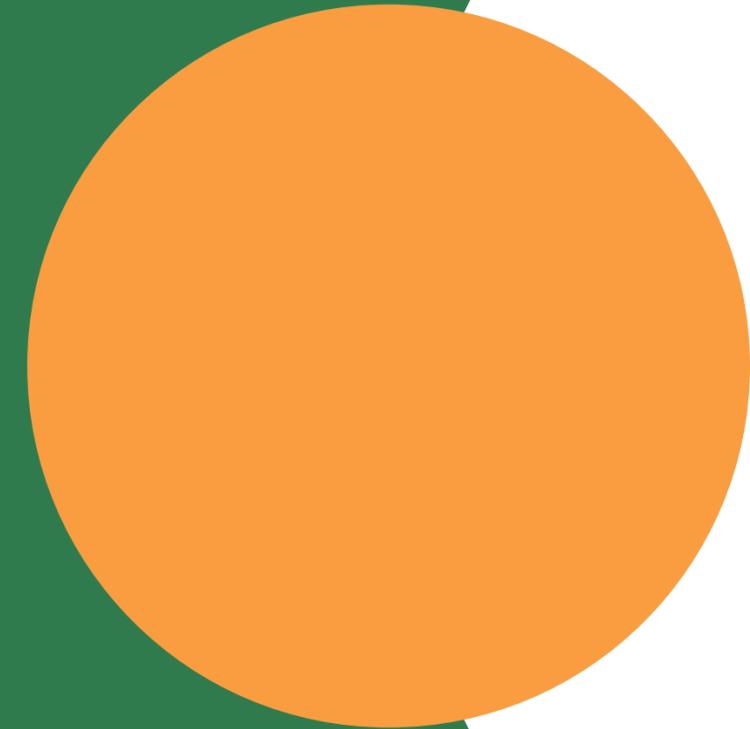
- Local government officials: invite local officials to participate in the count, provide publicity, and encourage reluctant or non-participating providers to participate
- Community leaders/homeless advocates
- Local funders: may be able to provide a volunteer base
- Faith-based community: often have their own programs to serve homeless people; can be influential in engaging the cooperation of faith-based missions that might be reluctant
- Local colleges and universities: can assist in the development of count methodology, data analysis, and sampling tools. Students can obtain fieldwork experience serving as PIT count volunteers
- Law enforcement: help improve volunteer safety and participation

What has already been done?

- Thurmond Consulting has been meeting with Homeless Services Division staff since the beginning of October 2023
- PIT Date has been confirmed – January 23, 2024
- Began conversations with ArcGIS for the purpose of creating an app-based survey tool
- PIT Training dates have been identified (locations TBD) – 12/19/2023, 1/11/2024, 1/18/2024
- Confirmed 6 logistic centers strategically located across SLO County, including 1 youth-specific logistic center

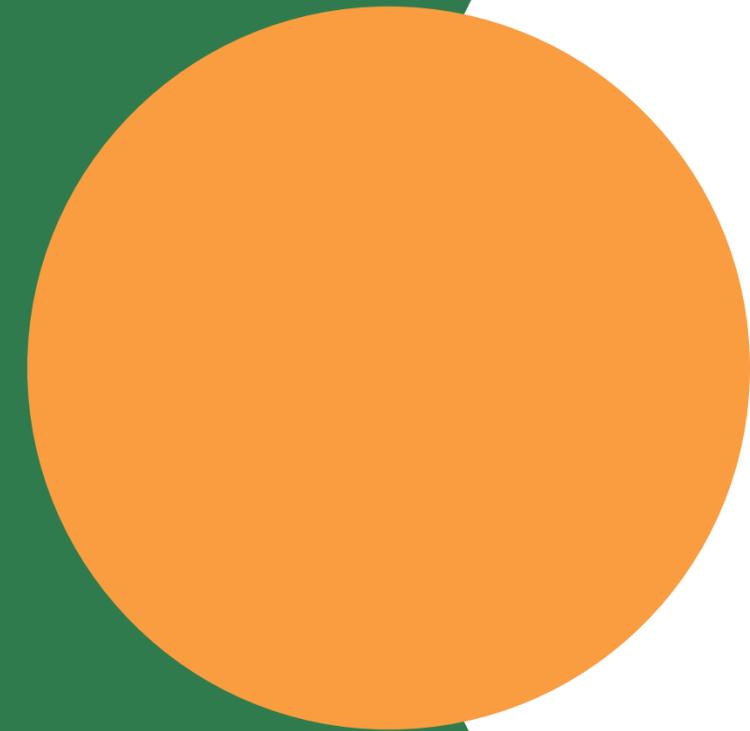
What still needs to be done?

- Solidify PIT Survey Tool
- Confirm day-of-count schedule
 - Time Change
- Identify & purchase incentives
- Identify day-of-count guides with lived experience
- Recruit Volunteers
- Identify/Confirm areas to conduct surveys (mapping)



Time Commitment

The first planning committee meeting will take place on Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 4:00pm. The committee will meet once per week until the day of the count. If progress is being made, and the committee does not need to meet certain weeks, meetings may be cancelled.



Volunteering

Anyone interested in either volunteering on the day of the count (1/23/24) or being involved on the PIT Committee is encouraged to complete the following forms:

- Volunteer Form

<https://forms.office.com/g/GC8RYL7FcM>

- PIT Committee Form

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T9J6RR6>

Both forms and additional information can be found on the County of San Luis Obispo website.

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/PIT-Count.aspx>

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