

2024 Point-in-Time Count Planning Meeting

Sheltered and Housing Providers

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What is PIT and HIC?

Point-in-Time (PIT)

- Count of all sheltered and unsheltered homeless people in your community on a single night
- Occurs in the last 10 days of January annually.

Housing Inventory Count

- Inventory and capacity information of all programs that provide beds and units **dedicated** to serving people experiencing homelessness.
- Performed on the same night of PIT.
- Captures inventory information for the following project types:
 - Emergency Shelter (ES)
 - Transitional Housing (TH)
 - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
 - Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
 - Other Permanent Housing (OPH)



Purpose of PIT and HIC

PIT

- Determines program and funding need for local communities.
- Develop our community score.
- Identify accuracy and completeness of our community effort.

HIC

- Helps the local CoC to review three things:
 - Utilization
 - Gaps
 - Context

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2023 PIT RECAP

What did we learn?

2023 PIT Recap: What did we learn?

- Survey included only mandatory questions and gave the option to refuse to answer.
- Local CoC removed the Social Security Number from PIT survey.
- **Pro**: may have increased participation for those surveyed
- **Con**: increased difficulty to de-duplicate when demographic information was refused.

Added Support by Government & Volunteer Co-Coordinator

- Support by the City of Pensacola and Escambia County for PIT and You-Count.
- Support by BRACE as Volunteer Co-Coordinator.
- Increased notification to encampments and known locations to bring awareness amongst our unhoused neighbors.
- Increased mapping overlay to identify encampments.
- Increased volunteer participation at You-Count.
- Coordinated de-duplication process and transportation with wristbands for ECAT.

Added Street Outreach Teams

- Extended number of survey days.
- Added routes.
- Night-time count for the first time ever.
- Extension of routes increased number of contacts.
- Additional routes expanded reach further across the CoC coverage area (Century, Cantonment, rural-Santa Rosa, and Navarre/Gulf Breeze)

Real-time PIT Data

- The Opening Doors HMIS team added real-time PIT data to the website.
- Pro: Instant notification to public of progress.

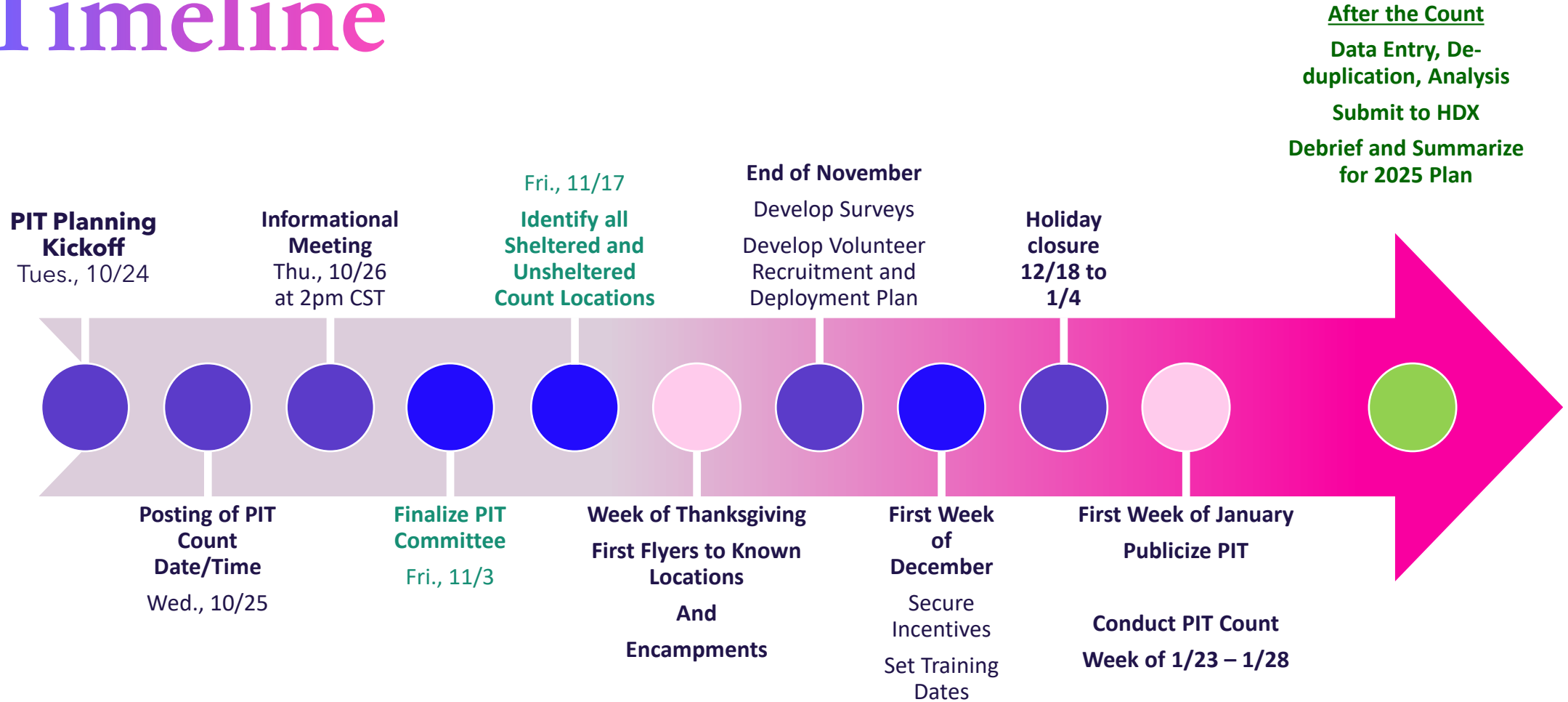
Volunteer Appreciation

- First-ever volunteer appreciation event post-PIT.
- Hosted by Family Promise of Escambia and BRACE.



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What's New

Projections for 2024 Data Collection

- Race and Ethnicity has been combined for 2024.
- Expectations by HUD, VA, and HHS
 - Improve reach to engage and accurately count the following subpopulations:
 - Youth
 - Veterans
 - Domestic Violence
 - Chronically Homeless
 - Increase inventory
 - Increase utilization (must be 85% on night of PIT / HIC for all project types)



Night of PIT

When?

- The night of PIT is January 22, 2024.

PIT and HIC Process

Conduct the Sheltered Count

- Count people in Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing programs for the night of PIT.
 - All programs regardless of funding will be recorded.
 - Includes Temporary emergency hotel/motel vouchers for homeless people paid by a nonprofit.

Data Collection

- We will use a combination of:
 - Hyperion: Web-based (this is not an app)
 - Paper survey designed by Lead Agency
 - HMIS

PIT for HMIS-Participating Agencies

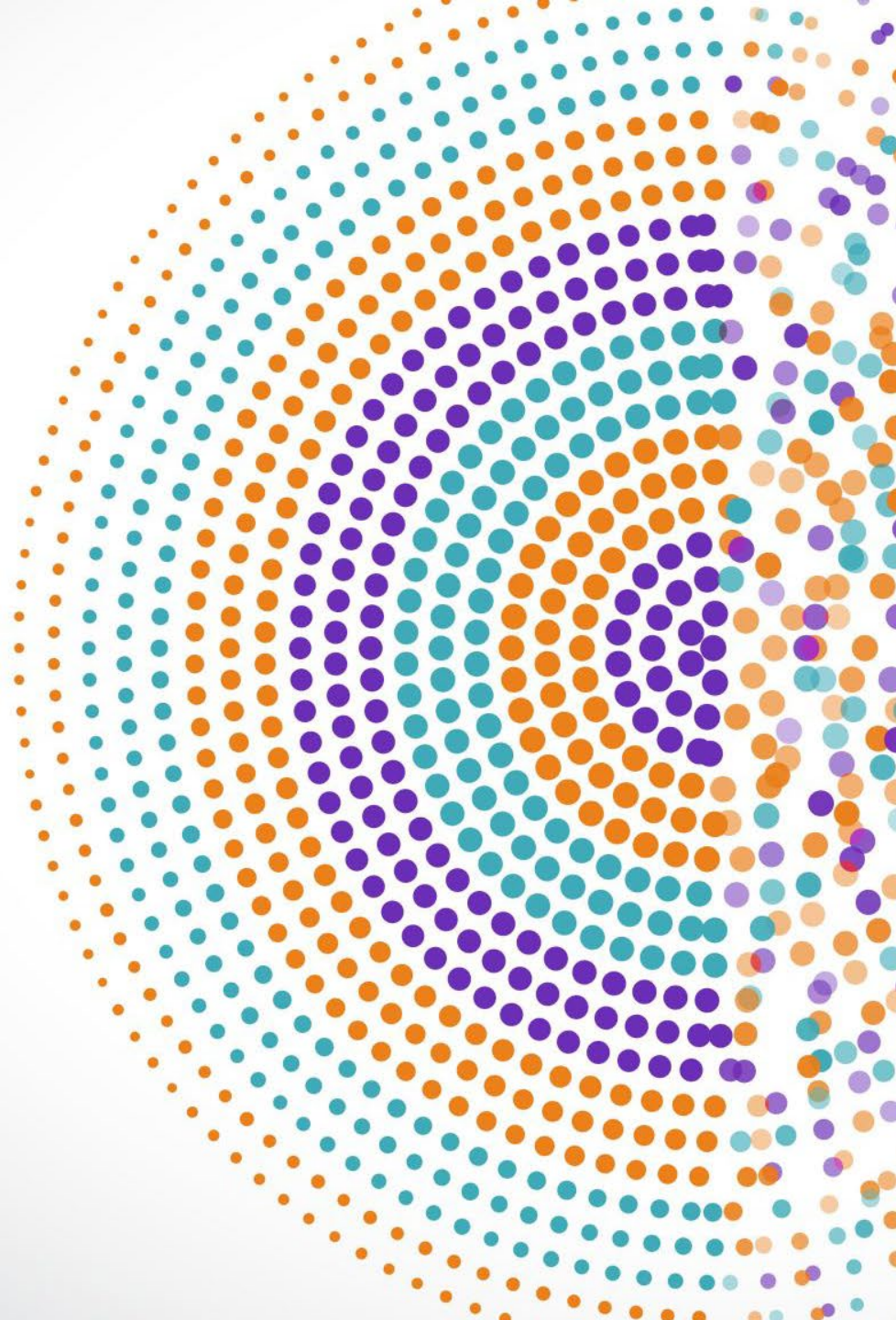
- Provider must ensure all clients in Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing Program are enrolled for the night of PIT.
- For New Program Participants on the night of PIT:
 - Complete the Universal Data Elements and Program Specific Data Elements for your project
- For New and Ongoing Program Participants on the night of PIT:
 - Record a PIT Service Transaction: **Census Data**
- **Ensure clients that have left the program are exited out before the night of PIT so that they are not counted.**

PIT for Non-HMIS Participating Agencies

- Collect surveys via Hyperion or paper
- HMIS Lead will create a Non-CHO project in HMIS with a custom PIT survey
- HMIS Lead will port data from Hyperion or paper survey into the Non-CHO project to run custom report.

Housing Inventory Count Process

- Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing HIC will be based on the number of heads in beds on the PIT. **Inventory in HMIS must match the number of people enrolled.**
- For Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing projects
- 1. Enter the following for Category 1 Homeless program participants on the night of PIT:
 - Service Transaction: Census Data
 - This will flag the individuals who are homeless.
- 2. For Housed Program Participants:
 - Ensure all program participants housed Housing Move-In Dates for housed clients are entered in HMIS on an interim update.



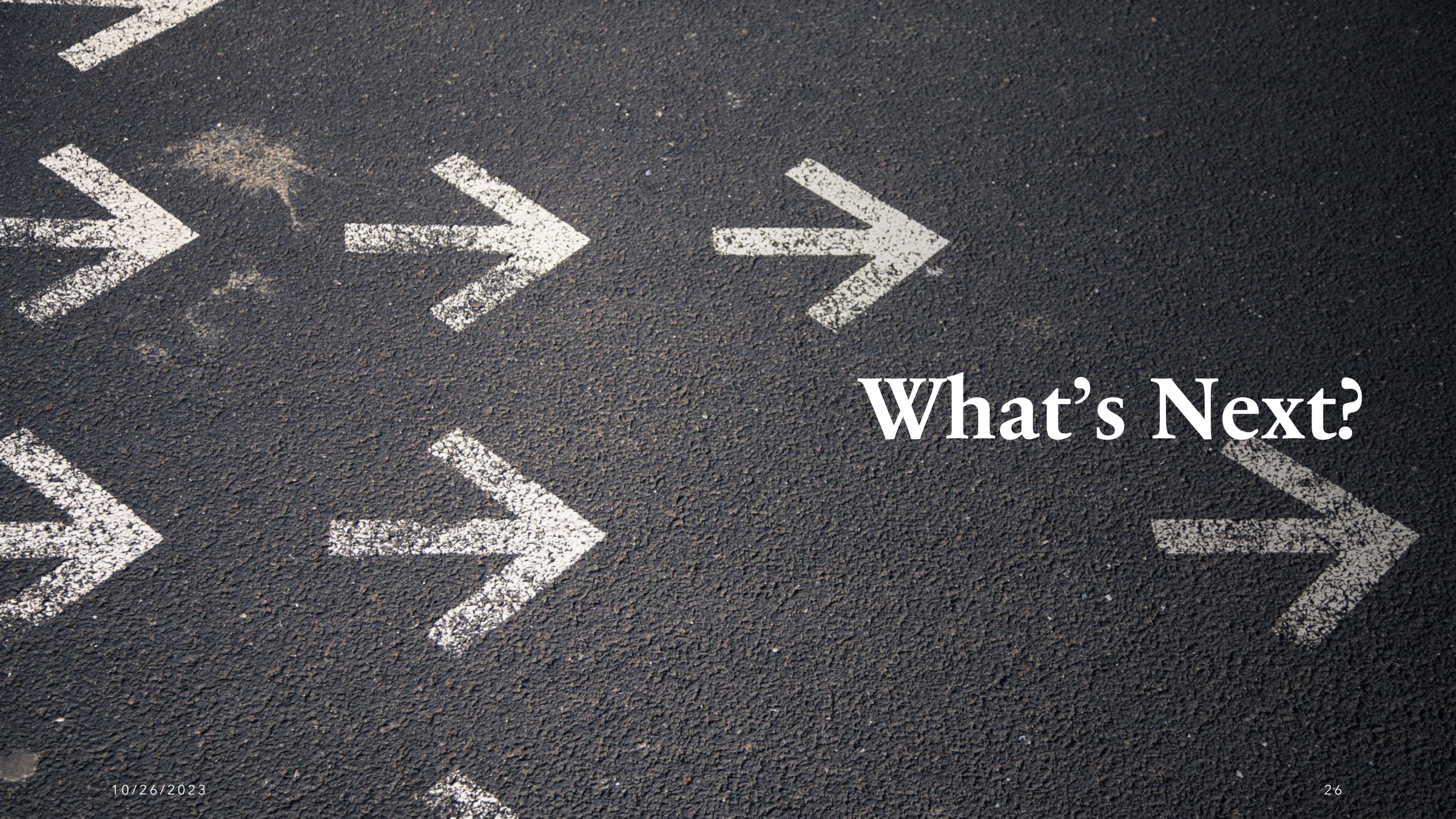
Committee Recruitment

Please Join A Committee

- Committee Roles
 - Media and Publicity Coordinator
 - Donations and Incentives Coordinator
 - Youth, Students, and Families Coordinator
 - Veteran Coordinator
 - Street Outreach Coordinator
 - Known-Locations Coordinator
 - Each subcommittee needs 1 coordinator and 3-4 support volunteers

Where to Join?

- Fill out the form: <https://forms.gle/YwKhTsaP1wnrX6Pa7>
- Link with Description of Roles will be listed on the website.



What's Next?

Committee Meet-Up

- Tentative:

What: 1st PIT Committee Meet-Up

Date: Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: TBD

Thank You!

- On behalf of Opening Doors Northwest Florida, we would like to extend our gratitude to Escambia County Emergency Management for the successful event that we had today at their location. This annual planning event for our community was able to kickoff to an excellent start. We look forward to working together in the future.