Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

Youth and Young Adults Subcommittee Meeting

Friday, May 20, 2022 9:30am – 11:00am

ZOOM: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83812935831?pwd=T2NIWnBrekF3RXI3a2tUTWQ4cjZ6UT09

Minutes approved

A. Introductions and Win Wall! **Marianne Bradshaw**

Share a "win" (or two) of successes, kudos, and/or partner spotlights

- **Marianne Bradshaw**: Inspired by Backbone members who are growing in their advocacy and leadership
- **Carol McKiel**: 2nd Annual Pride Celebration on June 4. Will begin at 11:30 on Main Street. Last year did a picnic in the park but was on the hottest day of the year. Out of those who showed up, we put together the planning committee for this year. Invited downtown business in Monmouth to participate by putting up Pride flags. We thought we'd have 4 or 5. We have 21 businesses who have agreed to put up Pride flags on 6/4.
- **Heather Pascoe**: Pursuing a Lean Certificate. Secured a mentor this week. Will do a project and get certified.
- **Deroll Barrett**: Job Corp Scholars for Chemeketa. Added two staff recently. Please invite to your events and activities. Scholarships are available and actively recruiting students.
- **Allan Rainwater**, Marion County Crisis Center: Marion County Kid Crisis Work. Reflecting on recent events in the news highlights how lucky we are with the program we have. Willamette Valley Student Threat Assessment Team is doing great work. It's a nationally known program. It doesn't just assess student. Puts things in place to mitigate.They are breaking down silos and following up.
- **Julie Conn-Johnson**: Finally finished writing my sub grant to get into ODE. In the midst of subbing and following program and everything else in schools right now. Next week, I get to host a McKinney-Vento Liaisons meeting in person for the first time in over two years! In the same room at the same time.
- **Alisa Tobin**. Personal note – got social work practice license in Feb. Started some on call work, started training this week for an on-call therapist position. Taking space to breathe.
- **Lexi Meyer**. Just completed remaining training of outreach training. 32 hours all together. Last month a week straight with 2-hour sessions per day. This week more 2-hour sessions. Learned a lot! Plan to bring info to outreach team. Shared about Backbone.
- **Patrick McDermott**. One client recently participated as a panelist at Oregon Alliance summit. Exciting to see clients' growth.

B. Committee Administration **Alisa Tobin**

- Approve April Meeting Minutes

Carol McKiel moved to approve, Julie Conn Johnson seconded. Unanimously approved.

C. 2022 PIT Count Data **Marianne Bradshaw**

Marianne used these slides to share information and invite input/discussion: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1OBH0jBZAaiBTGJF28kSKkUGwUXYHtQEBJlQqf8vrENg/edit?usp=sharing

Lexi participated in the 2022 PIT Count and shared some thoughts from her experience. The planning this year was really good. Patrick asked (on slide 12), where sleeping in a parking garage would be counted. Carol asked if we could see the data broken out for Monmouth/Independence. Alisa wondered if the interview itself could be made more youth friendly. She mentioned there's been an idea to explore using an app to do coordinated entry for YYAs and wondered if something like that could be explored and potentially developed for PIT Count. We used a Google Form this year and the YYAs who used it seemed to like it.

The group discussed what may contributed to the YYA undercount. Comments included:

- Couch surfing/doubling up does not "count"
- Timing of the count being in January – when the weather is cold and wet, YYAs are more likely to couch surf/double up
- YYAs may not want to be interviewed/counted

The group discussed ideas to increase count of YYAs in future PIT counts. Comments included:

- More volunteers, more locations
- YYAs to go out with volunteers
- Explore using an app for the interview

E. YHDP CCP Action Steps **Marianne Bradshaw**

The group looked at the 6 goals of the YYA. We chose to focus on 3 of them and talked about progress made in the past year, focus areas for the next year, and how the goals align with the Objectives/Goals/Action Steps from the CCP. We also discussed who among us would be a champion for specific goals.

Coordinated Entry: In 2021-22, considerations for the TAY population were included in the CE Manual. For 2022-23, we want to bring forward considerations for the Under 18 population.

Outreach: In 2021-22, HOME established a schedule with zones for outreach. This allows coordination among providers and consistency. Moving forward, we will continue to refine that coordination and also look at the guidelines and training material.

Youth Voice/Leadership: In 2021-22, Backbone was formed and it's been amazing to watch the YYAs embrace so many opportunities. Going forward, we'd like to support the YYAs in their advocacy. One idea is to give YAB leadership opportunities to get out into the community and speak. Carol offered to explore opportunities in Monmouth/Independence.

G. Follow Up Tasks / Recap / Closing **Alisa Tobin**

- Next Meeting: Fri 6/17 9:30-11:00