

# Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

## Youth and Young Adults Subcommittee Meeting

Friday, March 18, 2022 9:30am – 11:00am

**ZOOM:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83812935831?pwd=T2NIWnBrekF3RXI3a2tUTWQ4cjZ6UT09>

### *Minutes (Approved 4/15/22)*

#### **A. Introductions and Win Wall!**

**Marianne Bradshaw**

Share a “win” (or two) of successes, kudos, and/or partner spotlights

- **Marianne Bradshaw:** CCP approved and submitted. Backbone reviewed the document and then took a week to process and think about it. Then voted to approve it the next week. CoC Board also approved it.
- **Carla Munns.** Kudos to the whole team with the CCP. PacificSource just broke down social and medical complexity data by neighborhood. So much to think about here! <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/dsi-tc/ChildHealthComplexityData/PacificSource-Marion-Polk-2021-October.pdf>
- **Tricia Frizzell:** YHDP. Ditto. Attended a revolutionary training for street outreach. Grant opens the door to a tremendous amount of free virtual training. Was great to hear different things people are doing across the country. One idea we heard about is doing street outreach in cemeteries.
- **Lexi Meyer:** Resource Center is growing. 7 new youth accessed services. Seeing numbers growing daily. Been able to help 3-4 youth now get new IDs through the DMV free of charge.
- **Shanta Frisbee:** This month, brought in a lot of new activities into the Resource Center and Transitional Living program. Opened eyes. Increased empathy towards other. We had a labyrinth class. Yoga today. Art last week. Two cooking classes. Motivation and self-development. Activity calendar with volunteers. Take them out of the survival mode into the thriving and self-development mode.
- **Emilee Kerper:** Student at Pacific University finishing a masters program. Win is being here! Hearing about the work in the community.
- **Carol McKiel:** Working on some projects in Monmouth Independence and making progress! A win is that it's almost spring break!
- **Julie Conn Johnson:** Spring break! Those of us who working in school worlds are ready. In the past month, McKinney-Vento Liaisons added 150 eligible students. Families are reaching out and connections are happening. Numbers are trending back to where expected to be after they were low during Covid.
- **Heather Pascoe.** Last couple of weeks, system of care has picked up. Lots of community partners at the table. Folks have come to meetings with a different energy, people showing up with innovative and problem solving spirit.

- **Hailey Hulsey:** Shout out to the community. Be Bold has been quick to help with needs. Recently got a big purchase for a youth in need. Loved seeing the drop off, so embracing and supportive. Backbone reviewed and approved the CCP. Careful review, speaking their minds. Personal win: just graduated from college!! (Congrats!! Woot! Woot!)
- **Laurie Shaw Casarez:** 18 members of Backbone! I want to echo the kudos to everyone helping them stay strong as an advisory group AND deep appreciation to the 18 for working hard and staying dedicated to improving things.

## B. Committee Administration

**Shanta Frisbee**

- Approve February Meeting Minutes  
One correction made: “McKinney-Ventos” changed to “McKinney-Vento Liaisons.”  
Motion to approve revised minutes by Carla Munns with second by Lexi Meyer.  
Revised minutes unanimously approved.
- Revisit proposal to add a 6th goal to highlight supporting and promoting youth voices and youth leadership.

Great discussion building on past suggested wordings such as: Engage the voices of youth & young adults with lived experience with opportunities of leadership; Support young leaders with lived expertise as they influence the local service delivery system; Support and amplify voices of young leaders; Prioritize the voices and expertise of young leaders.

Key phrases highlighted by the group in the chat: Amplify voices, engage and develop leaders, create opportunities

The following wording was proposed. Motion to accept it as a Subcommittee goal was made by Carla Munns, seconded by Tricia Frizzell, and approved unanimously:

*Amplify and develop voices of youth and young adults with lived experience by creating opportunities to engage and cultivate leadership.*

## C. Art for Equity

**Emilee Kerper**

Emilee Kerper shared about her project “Art for Equity: Elevating the Voices of our Unsheltered Neighbors.” She is doing art sessions with individuals experiencing homelessness. Follow up with her at [emkerper@gmail.com](mailto:emkerper@gmail.com)

Emilee shared the goals of the project:

- Use the creation of ART to encourage expression for individuals living unsheltered.
- Bring art from members of the unsheltered community into general public view.

- Help the general community understand the needs and experiences of people living without shelter.
- Hear, validate and amplify the voices of people living without shelter or with experiences living unhoused.

She also shared the activities of the project:

- Visit temporary shelters and camps and offer materials to create art.
- Receive donations of art pieces from within the community and from allies of this community.
- Display art pieces in a gallery show during the month of April at the Infinity Room in Salem.
- Any sold art pieces will generate funds to keep this project going. Excess funds will go into other projects that support individuals living unsheltered, such as the Soup Squad or the Free Fridge project.

Emilee invited us to stop by the show in the month of April at the Infinity Room in Salem (210 Liberty St SE, Salem OR 97301)

Tricia requested Emilee share high quality digital images of art by YYA that we could use in future YHDP documents.

The group brainstormed an “Art in the Park” event for this summer where all unsheltered neighbors could come and paint. We could have food, live DJ, set up big screen and show a movie. So many possibilities! Emilee offered to help with the art.

#### **D. YHDP CCP and the YYA Goals**

**Marianne Bradshaw**

Marianne shared that the Coordinated Community Plan (CCP) was approved by the CoC Board on 3/10 and Backbone on 3/14 and was submitted to HUD on 3/15. It can be found here:

<https://mwvhomelessalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Mid-Willamette-Valley-Coordinated-Community-Plan-to-End-Youth-Homelessness-FINAL-3.15.22.pdf>

It includes a section called “Goals, Objectives, Action Steps” outlining a work plan for the community to prevent and end youth homelessness. The YYA is listed numerous times as a “responsible party” to accomplish these goals. Marianne explained that we have the opportunity to refine the work plan and adjust the wording of the action steps, responsible party, and timeline. We also have our work cut out for us with an ambitious plan! The committee agreed to put this section on the agenda as the primary discussion topic for next month’s meeting. The Goals, Objectives, Action Steps section will be emailed out ahead of the meeting.

#### **E. Program or Client Needs**

**Tricia Frizzell**

Tricia shared an experience. She arrived the other morning at the Drop-In and saw a pile of blankets on the porch. Sometimes people leave donations there so this did not seem unusual. But wrapped up in the blankets was a 13-year-old boy. The security camera showed that he had arrived at the Drop-In at around 1:00am and had wrapped up in a blanket and spent the night right there on the concrete porch. He explained that he had left a conflict at home and gone to some friends'. They declined to take him in because they did not want to get in the middle of the conflict. He had come to the Drop-In once or twice before in the afternoon. So he knew about it. He got himself there and waited on the porch till morning. It only took a few hours for the staff to help him. They connected with his mother and provided some support. As the situation was resolved, the youth chose to go home with his mom. Tricia emphasized that it's fulfilling to see when things "work how they are supposed to." When an experience with homelessness can be rare, brief and non-recurring because a youth gets the support needed and family reunification is successful.

**F. Follow Up Tasks / Recap / Closing**

**Tricia Frizzell**

- Next Meeting: Fri 4/15 9:30-11:00