

# Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

## Youth and Young Adult Subcommittee Meeting

Friday, July 16, 2021 | 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:** July 1<sup>st</sup> marked start of Taylor’s House overnights; Tricia gave kudos to Julie Conn-Johnson for providing some preliminary number of 85 unaccompanied youth for SKSD 2020-21 school year; kudos to Laurel for securing \$75k to engage at-risk and homeless youth with STEM activities!
  - **Jack Hibbner:** newly hired; ordered a 3D printer right away; connected with volunteers willing to help train and monitor utilization
  - **Madeline:** joined the meeting for first time after being hired recently as youth engagement support; the YAB has the highest and most consistent participation of youth than she’s ever seen!
  - **Alberto Maldonado, [amaldonado@youthera.org](mailto:amaldonado@youthera.org); (458)210-8641 mobile:** 13 youth have already signed up for advisory council! Youth are enthusiastic about barrier-busting and improvements; partnership with Salem Art Association led to donations and offering art events for youth, artists are onsite and mentoring youth—offering art events on the last Wednesday of each month—food and drinks provided.
  - **Jack Elliott:** HRAP outreach staff doubled in size after adding 3 new outreach managers via ESG-CV2 grant—one staff is a HRAP graduate and can offer peer support; received \$5k bump in budget to offset shortfalls, feeling fortunate!
  - **Laurel Dixon:** CAA and Home Youth Services received grant from OCF to conduct summer programs to close opportunity gap and support youth—kudos to Tricia for her help in making this possible!
  - **Hailey Hulsey:** “Backbone” is name for Youth Action Board- 16 different youth are attending! The group has been excited, engaged, and is providing meaningful information; Hailey received \$17k for the YAB from Capital Auto! A tattoo artist donated their time to draft a logo for YAB—Hailey is surprising YAB at the next meeting! Hailey gave kudos to Tricia for being the best boss.
  - **Matt Rasmussen:** HB 2544 passed! Adds \$3.6 million to the budget, half of funds are slated for piloting a HOST Home program but only for those programs that existed before January 2021—first increase in budget since 2015 for youth homelessness.
  - **Laurie Shaw Casarez:** her position is now located in City Manager’s office to assist in prioritizing youth homelessness; 1000 Soles initiative will be in operation this fall again.
  - **Laura Reid:** kudos to everyone for all the efforts and advancements in youth and young adult homelessness.
  - **Lexi Meyer:** HOST youth engagement; facilities crew began construction on new Drop In facility; two clients went out to wildfires to help fight fires,
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- **Teresa Warnock:** PacificSource completed an environmental scan with the Community Health Improvement Plan, the environmental scan was informative and highlighted the impressive efforts going on in the community—high-level summary will be available to community partners
  - **Heather Pascoe:** major success with launching the youth advisory board with Youth ERA.
  - **Jill Sorenson:** Fostering Hope Initiative will share partner spotlight information at an upcoming meeting.
  - **Carla Munns,** MWA Staff

### C. Committee Administration

⇒ Jack made motion to approve the June Meeting Minutes. Hailey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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### D. Collective Goal Focus

#### **GOAL 5: Advocate Funding Decisions for Youth Homelessness**

- ⇒ **Youth and Young Adult Action Board:** CoC Board approved the Youth Action Board as an official committee of the CoC, integrating youth voices into leadership decisions at the board level.
- ⇒ **Youth ERA and System of Care youth advisory council:** Alberto and Heather partnered to create a weekly Zoom meeting with youth, where an outreach team member onboards new members in a breakout room and identifies which branch of the youth council would be of interest and meaningful for them to engage with; council meetings will be in person soon, as well at the Drop; portion of a PacificSource grant is utilized to support this council and offering participation “points” that can be redeemed at downtown businesses. Laurie commented: “Thanks for starting this up, Alberto. The peer-to-peer component is amazing.” Downtown business partnerships are being strengthened. Tricia mentioned the opportunity to share a press release and promote the partnership, engagement, and youth support.
- ⇒ **Youth Homeless Demonstration Project—NOFO released, due July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
Members discussed questions and provided feedback to questions on the NOFO for integration into the community’s application.

### E. Follow Up Tasks

Carla will create and send survey with YHDP questions for additional input.  
Tricia adjourned the meeting at 11:05am.

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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.