Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

Youth and Young Adult Subcommittee Meeting

Friday, January 21, 2022 I 9:30am - 11am

MEETING MINUTES

A. Introductions and Win Wall! Share a "win" (or two) of successes, kudos, and/or partner spotlights

- **Marianne Bradshaw**: Backbone had 7 new members approved by the CoC board this month. Meeting this week had to shift to online and engagement was great!
- **Laurie Shaw Casarez**: Working to enhance youth and young adult job opportunities. Nothing secured enough to name/announce yet. But feeling good that things are falling into place.
- **Alberto Maldonado**: Going back to an online setting was challenging. Win in all of that was to see the youth band together. To see the youth connect with each other, bring others in, open up new spaces, find time to play video games together. Even in this virtual time, we didn't have to start at square one.
- **Deroll Barrett**: Coordinator for Job Corps scholars at Chemeketa. Small win today. We've had some student retention issues. A win is that we've retained 14 students. Very happy that this program exists. Young adults experiencing homelessness are eligible. Invite them to learn more.
- **Molly Gehley**: Cascade school district. Starting to see normal things with kids. Beginning of the year kids were really ramped up behaviorally. Feels like things are starting to normalize.
- **Jan Calvin**: Working on the year in review powerpoint for Feb Board meeting. Wow! All the things going on. To see so much movement after the first year of shoring things up. Looking forward to Board Summit on 2/10. Join us! Keynote speaker is Dr. Johnny Lake talking about Navigating Multicultural Contexts. He will offer a break-out. There will also be a break-out about youth.
- **Dana Goodale**. Polk County, school based mental health team. Teen parent program. Win for me lately is with my role in the schools. We haven't had to close any of our schools unexpectedly because of staff. We are doing a youth art night. We've been trying to think about how to connect kids in person in a safe way. Lunch at schools look so different. Hosting a free art night next Wednesday at the New Morning Bakery focused on middle schoolers.
- **Lisa Trauernicht**: Working with amazing people on Point In Time Count. Coming up, 1/25-26, 29. A win is my personal growth as I have been working with Robert Marshall, Angie Wilson. Co-chairs for Point in time count. Their energy and knowledge.

[Shanta Frisbee in attendance but kept mic off as she lost her voice; in attendance but missed intros: Tricia Frizzell, Hailey Halsey, Julie Conn Johnson]

B. Committee Administration

- Meeting minutes: Tricia Frizzell made a motion to approve the December Meeting Minutes. Julie Conn-Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Uses of Basecamp. Reminder to use Basecamp.
- Code of Conduct Forms. Marianne thanked those who had signed and returned the Code of Conduct Forms and requested others to take care of that.

C. Youth & Young Adult Collective Goals

a. Goal #4 PIT Count

Lisa Trauernicht gave a quick PIT Count overview and came to answer questions. PIT is 1/25-26, 29. Still looking for volunteers. Info and training videos are available. Use the "Counting Us" app. Asks questions like: Age, gender, race, basic demographics. Where did you sleep on 1/24? We want interviewers who are trauma informed and will interact on a human level with empathy.

Group discussed how to increase participation among YYAs. Question was raised about doing a Google Form survey that asks the same questions that are in the Counting Us App. Then we could send text or email the link, post it on social media. Idea was raised to do a raffle among participants and also give an extra entry to youth who send the link to other youth build reponse via a snowball sample.

Marianne agreed to make the survey with help from Jan Calvin who would send her the questions from the Counting Us App. Tricia agreed to provide prizes for the raffle with input from Hailey.

b. Goal #1 Coordinated Entry System

CoC has drafted a Coordinated Entry Systems Manual and is asking the YYA subcommittee to review it with a TAY lens and give feedback. Jan Calvin attended and shared information about Coordinated Entry.

Group discussed CE among TAY population. In the last months, Shanta and HOST have been the champions for CE for TAY population. In the past, nothing has been specific for 18-24 yr olds. That group has previously been rolled into adult group, but we know they need specific services. HOST has been spearheading effort with CE for the TAY population. We want to make sure from the very beginning that TAY is called out and addressed.

There was discussion around case conferencing and collaboration. There's a by name list with case conferencing for veterans and chronically homeless. Would we want to do this among the TAY population?

A question was raised about Coordinated Entry among the <18 population. We are starting with 18-24 and not focusing on <18 at this time.

The CES Policies & Procedures draft manual is about 80 pages. The group scheduled a follow-up meeting for Fri 1/28 10-11:30 on zoom. Any who are interested in going through the CES manual with a TAY lens to offer feedback is invited.

D. YHDP Update

Marianne shared that the planning team is working hard and thanked everyone for their participation. Invited all to the system modeling workshop 1/31 12-4 and 2/1 10-3

E. Follow Up Tasks / Recap / Closing

- Meeting to give feedback on CE manual: 1/28 10am
- Next meeting: 2/18 9:30-11:00