

# MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE

## Youth and Young Adults Subcommittee

### CHARTER

#### A. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Youth and Young Adults (YYA) Subcommittee is to end homelessness for youth in Marion and Polk counties, using the following collective goals:

1. Develop a Coordinated Entry System for youth that blends into the system for adults.
2. Expand street-level and other forms of community outreach to better engage youth experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.
3. Establish a Host Home program that fits the needs in communities in the Marion-Polk county region.
4. Improve local youth data, starting with the Point In Time (PIT) Count in January 2020.
5. Advocate for the use of and funding for evidence-based practices addressing youth homelessness.

The Youth and Young Adults Subcommittee is authorized by the Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance's CoC Collaborative Committee.

#### B. MEMBERSHIP

1. **MEMBERSHIP.** The membership of the YYA Subcommittee is comprised of representatives of the region's youth and young adult services organizations, people with lived experience facing homelessness, youth-focused champions, and other stakeholders.
2. **TERMS.** YYA Subcommittee members shall have unfixed terms of membership.
3. **CHAIR.** The YYA Subcommittee shall designate a chair or co-chairs responsible, at a minimum, for facilitating meetings, establishing meeting locations and times, preparing agendas, notifying the membership and CoC staff of meetings at least one week in advance, and providing minutes to CoC staff within one week following the meeting.
4. **RESIGNATION.** Resignations by YYA Subcommittee members shall be submitted in writing to the group's chair(s) and CoC staff.

#### C. MEETINGS

1. **MEETINGS.** YYA Subcommittee meetings will occur monthly, or more frequently at the call of the chair(s). The YYA Subcommittee is a public body subject to the public meetings and record laws as stated in ORS Chapter 192. All meetings will be open to the public. The meeting agenda will be distributed to members and through public notice at least one week prior to a workgroup meeting. Accommodations will be made, compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
2. **QUORUM.** A majority, defined as 50% plus one, of the appointed, voting workgroup membership will constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business at meetings. Members may attend either in person or by conference call so long as persons in

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attendance and on the telephone can both hear and communicate with each other. Members attending by telephone or similar contemporaneous means may be counted towards achieving a quorum.

3. **VOTING.** YYA Subcommittee meetings shall operate on a consensus basis. However, members may request a majority vote on specific issues. A majority is defined as 50% plus one of the members present at any meeting.

## D. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

1. **GENERAL PROVISIONS.** A conflict of interest is a situation in which a group member, one of his or her family members has a personal or financial interest that compromises or could compromise the group member's independence of judgment in exercising his or her responsibilities to the CoC. It is the position of this CoC that conflicts of interest shall not compromise the CoC's work and that even the appearance of a conflict shall be avoided in all circumstances.
2. **ADHERENCE TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY.** Group members are expected to adhere to the CoC Conflict of Interest Policy, as described in Article III of the CoC Governance Charter and in a separate policy document, which requires the member to minimize conflicts of interest; disclose ethical, legal, financial, and other conflicts; and remove themselves from decision-making if they would otherwise be called on to act on a conflict involving themselves, their family members or entities with which they or their family members are closely associated.

## E. CODE OF CONDUCT

1. **GENERAL PROVISIONS.** Group members are expected to observe the highest standards of ethical conduct in the execution of their responsibilities, to conduct themselves with courtesy and respect, and to refrain from harassment, intimidation, discrimination, and physical or verbal abuse.
2. **ANNUAL DECLARATION.** Group members are to annually receive a copy of the Code of Conduct, acknowledge receipt by signing a form, and submit a copy of the signed form to CoC staff.

## F. CHARTER AMENDMENTS

1. **PROCESS.** This charter may be amended at any Collaborative Committee meeting. Copies of proposed amendments will be available for review at least one week prior to the Collaborative Committee meeting at which the proposed amendments are considered. The Collaborative Committee will seek review and recommendation by the YYA Subcommittee of any amendments to the charter, unless circumstances require an immediate change. In the latter situation, CoC staff will provide an explanation of the circumstances and provide opportunity for comments and input prior to and as part of the Collaborative Committee meeting.
2. **FREQUENCY OF REVIEW.** The YYA Subcommittee will review this charter annually and submit any recommended revisions to the Collaborative Committee.