Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

Youth and Young Adult Subcommittee Meeting

Friday, June 18, 2021 I 9:30am - 11am

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

AGENDA

A. Welcome

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

- **Tricia Frizzell:** Tricia gave Julie and Shanta kudos for partnership in helping a high-risk youth that has been 'high need' in the system for a long time and among all three programs; youth are hungry for in-person engagement right now especially since COVID which is allowing for more leadership and skill-building of the youth; Hailey was given kudos for providing service to a youth in the ED who specifically asked for Hailey and she stayed with her in the ED until 2am
- **Debbie Aguilar:** New chief has been in office for 6 months now and his vision for the department is being implemented; Debbie has moved into a new role as a Chief of Staff which is new for the department
- **Jesse Lippold-Peone:** Handed out diplomas at McKay and North High Schools- seeing kiddos overcome adverse circumstances and stories to graduate was inspiring; Jesse graduated! New email thejessepeone@gmail.com
- **Shanta Frisbee:** brand new Drop-In Center off Liberty Street should be constructed starting in August; one of the clients was accepted into YRAP after being in the program for a year; 10 clients for the moment and 7 open beds
- **Julie Conn-Johnson:** Students are positive about being back in school full time, people and students are re-engaging; MVP kiddos are graduating and getting back on track; been working to add staff to track graduation status and educational status and outcomes, hired in January (!!) so they will be up to speed by the fall to help kids succeed
- **Teresa Warnock, Pacificsource Behavioral Health:** Christina and herself have been working on a regional comprehensive health plan, conducted an environmental scan in the region helped identify how to be good partners in the region—will share when available and finalized
- **Heather Pascoe, Pacificsource System of Care:** A grant was awarded in full for engagement with youth from OHA, they doubled the amount of money requested! Launching a youth advisory council with Youth ERA, eight youth so far engaged for the council
- **Hailey Hulsey:** Youth Advisory Board started on Monday, eight of the nine attended, three more youth expressed interest in joining!
- **Matt Rasmussen:** moving forward with statewide youth action board starting in July (1-2 youth from each operational youth action boards throughout state)
- **Maddie Dohrer, HOME youth engagement specialist:** huge increase in youth engagement lately, major turnover from previous years which results in increased partnership and event opportunities

C. Committee Administration

⇒ Hailey made a motion to approve May Meeting Minutes. Shanta seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

D. Grand Ronde Youth Programs (summer and beyond): postponed to next month

E. Collective Goal Focus

GOAL 1: Youth-Focused Coordinated Entry System

⇒ Implementation updates of TAY VI-SPDAT from HOST
- New HMIS lead for the system
- HOST received HMIS password so working to input data into HMIS
- HOST and HOME looking to share an employee for cross-system collaboration and liaison for youth—new street outreach dollars from the CoC might make this possible sooner than later, hoping to have the individual join meeting next month

GOAL 4: Improve Local Youth Data

⇒ Progress toward state youth action board: Matt
- Three of five regions have completed the State Assessment;
- Mid-Valley region had some vocal young leaders that became traumatized from the process when discussing technical details like pathways, etc.
- Data for Marion/Polk- next two weeks data is being input into the system, then a two week turn-around (fingers crossed)

GOAL 5: Advocate Funding Decisions for Youth Homelessness

⇒ Marion/Polk Youth Advisory Board: Hailey and Jesse
- First meeting was Monday, kids led the layout of the meeting space and the discussion
- Kids were given a notebook/journal to cross communication styles
- One youth came from Woodburn, arranged a ride, arrived ready to end youth homelessness; youth were worried their feedback or thoughts were too negative or harsh; one youth is an unaccompanied mom with a one-month old baby that came with her to the meeting

⇒ Youth ERA and System of Care youth advisory group: Heather Pascoe and Alberto are creating a "council of youth advisors" meeting for the first time next week—still recruiting youth with broad experiences

⇒ Youth Homeless Demonstration Project—NOFO released, due July 27th, 2021—Major Discussion
- Twice the opportunity for funding now so revisiting the decision to apply or not apply
- Have two youth action boards starting up in the region so we are competitive, state and local partners have encouraged our CoC to reconsider applying—only one community in Oregon is funded (Clackamas)
- Jesse made a motion to apply, Shanta seconded the motion. Maddie noted YAB participants are already reflective of the youth population (pregnant, LGBTQ+, Hispanic, rural outreach). All attendees agreed—motion passes unanimously. Recommendation to apply for YHDP for Marion and Polk counties.

GOAL 3: Establish Host Homes

⇒ HB 2544: Homeless youth bill was scheduled for a committee meeting today at 1pm for 'capital construction'- the last hearing's amendment decreased the amount of funding; legislators did not support with a decreased amount (-$800k)
- **Current statewide budget is $1.8 million** (Washington invests over $33 million)

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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 of the Marion-Polk county region.
4. Improve local youth data, starting with the Point In Time (PIT) Count in January 2021.
5. Advocate for the use of and funding for evidence-based practices addressing youth homelessness.