

# Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

## Youth and Young Adult Subcommittee Meeting

Friday, February 18, 2022 | 9:30am - 11am  
ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88380935385>

### 2/18/22 DRAFT MINUTES

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

- **Marianne Bradshaw:** Process of gathering data for the Coordinated Community Plan. Connecting with many across the community.
- **Laurie Shaw Casarez:** Marianne’s advocacy and presentation at the CoC Summit.
- **Tricia Frizzell:** Son turned 10 this last weekend! Also, recently had the most embarrassing zoom moment when a spider crawled across her screen!
- **Carol McKiel:** Monmouth is holding its first every Black History Month celebration. Opening celebration was on 2/5. Closing celebration coming up on 2/26. 13 classes of students at Monmouth Elementary 13 created art based on literature from black authors and poets. Their art is on display downtown in Monmouth.
- **Heather Pascoe:** Washer and dryer went out in the middle of lots of laundry. Attempted to fix. Got new ones and they work! Feeling self-sufficient!
- **Jack Elliott:** Given of an offer from OR Health Authority. Excited for this new role but also sad to be leaving this network of folks and will miss working directly with clients in the community. Last day in current role is 2/3. (We will miss Jack!)
- **Carla Munns:** Recent meeting with Fostering Hope Initiative, through Catholic Community Services. Neighborhood based approach to wrap around supports. Last year, 38% of those who were homeless when they came in are now housed.
- **Alberto Maldonado.** Will open the drop again on 2/28.
- **Matt Rasmussen:**
  - Name changed to Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program.
  - Hiring a second person to be a part of the program. The application deadline is Monday.
  - Taking youth input seriously. Youth will participate as interviewers on a panel. Normally do interview 9-5 but scheduling interviews in hours when youth can participate.
  - Direct Cash Transfer Pilot. Trying to work with Point Source Youth who has done direct cash transfer. Pilot will be in one urban area and one rural area and will be a quick turn around.
- **Julie Conn Johnson:** Has had some staff changes and is excited to report that the team is full again. They have an advocate assigned to each school system. Also, the kick-off for a Thousand Soles will happen this week via zoom.

- **Brenden Wolke:** From Crossroads Communities in Lebanon. Has someone on site that suffered a head injury and has struggled with mental health issues, hasn't been able to hold down a place for himself for more than 50 days in the last 5 years. He's been here since September.
- **Lexi Meyer:** Recently connected with local laundromat so can offer cards.

#### **B. Committee Administration (Led by Shanta Frisbee)**

January Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Jack Elliott, second by Carla Munns. Approved unanimously.

Code of Conduct Forms: thanks to those who submitted to Marianne

#### **C. System Updates (Led by Tricia Frizzell with input from Matt Rasmussen)**

Statewide Host Home grant now open

CASA runs the safe families now. Silverton's McKinney-Ventos have been doing an informal host home. Grande Ronde also has done some work. Anyone who has done this type of work, if they are remotely connected formally or informally, they should apply. Flexible. If you work with some that "kind of do it" we "pair up youth with their chosen family" that's enough. Pass the opportunity on!

State website for the Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program (YEHP). Host Homes funding opportunity is listed under "provider resources and funding opportunities"  
<https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/CHILDREN/Homeless-Youth/Pages/index.aspx>

Name change to Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program in the State's youth program within ODHS Self Sufficiency. So cool and monumental!

Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program Coordinator position posted @ ODHS.

OHCS investing \$3 million into youth homelessness

Great to see the budget increasing here.

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Youth Rental Assistance pilot seeking feedback

Also with OHCS for long-term rental assistance. They're doing a great job but youth is not their world. Feedback from youth focus will be valuable for them. They are thirsty and willing to have feedback from youth and providers. We have invited them to come to one of these meetings.

State officially forming a statewide Youth Action Board

Exciting!

Youth bills in legislative process to follow: HB4013 & SB1539

Multiple bills that impact the work that we do. These two specifically. Would be great to educate the community about. Getting more \$ in the system. Continue to invest.

SB1539: Give \$ to McKinney-Vento liaisons that they could give directly to families.  
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2022R1/Measures/Overview/SB1539>

HB4013: Additional funding for current providers or those that want to partner but haven't traditionally done the services. The idea is to get \$ into areas that are traditionally resource scarce (Polk, Woodburn, canyon, etc.)  
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2022R1/Measures/Overview/HB4013>

#### **D. YHDP Workshop (Led by Marianne Bradshaw)**

##### Acronyms/Definitions

Started with acronyms/definitions list for 2021 CoC Strategic Plan. On a Google doc, the group listed other acronyms and definition they recommended should be added. Mostly youth-focused terms and also DEI-focused. This list was submitted to the CoC.

##### Goals/Objectives/Action Steps

Coordinated Community Plan includes a section for Goals/Objectives/Action Steps. Looked at a Google Doc that listed all the goals and gave YYA Subcommittee members the opportunity to add objectives and action steps.

#### **E. Follow Up Tasks / Recap / Closing**

- Next Meeting: Fri 3/18 9:30-11:00

**Shanta Frisbee**