



CONTINUUM OF CARE UPDATE

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Board of County Commissioners Meeting

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POINT IN TIME (PIT) COUNT

- **PIT Count:** Census of people who meet Federal definition of literal homelessness (persons in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or unsheltered)
- **Federal Requirements for PIT Count:**
 - Conduct every other year
 - Conduct within the last 10 days of January
- **Local Practice for PIT:** Count: Conduct annually
- **Jurisdictions Included:** Buncombe County and all its municipalities
- **Data Anticipated:** April/May 2025

The 2025 PIT Count

- 1/28, 4-7pm & 1/29, 10-2pm
- 135 volunteers
- Activities: street count, expanded service locations, encampment outreach
- Managed by Lead Agency staff



CODE PURPLE

- **Buncombe County Funding:** \$50,000 as match City of Asheville local funds
- **Period Covered:** July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
- **Provider:** ABCCM
- **ABCCM Locations:**
 - Men's Location: 20 20th Street
 - Women's Location: Transformation Village

Code Purple Parameters Set:

- <32° forecasted temp or wind chill
- 33° - 40° & forecasted precipitation
- Other extreme weather events

Code Purple Nights: 57

Average Per Night: 48



CoC BOARD ACTIVITY

- **Appointments:**
 - Supportive Service Provider Seat: David Bartholomew with Pisgah Legal
 - Downtown BID Board CoC Representative Seat: Melina Arrowood, CoC Chair
- **Established New Committees and Work Groups:**
 - CoC Emergency Planning Workgroup
 - System Performance Committee
 - Community Relations Committee
- **PIT Count:** Approved surveys used when engaging homeless individuals
- **CoC Strategic Planning:**
 - CoC Membership Strategic Planning Session: 1/15
 - CoC Board Strategic Planning Session: 2/17 & 2/18



WITHIN REACH

- National Alliance to End Homelessness was engaged by the City of Asheville in partnership with Buncombe County and with funding support from Dogwood Health Trust, to identify needs and develop the Within Reach Report
- Report includes recommendations to guide homelessness work within Buncombe County and the City of Asheville including 5 strategies and 112 action steps
- **Strategies**
 - *Create a Strong Foundation:* Support systems-level planning & coordination
 - *Implement Evidence-Based & Inclusive Policy:* Create an equitable, person-centered system
 - *Improve System Performance Through Program Design:* Decrease system inflow & increase outflow
 - *Improve Data Quality & Reporting:* Improve data quality, increase HMIS coverage, & report system performance
 - *Invest in the Future:* Increase the production of/access to permanent housing solutions



NEXT STEPS

- **Strategic Planning:**

- Lead Agency Staff and HUD TA will develop initial draft for presentation to Board
- Board will assign committee to oversee and work on action plan once adopted

- **Upcoming Meetings**

- Located at Harrah's Cherokee Center Banquet Hall
- Board: 3/13 4pm
- Membership: Tentative 4/9 6pm
 - Pending Membership engagement following recommendation to shift time and cadence to ensure accessibility



QUESTIONS?

