Unsheltered Count Summary - County: Indiana

Please return this Summary along with all interview and observation forms by February 11, 2026.

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1. **Approximately how many people (volunteers & staff) participated in your county's unsheltered count?** 71

2. **Who participated in the process to prepare for and/or conduct your county's unsheltered point-in-time count: (check all that apply)**
   - ☒ Local homeless providers
   - ☒ Local service providers
   - ☒ Local churches
   - ☒ County/City employees
   - ☒ VA Medical Center, SSVF Provider or other veteran serving organization
   - ☒ Individuals who are currently or formerly homeless
   - ☐ Youth (individuals under age 25) who are currently or formerly homeless
   - ☐ Peer specialists
   - ☒ PATH, or other outreach worker
   - ☒ Police
   - ☒ Other: Our PIT Committee consisted of 14 representatives. They were from the Indiana County Department of Human Services (ICDHS)-2 staff, Indiana County Community Action Program (ICCAP)-2 staff, the Indiana County Sheriff, ARIN IU#28 Region 6 Coordinator for Education for Children &Youth Experiencing Homelessness plus 1 staff, Armstrong Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program -1 staff, The Open Door-1 staff, The Community Guidance Center-1 staff, Community Representative/Coordinated Entry staff from Union Mission in Westmoreland County (she resides in Indiana County), Aging Services, Inc.-1 staff, The Housing Authority of Indiana County-1 staff, and a representative from the Indiana County Children and Youth Services. We also had 2 representatives from the Altoona James E. VanZandt VA Medical Center agree to participate in the committee/outreach/canvassing. However, due to their schedules and inclement weather they were unable to help with the outreach and canvassing. JusticeWorks YouthCare's Program Director was invited to become a part of the committee, but declined this year. However, she helped with outreach to her staff/clients and community through her FaceBook Page. The Committee Members and staff from their organizations completed outreach to the community which helped us with the count. We also had 6 volunteers involved with canvassing the county the night of the count. Two Drone Operators from the Indiana County Emergency Management Agency (ICEMA) and 4 spouses that helped their wives canvas areas of the county. See #'s 5C and 6A for more

information on outreach/responses, and assistance provided to the committee. Responses from the outreach/surveys that were distributed helped the committee with finding possible locations to look for unsheltered homeless.

3. **Did you conduct your count using paper survey forms or the PIT mobile app? (select all that apply)**
   - ☒ Paper survey forms
   - ☐ PIT mobile app

4. **Total # of persons counted as unsheltered during your county's PIT Count:**

   4 total adults were counted as unsheltered homeless during our PIT Count. 3 of them denied housing assistance the night of the count. 1 man walked into the Indiana County Community Action Program on Thurs., Jan 22nd in the morning and reported he was unsheltered the night of the count. We are aware of adults and children who are couch surfing with friends and families and do not meet the HUD definition of homelessness. ARIN IU#28 Regional Coordinator for Education for Children & Youth Experiencing Homelessness reported that her data is for the 25-26 SY through January 21st. Their data system tracks students from July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026. The new system is slightly different, so she can't pull just one date in time. The law also allows students to be identified for multiple years (until permanently housed) as well as remain identified/eligible for the entire school year even if they obtain permanent housing during the school year. She reported: 78 youth who are experiencing homelessness in the education system in Indiana County for the 25-26 school year. 66 children are identified as living doubled up-13 of those are unaccompanied homeless youth (living without their legal parent or guardian for any reason and have lost their permanent housing. 8 in Shelters/Transitional Living, with 0 unaccompanied homeless youth; 4 are listed as having a Motel/Hotel as their nighttime residence, with 0 unaccompanied youth; and 0 youth are listed as unsheltered. These of course are not counted in our numbers as unsheltered homeless, but we feel it is important to recognize these numbers in our county. # of persons counted as unsheltered homeless, including both adults & children.

   * Please ensure that an interview form is submitted for each person counted, or was submitted through the PIT mobile app.* If your county used the PIT mobile app and you are unsure how many surveys were submitted, please reach out to pahomelesscount@dma-housing.com.

5. **In the questions below, describe when and where the unsheltered count took place, and if interviews were conducted:**

   a) **When was the count conducted? (check all that apply)**
      - ☒ Evening/overnight hours on Wednesday, January 21st
      - ☐ Early morning hours on Thursday, January 22nd
      - ☒ Daytime hours on Thursday, January 22nd

   b) **Which of the strategies below did you include in your count? (check all that apply)**

☐ Street Count - Known locations only
☐ Street Count - Complete coverage of the entire county
☒ Street Count - Canvass specific areas of the county (e.g. canvass downtown areas, or canvass one city within the county)
☒ Service-based count
☐ Other. Describe: 11 committee members and 6 volunteers were assigned specific areas of the county to go out and canvas. Two committee members canceled due to inclement weather conditions the night of the count. This left 9 committee members and 6 volunteers on the road the night of Jan 21st. The CYS Committee Representative responded to a call from The ICDHS Director at 1:30 am concerning a family in a camper with a child. The communities/areas canvassed included: Penn Run, Yellow Creek area, Strongstown, Pine Township/Heilwood area, North on Ben Franklin Road, drove around Flemings Tree farm, down Mary Ann Hill Road/College Lodge Road, out Fulton Run Road, Chambersville Road, 110 HWY, through Creekside in all directions, through Ernest, out through Blue Spruce Park, in Indiana/White Township- North 9th Street, down Water to 6th Street, drove around First Commonwealth Bank (Old Courthouse), down to Memorial Park, back up Wayne Avenue, down Philadelphia St to 11th Street, up to Forest Ridge Road near White's Woods, back through town, drove through the parking areas around Big Lots Plaza, drove through Giant Eagle, Lowe's and Michael's Plaza, Chevy Chase area, North View Estates, Water Tower Road, Behind Bridal Shop, Behind Indiana High School, S&T Training Center, Indiana/White Township; Back streets of Indiana Borough, parking garages, church parking lots, Getty Heights Park, Walmart Parking Lot, YMCA Parking Lot, Giant Eagle/Lowe's parking lot, Ramsey Run Road, Twolick Parking lot, Chevy Chase Center & area, Philadelphia Street Getty Heights Park, Dollar Tree parking lot, Rite Aid, Trinity Church, extra Sheetz parking lot, 4th St. Sheetz, St. Bernard's Cemetery, Indiana Boro Parking Garage and used it for drone access, Atrium building, Sheriff checked in with the Indiana Borough Police, White's Woods by playground, Lowe's parking lot (found a man with the drone followed to Indiana Mall near JC Penney), the drone searched mall wooded areas, behind PSP in wooded area, woods behind Walmart, Texas Roadhouse, and Aldi's. Sheriff and ICDHS Director stopped by Getty Heights again. The drone was utilized over Martin's Parking Lot, and Oakland Cemetery, Dollar Tree, Old Bi-Lo parking lot across from Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Center, Greenwood Cemetery, and the119 Professional Bldg; Also canvassed: Rt 110 to Rose Inn, Shelocta, Marion Center, Home, Plumville, Marchand, Cloe, Juneau, Rossiter, Homer City Borough, Black Lick and Josephine, Clymer, Purchase Line High School area, Hillsdale, Cookport, Dixonville, Twolick Dam, Allen Bridge area, Clymer Sheetz, Clymer Fire Dept; the drone was used to search the Hoodlebug Trail by Auction Barn, searched all wooded areas up to old Omni and river banks, Floodway Park up to Homer City Sheetz and rest of the Hoodlebug Trail near Homer City, Lucerne Mines Rd, Josephine area on both sides of road, Saylor Park meeting of Hoodlebug Trail and Ghost Town Trails, through Blacklick, Buttermilk Falls area, Clay Pike Rd, and a few other roads in that area. Sheriff and the ICDHS Director canvassed Homer City Sheetz, Robinson Cemetery, Blairsville Sheetz on Rte 22, down Rte 22 to Dean's Diner area to backside of Blairsville to boat dock ramp area, back up Rte 22 to Rte 286 to Saltsburg Par Mar Gas Station. Some overlap of canvassing was completed in the more populated

communities. The Director of the ICDHS and Sheriff were prepared to be dispatched to any location if a call would have come in from one of the committee members for someone needing assistance to find shelter on the night of Jan 21st. Sheriff and the Director of ICDHS started at 5 pm from the Indiana 4th Street Sheetz and were out until 2:45 am on Jan 22nd. They traveled 124 miles throughout the county this year. They were joined by two drone operators from the Indiana County Emergency Management Agency for the first 6 and ½ hours to use the drone over several areas. The Drone was once again useful in searching several wooded areas in the county this year. It was used in several repeat areas of the county: Twolick Dam/Bridge area, behind the Indiana Mall, Pennsylvania State Police Barracks, Walmart, Texas Roadhouse and Aldi's, The Hoodle Bug Trail between Indiana and Homer City, and around the Buttermilk Falls area. New locations checked this year with the drone were: The Clymer Walking Trail, Off the top of the Indiana Borough Parking Garage (access to many of the back streets of downtown Indiana), Oakland Ave. and Greenwood Cemeteries in Indiana, over parking lots of businesses on Oakland Ave. and Wayne Ave. in Indiana. It also was used at Saylor Park in Black Lick to check out the area where the Hoodle Bug and Ghost Town Trails meet. With the successful outreach efforts, the PIT Committee was able to plan the canvassing of the county. People were asked to notify us of any unsheltered individuals they may come upon before, during and after the count. Education was provided to those people/entities asking them to notify ICCAP at any time, of anyone who is unsheltered homeless, or needing housing assistance. Please see the results of the outreach/survey below in # 5C.

c) **Briefly describe the locations included in the count.** (This would include the types of "known locations" targeted for the count, the cities canvassed, and/or the locations where a service-based count was conducted.) Surveys/letters/flyers were sent out to help us target locations for the count county-wide. Law enforcement (State, Local, IUP and the Sheriff's Dept), local municipality departments, fire departments, township supervisors, churches, post offices, businesses, human service providers, schools, parks (local, county and state), service organizations, local ambulance service, ICEMA, Indiana Regional Medical Center and community members were asked to answer a survey to help us target areas for the count, as well as to be observant the night of the count and to let us know if anyone was located that fit the description of unsheltered homeless. Everyone who received the above noted information from the committee were also asked to help locate areas in the county where youth may be found who are unsheltered. Before the PIT Count, we had 2 survey responses from 2 schools in the county and 1 from a landlord concerning youth. 1 principal said he was not aware of any homeless youth. Another school's Director of Special Education and Pupil Services reported 4 students-two doubled up with friends, one doubled up with a brother, and a 4th in Foster Care because the guardian could not provide a secure home. The Regional Coordinator of Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness was given this information and asked to check further into these reports to see if any of them should/could be interviewed the morning of Jan 22nd. She reported back that she was unable to meet with the students and complete either form due to lack of consent. They are all under 18 and without consent. An outside agency can't just go to them and talk to them. Many of our districts did not respond to the survey. We had 1 survey returned from a landlord who reported a female youth who is unsheltered. The Director of the ICDHS called the female and did not get an answer. She called the Landlord back and

he explained that she is not a youth, and that she is working with ICCAP already to help her situation. A total of 46 Surveys were returned, 44 were received before Jan 21st, including the school/youth surveys, and 2 received after the count (these two did not identify any locations to be checked). ICDHS also received 2 phone calls and ICCAP received a call before the count informing us of possible locations to find unsheltered homeless individuals. From those 49 responses, 14 identified possible location(s) of a person(s) that they felt were unsheltered or living in uninhabitable conditions now or at some time in the past few months. Possible locations identified: Location's #1,2,3: 2 Surveys reported a male in a white pick-up truck. This man is well known in the county. He was found last year and did not want assistance. He has been offered assistance and referrals by several agencies/organizations over the past 4 years. His location moves frequently, and the two survey responders did not know where he was at the time of sending their surveys (State Trooper and Township Supervisor). The ICDHS Assistant Director sent an email to ICCAP asking them to send out the HCM's to check on a couple of his frequent locations. He was not found.The Director of ICCAP has spoken to this man several times in recent months. The man himself called the ICDHS Director at the end of the day, one day prior to the count (15 days after he spoke to the ICCAP Director). He was complaining no one would help him. The Director reminded him of what all has been offered to him over the past 4 years and discussed his lack of follow through to help his own situation. The ICDHS Director offered him the number for the Just for Jesus Shelter in Brockway, PA. He refused this option. She gave him the number to call the HAIC Director the next morning, Jan 21st to see if he could now re-apply for housing. During the PIT Count the Sheriff and ICDHS Director found him sleeping in his truck in a small town near Homer City and again talked with him, offering him food, water and supplies (blankets, etc.) He refused all except water. He reported to them that he talked with HAIC and asked for a housing application. He reiterated that he was fine and that he has lived like this for 4 years. He refused to answer the Interview Form Questions. An observation form was completed. #4 A Township Supervisor reported another man living in a blue van. He said he is often seen at a Township Park, Getty Heights. The ICDHS Assistant Director asked the ICCAP Homeless Case Managers to go out and check the park. The Supervisor for the HCM's said that he is often seen at the Dollar Tree Parking Lot as well. HCM's went out and reported back that they could not find him at either location. The Sheriff, ICDHS Director and other committee members looked for him at these two sites and throughout Indiana the night of the count. He was not found. #5 Another survey reported that there was a person living in a camper on the outskirts of Saltsburg Borough. The ICDHS Assistant Director responded to the Township Secretary and asked for more detail…single/family/children, location of camper etc. The Township Secretary never responded back with information. Therefore, the HCM's were not asked to go out and check on this person(s). #6 An Assistant Principal from the Homer Center School District reported that a 26-year-old male is often seen on the the Hoodlebug Trail between Indiana and Homer City, or in Floodway Park in Homer City. He is known to several agencies and has exhausted all resources. The ICDHS Assistant Director confirmed with HCM Supervisor that he was out of housing options. The Drone Operators searched the trail and park the night of the count. He was not found. #7 A Program Director at the Armstrong Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program reported a Mother/Adult Son duo staying at the Four Flags Inn until they run out of money and then would remain homeless until they receive their next check. They too have exhausted all

Indiana County available resources, according to HCM Surpervisor #8 A Secretary of Ernest Borough reported that someone on the council was aware of two individuals who are living with a friend in Ernest. The ICDHS Assistant Director emailed her back and explained briefly the HUD guidelines. Individuals who are sheltered with family/friends are not considered homeless for our PIT Count. ICCAP's number was given to her to give to the individuals so that they could call and ask for assistance if they wish. #9, #10, #11 A Pastor of a church returned three surveys: One was concerning a man who had gone to the church twice. She was told it looks like he lives out of his van. When the ICDHS Assistant Director asked her if she had more detail (location of van, etc.) so that we could check on him, she responded and said she had not seen him since his previous visits to the church and had no idea of where he parks, etc. She was encouraged to let us know if she sees/hears from him again. She was given two possible resources for him: the ICCAP number for possible shelter/Homeless Case Management, and the Veterans Parsonage number if he happens to be a veteran. The Pastor's second and third survey responses concerned two individuals who were staying with others (couch surfing). The Pastor was informed that for our count that they are considered housed. HUD does not count adult individuals doubled up as being unsheltered homeless. She was encouraged to share ICCAP's number if they come back to the food pantry at her church. #12 One email that was received from a church (partner in our County Project SHARE Program) reported that a woman had called the church looking for help with housing. This email had gone out to the partners in our program to see if anyone else could help this woman. The mother said she and her children were homeless/on the streets. The church representative had referred her to Family Promise Shelter/Transitional Living Program and also gave her the Alice Paul House (Domestic Violence Provider) as she reported that she had been with an abuser in the past. Upon review of responses from partner agencies, it was reported that they were not actually street homeless. They were doubled up with a friend until their move into housing on January 23rd. #13 A woman called into the ICDHS Assistant Director and reported that a man is staying in his vehicle in her family's driveway. She reported he is the boyfriend of her aunt who is also homeless. The aunt is permitted in the caller's home, but the caller does not permit the man to stay in her home due to mental health issues. She was concerned about the incoming frigid weather, The ICDHS Director and ICDHS Assistant Director spoke about this situation, and both agreed she should call CRISIS to have him assessed. The caller was contacted and told that we recommend that she call CRISIS to get the process rolling to have him assessed. She agreed to call. She called the ICDHS Assistant Director back and said that CRISIS was going to go to her house that evening to assess him if he was still in her driveway and try to help him figure out a plan. #14 ICCAP received a call from a community member (who previously was an individual experiencing homelessness) reporting a homeless guy who was at Sheetz. They sent out an HCM. She found the man who was familiar to her agency. He has exhausted many resources in the county. He agreed to go into the ICCAP office the next morning, and the HCM would work with him to assist him with whatever they could do. The night of the count, those canvassing were asked to re-check the above noted locations that were provided as well as wooded areas reported in previous years. No tents or heat sources were located by the Drone in those wooded areas (see 5B for more details). The Drone located a man walking through the woods/Indiana Mall parking lot pulling a cart with a tank of propane. The Sheriff and ICDHS Director stopped him to see if he needed assistance. He said he

was homeless that he has two tents and two propane heaters. He has lived like this for four years. He did not want any assistance. He said he has everything he needs and would not accept anything (supplies were offered to him). In conversation, the Sheriff and ICDHS Director realized he was the man that they looked for last year. They found his tent, but not him the night of the 2025 count. He refused to answer Interview Form Questions. Observation Form completed. During the count, the Sheriff and the ICDHS Director found a man at a Sheetz store in Blairsville. He said he was traveling through Indiana County moving south. He had stopped at Sheetz as it was cold and raining, and the police had told him he did not have a light on his bike, so he shouldn't be riding it on the highways at night. His plan was to move on in the morning. Sheetz staff had told him he could hang out in their dining area as long as he was quiet and did not bother any other customer. The Sheriff and ICDHS Director offered him possible shelter, supplies and food. He said he didn't need anything. But then, he accepted some food. They purchased him some food and drink. They gave him ICCAP's number to call in the morning if he changed his mind. He refused to answer the Interview Form Questions. An Observation Form was completed. ICCAP reported he called the office on Jan 22nd asking for help with getting him boots. They reached out to the St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store. An HCM met the individual at the Sheetz Store and gave him a pair of boots, a pair of shoes, 15 pair of socks, and water. He said he would be moving on south. During the canvassing of the county, The Sheriff and the ICDHS Director spoke to an employee of a gas station/convenience store in Saltsburg. She reported the names of an older couple living in a camper on the outside of town. She reported she heard they had a grandchild with them. She was unaware if they had heat, electric, water. The ICDHS Director did not want to leave the area until they made sure the child was safe. She called the CYS Representative on our PIT Committee who could only confirm that CYS was aware of this living situation. The ICDHS Director and the Sheriff felt there was no further need to investigate this situation. The Sheriff and the ICDHS Director checked with each gas station, convenience store, restaurant, etc. that they stopped at during their canvassing to see if they had our outreach flyer. They encouraged the employees to share the contact information for assistance with the Indiana County Community Action Program (ICCAP), the lead housing agency in Indiana County. The other committee members/volunteers who canvassed areas of the county that night did not find anyone who appeared to be experiencing homelessness during their search. On January 22nd, ICCAP reported that a man walked into their agency and stated he had slept on a bench the previous night in Indiana. He completed a referral for the shelter and was taken to the shelter. ICCAP also reported that an HCM had checked with two programs (The Chevy Chase Community Center and the local Drop In Center) in Indiana to see if they had anyone walk-in on the 22nd that stated they were unsheltered homeless the night of Jan 21st. The programs reported no.

d) **Briefly describe locations NOT included in the count, and the decision-making process used to exclude any portion of the county from the count, if any. For example, if certain municipalities, forests, gated communities or remote areas were not canvassed. (We are required to report this information to HUD.)** Due to the rural nature of the county, it is not possible to search every remote area of the county. We depend on our outreach efforts to law enforcement, fire departments, township and municipal contacts, ICEMA, Citizen's Ambulance Service, churches, agencies, Veteran

organizations, PO Staff, and previously homeless individuals to provide possible locations of individuals experiencing homelessness to canvas. As mentioned earlier, the ICEMA Drone operators assisted in the canvas in a few areas of the county that had been reported to the committee as possible locations to find unsheltered homeless this year and in previous years. The weather was not good the night of the count. We had rain, freezing rain and snow throughout the county. Safety of our committee members and volunteers were considered in all decisions made throughout the evening/night.

6. **Please describe the planning process used to prepare for conducting the unsheltered count.**

   a) **How did you identify locations to target during the PIT count? Did you ask community partners where persons who are unsheltered have been observed?** The planning committee met and planned the process-outreach, count/observations, etc. Our plan for the night of the count included support from ICCAP. They had an apartment available for housing for anyone who may have been found. They provided four bags with waterproof blankets, water bottles, hat, gloves, and snacks in case these were needed. CYS said they would assist if a family with children would be found. They could house them in a hotel for the night and help to get them hooked up with services the next day. They provided a number for a supervisor for the night so she could be reached, if needed. The Alice Paul House (Domestic Violence Shelter) and The Veterans Parsonage have always agreed to be a resource for the night if needed. 216 hard copy packets were mailed throughout the county by the ICDHS which included: letters explaining the count and how the recipient could help the committee, hard copy surveys to help committee identify possible locations to canvas, and a resource flyer to be posted on public or staff bulletin boards. The flyer included a contact number for ICCAP which could be utilized to try to help individuals find housing and connect with a Homeless Case Manager. Recipients of the hard copy packets included: 108 churches; 1 Borough; 8 Mayors; 2 Police Departments; 12 Constables; 26 Volunteer Fire Companies; Penn Dot District 10; 29 Post Masters; 2 UPS Customer Service Centers; 6 American Legions; 1 VFW; 2 Moose; 1 Elks; 1 Eagles and 2 other Veteran Organizations; White Township Recreation Dept; IUP Center for Health and Well Being; IUP Facilities Operations; IUP Counseling Services; Yellow Creek State Park; New Way of Life; and IRMC ER. 500 copies of the letter and survey were passed out through the ICCAP Food Pantries. The HAIC mailed copies of the packet to 94 on their Landlord List. Aging Services, Inc. gave out 5 packets, a copy to each Social Center-Indiana, Clymer, Blairsville, Saltsburg and Homer City, and hung a copy of the administrative office bulletin board. The Assistant Director of the ICDHS sent 215 emails with the same packets to: 90 Church Representatives, 15 Borough representatives (Zoning Staff, Secretaries, Managers, etc.); 24 Township Supervisors/Secretaries; State Police and Sheriff's Department; 4 Borough Police Departments; 3 Fire Departments; 5 Child Care Sites; 1 to Early Learning Connections/Head Start; 5 Libraries; 2 IUP contacts (IUP Media Relations, and the IUP Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police; 7 School Superintendents; 24 Principals; 1 American Legion; 1 VFW; 1 Dixonville Moose; 2 to ICEMA; 6 Post Offices; 2 to Citizen's Ambulance Service; Indiana County Parks and Trails; PennDOT, District 10; 2 to YMCA of Indiana County; Indiana County CYS; Chevy Chase Community Center; New Life; Spirit Life; Indiana County Assistance Office and the Alice Paul House. Senator

Pittman and 3 Office Staff; State Representative Struzzi and 1 Staff; Representative Smith; and the 3 Indiana County Commissioners. Emails were also sent out through specific networks in the county: The Veterans Providers Group (1); The Housing Consortium (70 Recipients); The Children's Advisory Commission of Indiana County (50 Recipients); The Health and Human Services Sub-Committee of the EMA Disaster Preparedness Committee (76 Recipients); and The Suicide Task Force of Indiana County (53 Recipients). The Armstrong Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program shared the information with 54 staff and providers (outpatient, case management, family based, peer support, crisis, vocational, residential, hospital, and the Drop In Center). Indiana County CYS shared the letter/survey with 41 staff. Justice Works Youth Care sent the information on the count to 25 staff. The Coordinator of Education for Children Experiencing Homelessness emailed the information to all Indiana County School District's Homeless Liasons to share with staff (7). She also emailed 38 Guidance Counselors. The Local Interagency Coordinating Council emailed the information to 86 individuals 3 times. The Indiana County Rental Association sent the information out to their list of 150, plus to 1 church. The Indiana County Tourist Bureau sent the information out in their Weekly E-Blast to 525 individuals, 3 times. The ICDHS's E-Newsletter, "The Informer", ran the PIT Count information/packets 4 times, potentially reaching an average of 803 people each time (The Informer goes to agency/organization staff, local and state government officials, interested community members, etc.). 2 Informer Briefs were sent out as well- one to Pastors (114 possible recipients) and one to the Informer Email List of 803 possible recipients. The ICDHS posted information on their FaceBook Page 3 times with 51 known shares through several agencies/organizations/community members. We are aware of some of those who shared the information: ICCAP, Family Promise of Indiana County, Aging Services, Inc., Saltsburg Mayor, Housing Authority of Indiana County, Community Guidance Center, Children's Advisory Commission of Indiana County, and the Indiana County Courthouse. The ICDHS sent information out to the Indiana Gazette's Human Services Calendar 4 times. ICDHS also announced information on the PIT Count at several meetings prior to the count: Children's Advisory Commission of Indiana County (CAC) and the CAC Executive Committee meetings, at the Project SHARE, and the Veterans Providers Group meetings - 2 times. Announcements were made at: the Armstrong Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program Advisory Board Meeting, Local Interagency Coordinating Council meeting, Housing Consortium meeting and the HHSS Executive Committee meeting- 1 time. The ICDHS Director announced the count and how individuals could help the committee on Renda Broadcasting (local radio station) 3 times before the count, and 1 time after the count as a follow-up. ICCAP staff reached out to the Veteran Community Gardens (housing complex) and to the local Drop In Center. We, again, used a QR Code on our outreach materials for easy access to the on-line survey. We used the on-line survey to help us find possible locations that unsheltered homeless individuals may be staying. We received 17 on-line surveys/information back. 106 individuals started the survey, but did not complete and submit. We received 20 Hard Copy Surveys back, 9 emails, and 3 calls, with a total of 49 responses. Communities throughout the county received information: (poster/flyers placed in strategic outlying areas of the county). The committee reached out to 340+ businesses and organizations throughout the county and provided the flyer with information on the count and the contact information if they have homeless individuals walk into their businesses/organizations (gas stations, Walmart &

Sheetz Stores, grocery stores, other convenience stores and department stores, Dollar General Stores, Dollar Tree Stores, thrift stores, pharmacies, motels/hotels, laundromats, pizza shops, banks, restaurants, camp grounds, churches, agencies, apartment complexes, barber/beauty shops, coffee shops, hospitals, doctor offices, post offices, libraries, borough offices, veteran organizations, gyms, etc.). Again, 49 responses to the surveys were received this year. See #5C above for more information. The number of responses were lower than we received last year. However, committee members reported that many of the businesses/outreach sites recognized the flyers and still had them posted on bulletin boards from last year. The Sheriff and the ICDHS Director spoke to several employees of convenience store/gas stations when they canvassed the county. Many of the staff recognized them from previous PIT Counts and expressed that they were looking for them to arrive sometime in January. Many individuals were aware of where to call at any time of year or where to refer an individual who entered their business, whom they felt was homeless or needed assistance. New staff were educated that night as well. The outreach is working in Indiana County.

b) **Did you have any transportation issues, and if so, how were these addressed?** No

c) **Did you provide training to PIT count volunteers?** ☒ yes ☐ no
   - **If yes, did you use the PowerPoint Presentation provided for PIT Volunteers?** ☒ yes ☐ no

7. **Was emergency shelter and/or a hotel-motel voucher offered to persons who were identified as unsheltered?** ☒ yes ☐ no
   - **If yes, how many people were sheltered?** 1 person was sheltered the morning of Jan 22nd through ICCAP and 3 refused shelter/assistance the night of the count.

   Note: Please make sure there is a note on the interview form for anyone provided shelter. If you believe they may have also been interviewed by shelter staff (or other person providing hotel/motel voucher), please also note this information.

8. **Does your community have plans to follow-up with persons identified through the count? (For example: additional outreach, resources, housing.)** ☐ yes ☒ no
   - **If yes, please describe the plan for following up:** _____
9. **Were any encampments identified in preparation for or during the PIT count?** ☐ yes ☒ no
   - **If yes, did your volunteers go these encampments and were any individuals identified there?** _____

10. **Training and technical assistance needs.**

    a) **Did you attend or view the recording of the unsheltered PIT count webinar?** ☒ yes ☐ no
    - **If yes, please provide any feedback, including any additional information that should be included in the future.** _____

b) **Do you have any additional comments, questions, or training/technical assistance needs for next year's PIT count?** ☐ yes ☒ no

- **If yes, please describe: _____**

Please return this summary form along with all interview and observation forms from your unsheltered count by

February 11, 2026

Scan & Send to: ***pahomelesscount@dma-housing.com*** ***(PREFERRED)***

OR

Mail to: ***Framework Strategies***
7900 Old York Road, Suite 116-A Elkins Park, PA 19027

Thank you!