Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

Youth and Young Adult Subcommittee Meeting

Friday, September 17, 2021 I 9:30am - 11am

MEETING MINUTES

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

- **Tricia Frizzell**- Kudos to Laurie Shaw for continuing conversations about how to improve resources and advocate for youth in the City Manager's office
- **Jack Elliott**- grateful for first responders, especially those addressing South Salem fires, and the SHA outreach team for continuing outreach under difficult circumstances
- **Matt Rasmussen**- upcoming symposium late October for final results of Statewide Assessment
- **Laurie Shaw Casarez**- a client of 12 months moved into own apartment and into independent living
- **Carla Munns**- youth getting up to speed quickly and participating in the YHDP grant—couldn't have gotten the grant without their input and dedication
- **Deroll Berrett**- kudos to Laurie for getting City of Salem to sign an MOU with Chemeketa Community College Job Corps Program
- **Alberto Maldonado**- kudos to the successful coordination between Marion and Polk counties; Youth ERA launched a community event with Salem Art Association—helpful to see community come together for youth empowerment
- **Laurel Dixon**- kudos to first responders and nurses supporting the general surge
- **Shanta Frisbee**- kudos for youth coming to HOST to get assessed and into CE
- **Madeline Dohrer**- kudos to Deroll for sharing resources that are available to youth
- **Carol McKiel,** Monmouth City Councilor- Monmouth's first Hispanic Heritage month event was a success; story times in the park events; migrant families have been interviewed and their stories will be displayed at WOU
- **Jill Sorenson**
- **Julie Conn-Johnson-** youth are back in-person school; MVP enrollment is similar to pre-Covid years
- **Lexi Meyer**
- **Heather Pascoe-** Kudos to System of Care partners and providers coming together and watching care coordinate for members

YYA Core Team Members

Tricia Frizzell, Chair, MWVCAA HOME Youth Svcs	x	**Jack Elliott**, Salem Housing Authority	x
Julie Conn-Johnson, SKSD MVP Program	x	**Matt Rasmussen**, ODSS	x
Shanta Frisbee, NWHS-HOST	x	**Laurel Dixon**, MWVCAA	x
Hailey Hulsey, MWVCAA HOME Youth Services	x	**Jill Sorenson**, Fostering Hope Initiative	x
Madeline Dohrer, MWVCAA HOME Youth Services	x	**Deroll Berrett**, Chemeketa Job Corps	x
Laurie Shaw Casarez, City of Salem	x		
Debbie Aguilar, Salem Police Department		**Staff:**	
Alberto Maldonado, Youth ERA	x	**Carla Munns,** Consultant MWVHA	X
Guests			
Carol McKiel, City of Monmouth			

B. Committee Administration

- Jack made a motion to approve the August Meeting Minutes. Alberto seconded the minutes. Motion passes unanimously.

C. Youth and Young Adult Collective Goal Focus

GOAL 5: Advocate Funding Decisions for Youth Homelessness

⇒ Youth Homeless Demonstration Project – Tricia provided an overview of the recent $3.7m grant award from HUD to the CoC as a selected YHDP community. The first six months of the award, HUD is providing extensive technical assistance to selected communities to create a Coordinated Community Plan (CCP). The subcommittee agreed to work together on creating the plan and moving YHDP work forward for Marion and Polk counties to end and prevent youth homelessness.

⇒ **Youth and Young Adult Action Board** – Zoom link is now available so the public and members unable to attend in person, can more easily "attend" meetings; Backbone is finalizing an application for interested youth wishing to join Backbone that will advance to the CoC board for approval. Working on coordinating schedules to meet with Mayor Bennett

⇒ **Youth Feedback:** answers to YHDP questions are available on Basecamp

- Broken out by age group (youth and TAY)
- Laurie reviewed the youth and TAY responses, which have now been used to advocate with City leadership and planning efforts
  - Integrated feedback into plans to inform the City on services and safety needs
  - City plans for the navigation center have changed because of youth feedback, the City is now planning to have a designated space solely for TAY
  - The City of Salem is requesting a conversation with the youth to dive deeper into questions related to a) park closures and where to go; b) identifying where the City failed in coordinating park closures and resources so youth aren't left out of safe camping places; c) understand where youth would like to stay/live/camp for transitional living; d) how to implement safe camping before the cold weather comes in; e) how to create safe spaces for youth inside warming centers (corner, area, location, specific managed camp for youth/TAY)
- **Next month:** discuss how to have better outreach to reach the needs for youth and TAY; how to partner with traditional adult outreach workers to help with youth outreach, when the youth outreach workers are not on the streets
- The subcommittee request Youth ERA's advisory council answer the same questions

⇒ **Youth ERA and System of Care youth advisory group**—youth on the council have lived experience with both the foster care system and/or homelessness; the council is focused on providing feedback regarding how to make systems better for youth, primarily focused on the children's System of Care; the council is experiencing problem solving with their peers; council meets each week

GOAL 3: Establish Host Homes

⇒ HB 2544 Update: the state budget was $3.1m per biennium previously for youth homelessness prior to this bill; the bill extends state investment of additional $3.6m –the Host Home program will likely bring on a new employee to manage and assist specifically with Host Home programs

GOAL 2: Expand Youth Outreach

⇒ Marion-Polk teachers' resource kit—Tricia requested last minute materials to include as they are going out in the next couple of weeks; volunteers to deliver kits are needed

D. Partner and Agency Updates

E. 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.