

Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

Youth and Young Adult Subcommittee Meeting

Friday, August 20, 2021 | 9:30am - 11am

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

AGENDA

- A. Introductions and Win Wall!** Share a “win” (or two) of successes, kudos, and/or partner spotlights
- Tricia Frizzell, Home Youth Program Director: kudos to the great work of HOME Youth Staff
 - Laura Reid, Keizer City Councilor: attended a diversity, equity, and inclusion
 - Deroll Barrett, Chemeketa Job Corps Scholars Program: deroll.barrett@chemeketa.edu, 503-399-6546
 - Heidi Walker, Safety Compass: now has an office in Woodburn that can be used for in-person meetings
 - Kloi Spencer, Backbone Youth Action Board
 - Jill Sorenson, Fostering Hope Initiative: onboarded staff to assist those living in affordable housing, Church @ the Park is now on campus at the Seymour Center which is great for collaboration and partnership
 - Melanie Prentice, Marion County Juvenile Justice: employees wore masks without complaints, healthy and well staff and youth
 - Carla Munns, MWVHA staff contractor: YHDP application was submitted; the YAB was
 - Hailey Hulsey, Home Youth Services: proud of the leadership Kloi is providing to youth experiencing homelessness
 - Lexi Meyer, Host: Host is now an official Coordinated Entry Assessment site!
 - Teresa Warnock, Pacificsource: attended System of Care Youth Advisory Council
 - Laurie Shaw Casarez
 - Matt Rasmussen
 - YHDP application submitted!
- B. Committee Administration**
- ⇒ Hailey made a motion to approve July Meeting Minutes. Laurie seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.
- C. Fostering Hope Initiative – Partner Spotlight: Jill**
- Fostering Hope Initiative is in eight distressed neighborhoods
 - 11 community health workers, all bilingual, primarily English-Spanish, one is English-Chuukese
 - Community Health Workers work alongside families, in partnership with elementary school catchment areas, to help with resource navigation, assistance where needed, barrier-bust, etc.
 - FHI does take families that may or may not be in a FHI neighborhood, homeless families may not have a core neighborhood. Seeking funding to allow it to happen more frequently and/or expand
 - Community Based Organization that provides quarantine support and wrap services to facilitate those to stay home, provide PPE, etc.
 - Meeting will be scheduled with run reports, Home, and FHI to provide coordinated care
 - Priority populations are pregnant and new parents
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D. Youth and Young Adult Collective Goal Focus

GOAL 5: Advocate Funding Decisions for Youth Homelessness

- ⇒ Youth and Young Adult Action Board: Hailey noted each YAB meeting draws in 9-17 youth, picked a logo for Backbone that was created by a tattoo artist, working on applications because so many youth are trying to participate in YAB, YAB has been working on grant writing skills, etc.
- ⇒ Laurie is working on creating a press release to highlight the welcome the community has been of embracing youth in decision making
- ⇒ Youth ERA and System of Care youth advisory group: Teresa shared the group has met and begun discussing barriers and the data dashboard at data that is available

GOAL 3: Establish Host Homes

- ⇒ HB 2544: Matt shared a presentation that highlighted the state-approved allocation of \$3.4million in funding for youth homelessness
 - In comparison, the previous budget for biennium was \$3.14m
 - See the slides for dates
- ⇒ State will be hoping to get feedback from homeless youth about Host Home experiences
- ⇒ HOME is open to discussing sub grants if organizations are interested
 - Need to connect by mid-September to chat
 - HOME and Youth ERA are eligible for these funds from Matt/ODHS

GOAL 4: Improve Local Youth Data

GOAL 1: Youth-Focused Coordinated Entry System

- ⇒ Tricia briefly introduced the 2018 Youth Systems Map and discussed the need for agencies to review and come prepared with updates for the September meeting

GOAL 2: Expand Youth Outreach

- ⇒ Marion-Polk teachers' resource kit—please send Tricia materials to include in the kits

E. Partner and Agency Updates

F. Follow Up Tasks

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YYA Subcommittee 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.

2021 Youth -Focused Tasks in the Alliance Strategic Plan

- 8.2.1. Increase youth shelter beds in Marion County; and develop shelter beds in Polk County
- 8.2.2. Initiate conversations with McKinney-Vento Liaisons from school districts within Marion and Polk counties to help address barriers that homeless children and youth face
- 8.2.3. Explore creating a homeless youth continuum like the one in Portland for the Salem-Keizer area
- 8.2.4. Secure resources to develop a community plan to address youth homelessness
- 8.2.5. Implement collaborative case conferencing for youth.
- 8.2.6. Advance the goals of Youth and Young Adults Subcommittee:
 - Develop a Coordinated Entry System for youth that blends into the system for adults
 - Expand street-level and other forms of community outreach to better engage youth experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness
 - Establish a “Host Home” program that fits the needs in communities in the Marion-Polk region
 - Improve local youth data, starting with the Point-In-Time (PIT) Count in January 2020
 - Advocate for the use of and funding for evidence-based practices addressing youth homelessness