Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

Youth and Young Adult Subcommittee Meeting

Friday, May 21, 2021 I 9:30am - 11am

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

AGENDA

A. Welcome – Carla Munns, MWVHA staff, welcomed attendees.

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

- **Laurie Shaw Casarez, City of Salem**: Laurie's position, along with the neighborhood association role, is moving into the City Manager's office, allowing for youth focus to me more integrated at top levels of leadership.
- **Alberto Maldonado, Youth ERA**: Two youth reconnected with parents or a natural support home, another youth found a safe place to live and has now secured a job working!
- **Matt Rasmussen, ODHS**: The first annual Rural Homeless Youth symposium was held and very well attended. The state assessment has begun and had high regional participation from Marion and Polk counties—data for our region is slated to be available soon.
- **Jesse Lippold Peone**, **SKSD School Board**: the school district has been working to secure funding to support an expansion of the McKinney-Vento Program by hiring four more advocates; seeking opportunities to investigate why homeless youth in the district experience disparities in graduating.
- **Shanta Frisbee, HOST program**: a 3rd generation homeless girl became pregnant and had to leave HOST program to be supported by Family Promise and St. Francis Shelter—she now has stable housing, stable job, 1-year old child, etc. and is doing great!
- **Heather Pascoe, Pacificsource System of Care Coordinator**: transitioning into more social determinants of health than just behavioral health: housing has been a barrier so launching into more integration with SDoH.
- **Hailey, HOME**: a youth requested Hailey connect with her family and building family back together for one of the youth!
- **Teresa Warnock, Pacificsource Behavioral Health Performance Coach**: joined meeting today for the first time!

C. Committee Administration

⇒ Hailey made motion to approve April Meeting Minutes, Shanta seconded the motion (with Alberto)—motion passes unanimously.

D. Collective Goal Focus

GOAL 5: Advocate Funding Decisions for Youth Homelessness

⇒ Youth Advisory Board update from May's meeting:

- Hailey and Jesse convened approximately 10 youth to convene 2x per month, likely Ike Box, for youth with lived experience—met once and have meeting later today
- Laying foundation for what want to do and how to do it; tailoring current models to this group
- Youngest is 12, oldest 17 years old
- State is looking to create a statewide youth action board, bring one or two youth from each action board to create a statewide board—funding available for participants

⇒ Oregon Community Foundation has grants available for K-12 students for summer programs and activities.

- Jesse noted students need transportation costs, or part-time employee for summer to help students opt-in to summer school programs which will help keep students engaged and improve student achievement
- Willamette Art Center recently offered at-risk youth a private session for HOST clients that was very successful
- Jesse is going to inquire with Grand Ronde to see what their programs are that support youth
- Alberto noted a group of youth are gathering with the System of Care to discuss experiences and potentially, needs

⇒ Youth or former foster care youth: funding opportunity available for those who have been negatively impacted by COVID (any youth up to age 26 years)

GOAL 4: Improve Local Youth Data

⇒ Statewide Youth Assessment Update- preliminary data will be available soon for Mid-Willamette Valley; each region is on their own level of completeness.

GOAL 3: Establish Host Homes

⇒ HB 2544 is currently in Ways and Means, if awarded, half of funding allocated to establishing statewide Host Home program and DHS would have funding to hire a second staff for program.

GOAL 1: Youth-Focused Coordinated Entry System

⇒ Implementation updates of TAY VI-SPDAT from HOST

- HOST is scheduling training for HMIS, has user agreements in place, MOU in process, working toward being an official access point for Coordinated Entry
- HOST contacted those on the youth list (53 youth on list) and provided outreach using the list to initiate contact, approx. 5-10 have come in for the first time since the youth tool launched

GOAL 2: Expand Youth Outreach

⇒ Explore combined street outreach events between partners

- HOST resource center and dorms are moving locations and a grand re-opening is being planned for late summer
- HOST is celebrating 40 years this year and is looking into planning events to celebrate

E. Partner and Agency Updates

⇒ The HOST resource center is open from 9am-2pm five days a week for youth; HOST has a transitional living program with 12 beds for transitional aged youth (18-24 years old); HOST has two housing units for youth to occupy and gain rental history, housing, stability, etc.

F. Follow Up Tasks

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