

Regional Housing Council

Agenda: Wednesday April 27th, 2022 (4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.) (via Zoom)

Carolyn Cox: Chair, Carolina Mejia: Vice-Chair

#	TIME	AGENDA ITEM	LEAD	ACTION
1	4:00 – 4:05	Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check-in • Review Agenda/Meeting Purpose 	Carolyn	
2	4:05 – 4:15	Public Comment For public comment, please keep your comments to 3 minutes.	Carolyn	Information
3	4:15 – 4:20	Approval of April 13th minutes	Carolyn	Action
4	4:20 – 4:40	2021 -2022 contracts report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HSF ▪ 2163 ▪ CHG/HEN 	Tom	Action
5	4:40 – 4:55	Point In Time Report	Arielle	Information
6	4:55 – 5:05	Ensign Road Discussion	Keylee and Keith	Discussion
7	5:05 – 5:25	Technical Team working group updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Fund • Hotel Acquisition • Property Acquisition • Scattered Site • Built for Zero 	Keylee and Tom	Information
8	5:25 – 5:30	Rent Assistance Update	Tom	Information
9	5:30 – 5:45	RHC and HAT Retreat Update	Jim	Information
10	5:45 – 6:00	Good of the Order	Carolyn	Information
11	6:00	Upcoming Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Retreat Day 1 Friday May 6th 10am ▪ Next regular RHC Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wednesday May 11th 2022, 4pm ○ Location: Zoom meeting 		Information

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retreat Day 2 Friday May 13th 10am 		
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Good afternoon Regional Housing Council,

The RHC decision making body will be addressing the renewal of the Housing & Essential Needs and Rapid Re-Housing contracts that CACLMT has successfully and efficiently disseminated into the community for many years. In the wake of the decision made to reallocate 1277 funds with no explanation or evidence, this public comment is intended to provide context and information for your funding body to make an informed decision with the understanding of the impact on your community's most vulnerable individuals.

Rapid Re-housing (held this contract since 2019) = 20 clients per month

This funding source provides rent and case management for the highest vulnerable homeless clients. These clients are scored with the highest Vulnerability Score (the likelihood they will die on the streets overnight) and provided case management to house them with rental assistance and wrap-around support. Without this funding, homeless clients will be forced back into homelessness and putting them high risk of not surviving due to their vulnerability.

Housing & Essential Needs (held this contract since 2011) = 340 clients per month

This funding source provides rent, case management, and essential needs to clients who are medically incapacitated and unable to work with no income. Clients of this program are both homeless and at risk of homelessness. Without this funding, these vulnerable clients are at high risk and have no options for stable housing with the risk they will remain or become homeless with medical diagnoses and no income. DSHS determines eligibility for this program and CACLMT provides the services for this population. CACLMT has provided this service since the program's inception in Thurston County.

Our agency has collaboratively established referral resources, partnerships with providers, landlords, resource partners, as well as internal programs such as Energy Assistance, Weatherization, Child Abuse support, Food Distribution and other important services in order to wholistically serve clients. This leverages funding sources to provide sustainable, wholistic services to our community. CACLMT has outstanding fiscal capacity and has received high marks in auditing ([see more information here](#)). We have provided these services, not just due to our client service abilities, but because these grants are reimbursement based. Because of our high-quality fiscal capacity, we are able to provide funds to the clients first and then receive reimbursement from our funders at one of the highest level in the Counties we serve (Thurston, Lewis and Mason).

In light of the very public decision for Thurston County to transition the Treasury Rent Assistance Program from CACLMT to Live Stories, we have provided context and information on our [website](#) for reference and transparency. Our formal response to

Thurston County for this contract decision can be found here: <https://caclmt.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Formal-Response-to-TCPHSS-4142022-2.pdf>.

I look forward addressing this at the upcoming Regional Housing Council meeting.

Thank you,

Kirsten York, MPA (she/her/hers)

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REGIONAL HOUSING COUNCIL

Wednesday April 13th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Lacey: Kelly Adams, Rick Walk

Tumwater: Michael Althaus, Joan Cathey, Brad Medrud

Olympia: Jim Cooper, Dani Madrone, Keith Stahley, Darian Lightfoot

Thurston County: Carolina Mejia, Ramiro Chavez, Keylee Marineau, Tom Webster, Jacinda Steltjes, Meghan Porter

South County: Brian Hess

Public: None

Meeting began at 4:00 pm.

Agenda Item 1: Agenda approved

Agenda Item 2: Minutes from March 23rd, motion and second, approved

Agenda Item 3: 2022 RFP Process and Calendar

Tom gave an update, with a calendar of upcoming events and dates. Applications were due April 1, for Cold and Hazardous weather, CHG, and Capital projects. Next steps include the RHC funding workgroup meeting on April 18th to review reports for current contracts that are up for renewal for a second year. Review Team will meet at the end of April to finalize RFP scores. Funding Workgroup will meet May 9th to discuss Review Team recommendations, then bring their recommendation to RHC on May 11th. Note there are 4 RHC meetings in the first 1.5 weeks of May, including RHC retreat meetings.

Councilmember Hess asked for a list of RFP applications.

Agenda Item 4: Rent Assistance Discussion

Tom gave an update on the current status of rent assistance. Livestories is processing applications and payments have gone out this week. They are prioritizing those clients who had applications in process and those who had DRC referrals. On April 25th the application process will be open for clients who had started applications with CAC but not completed the process. Applications will open to the public in May. Discussion follows regarding if the County is tracking rent increases in this data, if there is a way to cap rent increases, and status of evictions. According to DRC there has been an increase in eviction filings. Is there any information on how many people did not pay rent but could, as an action of solidarity? County does not have that data, only have data regarding people who have applied for rent assistance and those people have to show financial hardship. Discussion follows about landlord hardships as a result of rent nonpayment. Landlords can apply for State funds to rehabilitate damaged property.

Agenda Item 5: RHC and HAT Retreat Update

Darian gave an update, the retreat will have two locations, one day at Olympia City Hall one day at Lacey Community Center. Interviews have begun, themes that arise from the interviews will allow them to develop the agenda, including policy, procedure discussions. Dates are the 6th and the 13th, the agenda will be sent out in advance after the interviews are completed.

Agenda Item 6: Good of the Order

Councilmember Cooper gave an update, the County and City have met, finalizing priorities for the ILA for the Home fund. ILA is currently with the attorneys.

Councilmember Hess is working with City Planners to look at ordinances and codes to allow more mixed use buildings, with business below and apartments above.

Tom gave an update, the County and Olympia visited the Franz Anderson property. Keith added they are beginning talks about use of the property. Just beginning the planning process, the City engineering team is working on preliminary plans, the hope is to extend the infrastructure needed to serve housing development, tiny homes, shelter.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:30 pm

Next Meeting: April 27th, 4:00 pm

CHG/HEN			
Agency	Program	2021-22 Award	2022-23 Proposed Award
Community Action Council	Housing & Essential Needs	\$3,444,322.50	\$3,444,322.50
Family Support Center	Coordinated Entry	\$225,000.00	\$225,000.00
Community Action Council	Rapid Re-housing	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
Family Support Center	Rapid Re-housing	\$320,000.00	\$320,000.00
Interfaith Works	Coordinated Network	\$213,152.75	\$213,152.75
Totals		\$4,402,475.25	\$4,402,475.25

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Agency	Program	2021-22 Award	2022-23 Proposed Award
Angels for Angels	Build A Bus - Shower Power	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Catholic Community Services	Emergency Shelter	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
Catholic Community Services	Permanent Supportive Housing	\$157,500.00	\$157,500.00
Community Youth Services	Young Adult Housing	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00
Community Youth Services	Young Adult Shelter	\$165,000.00	\$165,000.00
Family Support Center	Coordinated Entry/Diverson	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Family Support Center	Housing & Basic Needs	\$34,072.00	\$34,072.00
Family Support Center	Homeless Family Services	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00
Family Support Center	Pear Blossom Place	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00
Habitat for Humanity	Critical Home Repair	\$91,732.00	\$91,732.00
Interfaith Works	Coordinated Network	\$1,169,407.25	\$1,169,407.25
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Parterns in Prevention Educ.	Hazardous Weather	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Rochester Org of Families	Housing & Basic Needs	\$13,740.00	\$13,740.00
Rochester Org of Families	Rent Assistance	\$14,656.00	\$14,656.00
Rebuilding Together TC	Critical Home Repair	\$27,480.00	\$27,480.00
Safeplace	Emergency Shelter Operations & Maintenance	\$95,000.00	\$95,000.00

Safeplace	Supportive Housing for Survivors	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
South Sound Senior Services	Home Share	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Together	Housing & Basic Needs	\$18,320.00	\$18,320.00
Totals		\$2,390,907.25	\$2,390,907.25

HSF				
Agency	Program	2021-22 Award	2022-23 Proposed Increase	2022-23 Proposed Award
Behavioral Health Resources	Basic Needs	\$36,336.00	\$2,455	\$38,791
Catholic Community Services SW	Basic Needs	\$118,950.00	\$8,036	\$126,986
Rochester Organization of Families	Basic Needs	\$11,355.00	\$768	\$12,123
Thurston County Food Bank	Food Bank/ Basic Needs	\$64,345.00	\$4,347	\$68,692
Thurston County Food Bank	Hygiene & Houshold/ Basic Needs	\$11,355.00	\$768	\$12,123
TOGETHER!	Basic Needs	\$30,280.00	\$2,046	\$32,326
Totals		\$272,621.00	\$18,420	\$291,041

Semi-annual Reports - HSF - Basic Needs Contracts Ending 6/30/2022					
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Percent of days remaining in contract: 33%					
Agency & Contract	\$ Remaining	% Remaining	On Track	Self Reported Progress	Challenges
Food Bank Other Bank	\$0	0%	Yes- They are exceeding their goals and have spent down.	"Based on the locations where this program is being offered, and the number of individuals impacted, we are meeting our goals. With the addition of a “Partial” Other Bank, which is available on a weekly basis, we have exceeded our goals."	They are having a high demand for baby, child, menstrual, and bladder hygiene items and are struggling to be able to supply them.
Food Bank Collaborative	\$48,433	75%	No - Though they are on track with their goals they are not with spending. However, they state they are confident in the coming months they will be back on track with funding spenddown. They have food orders to place and hope to increase staffing.	"We have been able to diversify our partnerships and programs to reach vulnerable populations i.e. seniors and older adults with access and/or mobility issues as well as non-English speaking households. We have been able to improve our Client Services support by providing bi-lingual staff, translation of printed materials and wrap around services."	Bulk purchasing continues to be challenging due to supply chain issues in the manufacturing, shipping and costs related to food production. Food costs are up anywhere from 7-28% and delivery delays or order cancellations have become a regular occurrence.
ROOF	\$2,793	5%	Yes - They are on track with their goals and are almost out of funds.	"During this reporting period, ROOF has helped 10 households (20 adults and 13 children) with emergency needs and another 214 children with winter clothes, backpacks and school supplies. Of the 10 households, four needed help with medical expenses such as lab work for ER visit, prepaid surgery, cancer treatments not covered by insurance and emergency oral surgery. "	They are not currently facing any challenges.

Together!	\$20,964	69%	No - They are confident that spending will increase in the coming months.	"Our program is behind schedule on application goals because we had a significant staff change in our Club House program leaving the Family Liaison position open for some time. The position is now filled."	Though they have struggled with staffing issues, that position is now filled and they expect a sharp increase in spending to support that position.
Behavioral Health Resources	\$21,882	60%	Yes- They are on track with spending	"We have served 32 distinct clients. These clients have all been able to maintain employment and housing."	They are not currently facing any challenges.
Catholic Community Services The Community Kitchen	\$0	\$0	Yes - They have expended all funds	The Community Kitchen is exceeding our application goals, we are serving meals six days a week both on and off site.	The biggest challenge they are having is maintaining staffing.

Semi-annual Reports - 2163 Contracts Ending 8/31/2022

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Percent of Days remaining in contract: 50%					
Agency & Contract	\$ Remaining	% Remaining	On Track	Self Reported Progress	Challenges
City of Olympia Scattered Sites	\$48,443	24%	Yes	"Providing waste pickup has greatly reduced the amount of waste in these locations. Residents have utilized the resources available to keep their spaces tidy. Less piles of trash leads to less rats, the spread of COVID-19, and other illnesses."	They are experiencing issues with illegal dumping from other community members. They have put up signs and are trying to flag these individuals for citations.
Community Youth Services Young Adult Shelter	\$104,779	64%	No - They have been utilizing other funding sources but plan to be on track for spend down by April 30th.	"On-site case managers work to build stable trusting relationships with youth while connecting them to the resources necessary to meet their needs for health care, behavioral treatment, housing, education, employment support, and legal support. Staff have been provided additional training in crisis de-escalation and administering NARCAN and other harm reduction strategies."	They are experiencing challenges hiring and keeping qualified staff. They are also having issues with the lack of mental health resources available for young individuals.
Community Youth Services Young Adult Housing	\$64,117	53%	Yes - They are just above 50% because they have been utilizing other funding sources but plan to be on track by the end of April.	Here is an example of where they have exceeded their goal: "Rapid Rehousing (RRH) is a rapid rehousing program designed to engage seven high-risk young adults (ages 18-24) who are experiencing homelessness. Number of RRH households served during reporting period: 8"	Lingering impacts of COVID-19, such as limited in-person contact, has made communication with applicants difficult. Especially with those applicants who are on waitlists.

Family Support Center Coordinated Entry/Diversion	\$4,832	19%	Yes- They will likely be out of funds by June.	"At this time the family population uses the vast majority of Diversion funding. Family Support Center reports on Diversion funding levels monthly at the Coordinated Entry meeting, where service providers for all populations join. The funds continue to be flexible and distributed quickly upon request."	Due to the moratorium on evictions being lifted, landlords are beginning to expect payments. This has created increase spending and the budget will likely be exhausted by June.
Family Support Center Housing & Basic Needs	\$16,624	49%	Yes - They have met and continue to exceed their original goals.	"Although FSC's office is closed to the public, staff have successfully worked with clients to resolve household crises. Our team has also connected clients to other community resources that clients are eligible for, such as TRAP, the Dispute Resolution Center, Community Action Council's energy assistance program, and more."	The suspension of the CAC TRAP contract with the county has resulted in panic from applicants. These applicants are contacting FSC regularly, worried that they will not receive assistance. This has put a lot of strain on staff.
Family Support Center Homeless Family Services	\$27,103	39%	Yes - They are on track with their goals.	"Our staff educates clients on other resources to increase income or gain employment skills through referrals to WorkSource, South Puget Sound Community College, DSHS, and Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council. Our staff has contributed input to Thurston County's VI/Racial Equity research team resulting in the new assessment tool for those entering the homeless system called the Housing Equity Assessment Tool."	They are receiving a large number of calls seeking eviction prevention services that the current funding can't support over time.

Family Support Center Pear Blossom Place	\$24,816	23%	Yes - They are on track with their goals.	"While our shelter census is lower than pre-COVID, we have continued to work diligently to leverage other available funding sources to shelter more families at hotels while PBP remains at lower capacity. Our shelter has remained staffed 24/7 which is instrumental in the overall success of the program; the consistency and stability full staffing provides for our families is immeasurable."	They are struggling with the need for housing vs their capacity to house.
Habitat for Humanity Critical Home Repair	\$82,034	89%	No - They are behind on their goals.	"We fully anticipate meeting the goal of 9 households as the weather becomes better and easier to schedule roof repairs, as well as the slow down of COVID-19 cases which will help create a level of comfort for our program and work. "	They have encountered some challenges in their sliding scale payment plan and are working to improve them. They also believe weather has played a role, and expect roof repairs to increase as it gets warmer. They have also hired a new person for marketing and plan to use funding to pay for this position.
Interfaith Works Homeless Services Program	\$499,717	43%	Yes - They have exceeded their original goals.	"We have felt beyond proud of the way that our team has continuously exceeded expectations. We continue to prioritize people who are at incredibly high risk for death due to COVID-19 and homelessness, and we are continuously increasing the level and quality of services we provide."	They have been settling into a new building. They also need to diversify their funding to increase funding for important resources.

OlyMap Site Support Services	\$136,879	35%	Yes - They have exceeded their original goals.	"OlyMAP's site support services have assisted residents with weatherizing their shelters to provide a more stable living environment and improving access to vital resources such as clean water, safe heating, laundry, garbage disposal, and basic hygiene services"	They are having issues with sweeps/displacement of scattered sites, as well as conflicting approaches with project partners, lack of site control, staff sustainability and burnout.
Quioxte Communities Permanent Supportive Housing	\$20,210	59%	Yes - They are on track with their goals.	"We've had a few residents enroll in educational classes, have assisted a few in obtaining employment, and all have food stamps and health care."	Many residence have complex mental health needs that go beyond the scope of current case managers.
Rebuilding Together Critical Home Repair	\$0	0%	Yes- They will have expended all funds by April.	"These grant funds enable us to help people live in safer and healthier homes. Hot water tanks and plumbing issues as well as ADA modifications and safety equipment are a tremendous need."	They are experiencing a shortage in skilled volunteers.
ROOF Rental Assistance	\$8,193	56%	Yes - They are on track with their goals.	"Once the moratorium was lifted and the ERAP funds are no longer available, we will see more households seeking assistance with their rent."	They are having struggles with the time it's taking to prove tenants/landlords are legitimate.
ROOF Housing & Basic Needs	\$4,554	33%	Yes - They are on track to exceed their original goals.	"We will exceed our goal of assisting 30 households by the end of the funding period as ROOF has already served 28 households within the first six-months."	They are experiencing no challenges.
SafePlace Emergency Shelter	\$40,687	43%	Yes - They are a little behind but believe they are on track to reaching their goals.	"Having a few months with limited ability to serve clients was not anticipated, and thus the total clients served – while still substantial – was slightly less than the prior year."	Their ability to house due to COVID-19 restrictions.

SafePlace Supportive Housing	\$24,037	40%	Yes - They are on track to meeting their goals but are limited to housing availability.	"Lack of inventory is currently the biggest barrier to meeting the housing goals, and is something SafePlace is putting in major effort to help grow capacity. They are working with more landlords and property managers as well as creating streamlined ways to get clients approved and housed long-term."	There are limited housing options available.
TOGETHER! Housing & Basic Needs	\$16,055	88%	No - They just recently hired a Family Liason and plan to up spending through this.	They are behind on their goals due to staffing issues however, they have filled their Family Liason position and spending has already sharply increased.	They had been struggling to fill a family liason position. They have recently filled this position.
Catholic Community Services Drexel House -Permanent Supportive Housing	\$88,788	56%	Yes - They are exceeding their goals.	"Our goals were to maintain permanent supportive housing units to serve the most vulnerable people in the county and to serve 86 unique individuals. During the reporting period of September 1st 2012- February 28th, 2022, we have served 91 unique individuals."	They are concerned about the cost of supplies, staffing, and maintenance due to inflation.
Catholic Community Services Drexel House Shelter - Emergency Shelter	\$40,033	50%	Yes - They are on track to reaching their goals	"Our application goal for Drexel House Emergency Shelter was to provide 5,840 nights of warm, clean and safe shelter to no less than 64 single homeless adults identifying as male residing in Thurston County. During the reporting period, September 1st 2021- February 28th 2022, we served 44 unique individuals and 3351 bed nights."	A private funding source that has been helping since the start of the shelter is shifting priorities and will no longer be funding homeless services.

Semi-annual Reports - CHG/HEN Contracts Ending 6/30/2022

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Agency & Contract	Award Amount	\$ Remaining	% Remaining	On Track
Community Action Council Housing & Essential Needs	\$3,444,323	\$1,466,923	43%	Yes
Family Support Center Coordinated Entry	\$225,000	\$93,764	42%	Yes
Family Support Center Rapid Re-housing	\$320,000	\$130,122	41%	Yes
Community Action Council Rapid Re-housing	\$200,000	\$57,799	29%	Yes
Interfaith Works Coordinated Network	\$213,153	\$44,913	21%	Yes

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Point in Time Census Preliminary Data Report

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THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

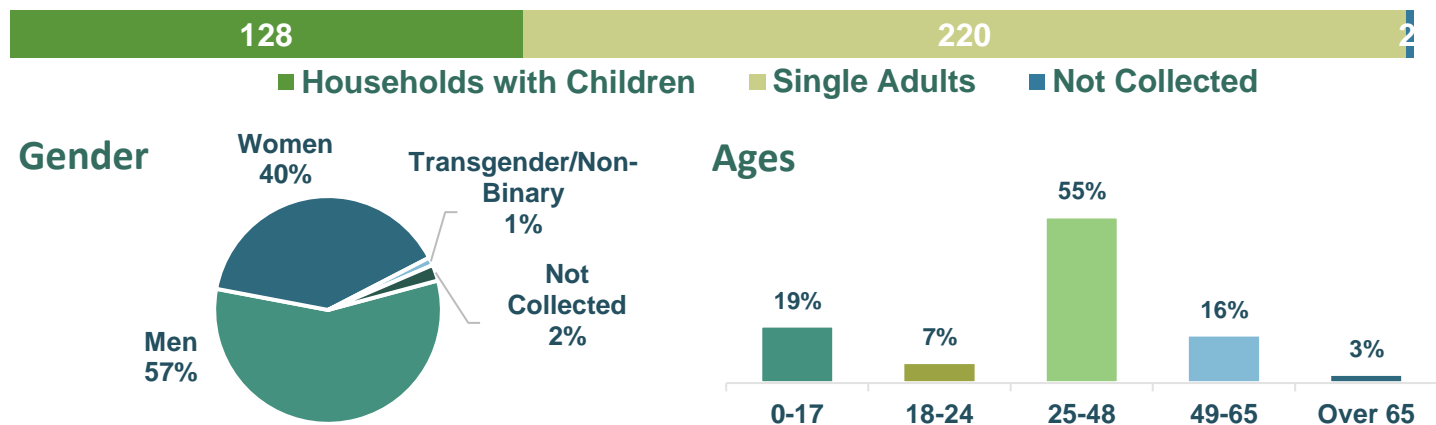


Once each year, the Point in Time (PIT) Census counts how many people are experiencing homelessness nationwide. This year Thurston County conducted the PIT on February 24th, delayed from the normal date in January due to the expected peak of the COVID-19 Omicron wave.

The 2021 and 2022 PIT counts are a story of the COVID pandemic. In 2021, the count was based on observation and no surveys were conducted. In 2022, we engaged in an abbreviated survey, but many people are missing from this total number, as they did not consent to being surveyed. This report also does not capture those doubled-up (staying with friends and family) nor those who were in a jail or hospital who don't have a permanent address.

Who are the unsheltered neighbors we surveyed?

(350 unsheltered individuals)



Where did they sleep on February 24th?

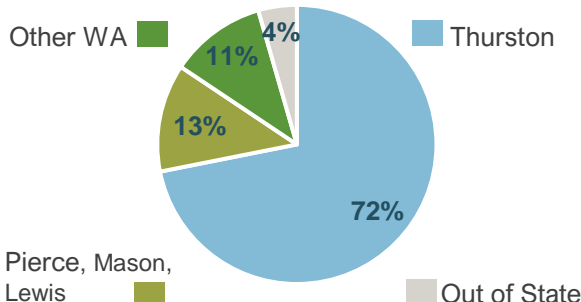


What else did we learn?

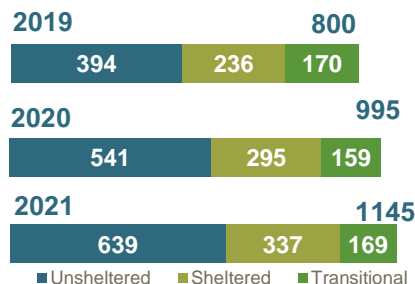
Frequency of Health Conditions



Last Permanent Address



PIT Over the Years



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Veterans
5%

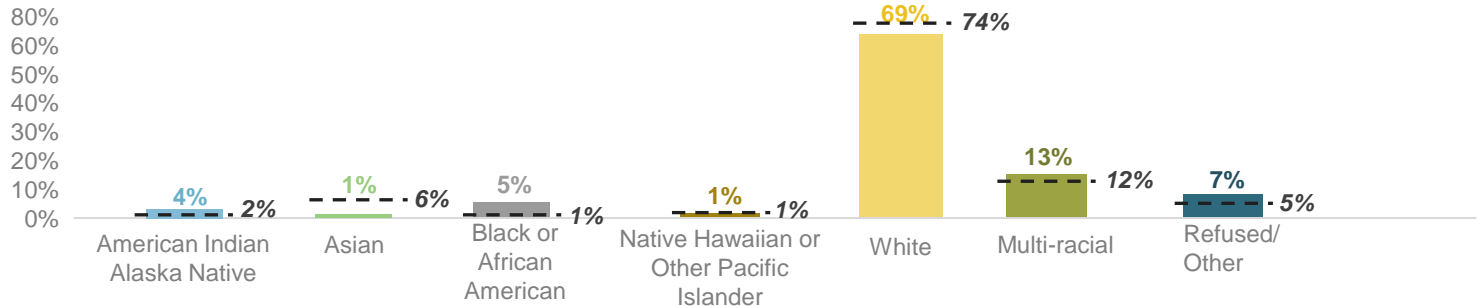


Domestic Violence
17%



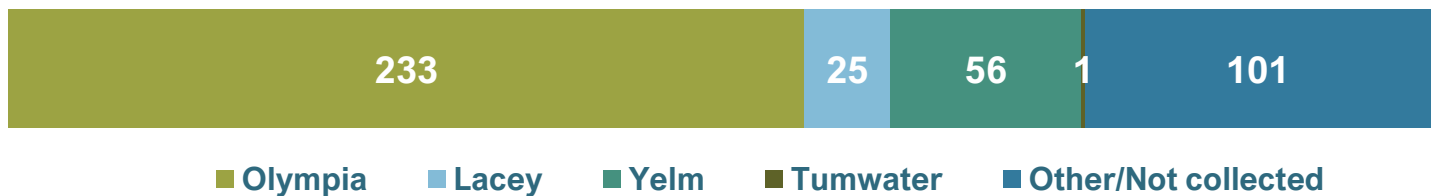
Hispanic/Latin
17%

Which races are under or over-represented in the houseless population?



*Dashed lines are the expected percentage based on Thurston racial demographics from the 2020 Decennial Census.

What cities are folks staying in?



How accurate are these data in describing homelessness?

While the PIT is a valiant annual effort to ensure everyone experiencing homelessness is counted, it is inevitable some individuals will be missed or they are not eligible to be counted. The most common reasons a person is not counted are:

- They do not consent to have their data collected for the count, are currently fleeing domestic violence, or are an unaccompanied minor under the age of 13.
- They do not meet the more restrictive HUD definition of homelessness: excludes those staying temporarily with a friend or family member.
- They consent, but do not provide enough information to be deduplicated.
- They stay in a non-HMIS participating shelter.
- They are absent when enumerators pass through the camps.

The PIT count is a critical tool for the community to understand the scope and scale of homelessness, but it is only one piece of a much larger puzzle.

What else happened with the PIT count?

- **370** solar, hand-crank, rechargeable flashlights were distributed
- **295** meal sized burritos were distributed into the encampments
- **800** hygiene kits were directly distributed, or donated to outreach organizations
- **86** homestead vehicles were found and counted
- Surveys were collected over 7 days, to ensure as many folks participated as possible

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