Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

Youth and Young Adult Subcommittee Meeting

Friday, March 19, 2021 I 9:30am - 11am

ZOOM: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88380935385

MINUTES

A. Welcome and Introductions

Tricia welcomed attendees and introductions were made over Zoom.

B. Committee Administration

⇒ Jack made motion to approve January Meeting Minutes. Shanta seconded the motion. Motion approved with no objection.

C. Collective Goal Focus

GOAL 1: Youth-Focused Coordinated Entry System

⇒ HOST officially manages Youth Coordinated Entry List

- HOST has committed to taking lead on managing the Youth Coordinated Entry System and list of names, cleaning up the list for appropriateness and providing outreach and follow up with youth on the list:
  1. 53 youth from the Youth CE list were provided to HOST outreach team
  2. Any youth under the age of 25
  3. HOST noticed errors and began scrubbing the list for quality and accuracy
  4. Provide outreach to those on the list and refer to wraparound services and supports
- Forms now available for agencies interested in being an access point for Coordinated Entry (adult system)—Tricia will post on Basecamp
- SHA can provide support to HOST for TAY Coordinated Entry, but can not be a Coordinated Entry access point at this time

GOAL 5: Advocate Funding Decisions for Youth Homelessness

⇒ Options to meaningfully include youth into this sub-committee:

- Salem-Keizer school district is currently conducting panoramic surveys with students that cover many topics of interest to this group
  1. QR codes are displayed all around schools that link phones to the survey
  2. Increases communication for students to report concerns
  3. May have a system developed to survey youth in the future
- Alberto, Youth ERA, gave an update about the efforts to connect with youth that were previously engaged but have been inactive since COVID started. Starting to seek out those who have dropped off and check in on where they are staying. Many youth shared that they reunified with estranged families. Peer youth engaged with Youth ERA are conducting outreach to those still inactive and to check in, allowing youth to provide peer support to each other and move some into an advocacy role.

- HOME has funds available to support youth in becoming involved and engaged with this subcommittee. Ideas include: inviting youth to standing YYA meeting, scheduling another youth-friendly time/dates for a separate forum, high school after school "club", outside of school setting to garner trust, etc.
- Revisit next month more in context of next steps

GOAL 2: Expand Youth Outreach

⇒ Discussed potential to combine street outreach efforts and events between partners

- **HOME** contact Hailey at 971-304-8023 or hailey.hulsey@mwvcaa.org
- **HOST** contact Lexie at lmeyer@nwhumanservices.org or 503-588-5825
- **Youth ERA** contact Alberto at amaldonado@youthera.org or (458)210-8641

GOAL 4: Improve Local Youth Data

⇒ Statewide Youth Assessment is seeking engagement from youth with lived experience; funding allocated locally to incentivize youth to participate—contact Matt or Tricia for more information and referrals.

D. Partner and Agency Updates

⇒ Jesse and Sofie have been very engaged in advocating for youth and young adults experiencing homelessness; have been facilitating letters of support for legislative bills

⇒ Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) committee updated the universal ROI and had the document translated into five different languages

⇒ CoC Voices of Lived Experience subcommittee meeting is scheduled for March 29th at 1pm

⇒ Student Resource Officer partnership with SKSD was discontinued for the upcoming year; looking for new ways to engage with youth and promote positive relationships with law enforcement

⇒ HOME committed to increasing partnership with law enforcement to improve relationship between youth and law enforcement.

⇒ HOST has beds available for its transitional program

⇒ HOST will begin renovation to drop center soon

⇒ City of Salem is elevating youth services and positive changes are coming

Meeting adjourned.