MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE

Youth & Young Adults Subcommittee

12/16/22 | 9:30 - 11:00 am

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AGENDA

1. **Introductions & Win Wall** — **Shanta Frisbee**

2. **Committee Administration** — **Shanta Frisbee**
   a. Minutes of 11/18/22 Meeting

3. **West Coast Convening (Youth PIT Count) Recap** — **Shanta Frisbee**

4. **Local YYA PIT Count Plans** — **Alisa Nelson**
   a. Reaching Youth and Young Adults
   b. Survey Tools
   c. Other

5. **Announcements / Other Business / Emerging Issues / Updates** — **Alisa Nelson**
   a. January 4th Safety Compass Training at West Salem Clinic
   b. Youth Summit
   c. Couch-surfing Campaign
   d. Other

6. **Next Steps** — **Alisa Nelson**
   a. 1/20/23 Meeting – Location and Agenda Topics
   b. 2023 Meeting Schedule
   c. 2023 Calendar Items

Youth & Young Adults Subcommittee – Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance (mwvhomelessalliance.org)

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YYA Subcommittee meets on the 3rd Fridays of the month
Even numbered months on Zoom / Odd numbered months in-person
Zoom Meeting Information
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81574442978?pwd=a1dacnU3SFZ0QUZTUTMwQWpPRzhjUT09
Meeting ID: 815 7444 2978 Passcode: 164243
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11/18/22 Draft Minutes

A. Introductions & Win Wall

Alisa (Tobin) Nelson, HOME
Ana Lopez, Church @ the Park
Bianca, Church @ the Park
Calvin Smith, Church @ the Park
Carol McKiel, City of Monmouth
Domonique G, Backbone
Esther Nelson-Garrett, Safety Compass
Gretchen Bennett, City of Salem
Heather Pascoe, Willamette Health Council
Julie Conn Johnson, Salem-Keizer Schools
Kat Fox, PacificSource
Laurie Shaw Casarez, City of Salem
Lexi Meyer, HOST
Lisa Trauernicht, CoC Staff Consultant
Marianne Bradshaw, CoC Staff Consultant
Matt Herbert, Church @ the Park
Sean Robertson, Church @ the Park
Shanta Frisbee, HOST
Theo G, Backbone

B. Committee Administration

Motion to approve the 10/21/22 meeting minutes was made by Alisa Nelson, seconded by Shanta Frisbee, and approved unanimously.

C. Announcements

Housing Status added to Human Rights Code in Salem - Gretchen Bennett

Gretchen shared that Housing Status has been added to the City of Salem's human rights code. City Council approved at their meeting on 10/24 and it will be effective 11/24. It expressly prohibits discrimination on the basis of housing status. She shared that this work originated several years ago when Marianne Bradshaw's Western Oregon Class was doing surveys for the City of Salem's Human Rights Commission about experiences of discrimination. They found that experiencing discrimination is nearly universal for the city's population who are experiencing homelessness.

Marianne shared that it was an eye-opening experience for students to sit and talk to Salem residents who are experiencing homelessness and hear them share how people yell at them or look at them in the grocery store. Many told students that they experience discrimination "every day." She expressed that it has been an honor to be a small part of the long and dedicated effort to bring this change to Salem's code. She also mentioned that most city and state codes do not include housing status and that thinks it exciting that Salem is at the forefront on this.

Gretchen thanked the YYA for welcoming her. She is working to get the word out about this change and has made similar announcements at Backbone and at the Collaborative Committee. She asked YYA members to please help get the word back to the Human Rights Commission when there are instances

of discrimination on the basis of housing status. They are looking to understand how and when this is happening, and they are equipped to help.

Website with contact info:
https://www.cityofsalem.net/government/equity-accessibility/human-rights-resources

PIT Count (1/24, 25, 28) - Lisa Trauernicht
PIT Count 2023 is coming! It's a really important time each year to gather data about homelessness in our counties. Shannon Corr and Danielle Bethell are the PIT Count Workgroup co-chairs. This will be a "all hands on deck" event. Lisa expressed that gathering input from the youth & young adult population requires a different approach and she is coming to YYA to ask for assistance.

Volunteers came forward to form a PIT YYA work group: Matt Herbert from Church @ the Park, Lexi Meyer from HOST. Alisa from HOME said they would participate, and she would get back to Lisa on who. Marianne Bradshaw asked about someone from Polk County and requested that she be included in the correspondence until a Polk County representative is identified.

Last year, a Google Form was put together with a link that could be sent directly to youth and young adults so that they could self-administer the PIT Count interview. And they could share the link with their friends. Responses were then manually entered into the Counting Us App. The question was raised if we will do that again. There is interest in an option like that and the PIT YYA work group will work on this. A comment was also made about asking Backbone members to go out with PIT Count Volunteers.

West Coast Convening is hosting a webinar about YYA efforts for PIT Count called "Youth Counts." It will be on Tuesday 12/13 at 1:00-2:00pm. YYA subcommittee members were encouraged to attend and to be active in the chat with questions and ideas. Here is the link to register:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUlfu-uqzwvHtUKmh9cIAmkTqeX1EEWUunZ

PIT Count will need lots of volunteers. There will be a web-based training to complete. Sign up here to volunteer:
https://mwvhomelessalliance.org/point-in-time-pit-count/

D. Coordinated Community Plan: Action Items Addressing Trafficking
Marianne introduced this portion of the meeting by referring to the Coordinated Community Plan. She indicated that there are several action items about trafficking. They are:

3.6.2 Train outreach workers on human trafficking so they can identify red flags and refer to services in a trauma-informed way
6.5.6 Identify/create a common screening tool for providers to use to identify survivors of sexual trafficking and exploitation and refer individuals to a confidential advocate
6.5.7 Identify additional ways to increase YYA access to trafficking support

YYA invited Esther Nelson-Garrett of Safety Compass to come today to help us develop an action plan and figure out how we can make progress on these action items.

esther@safetycompass.org
https://safetycompass.org/

Esther began by introducing herself and Safety Compass. Safety Compass extends hope and navigational support to survivors of commercial sexual exploitation. They have a 24-hour survivor support line.

A request was made for a one-pager about trafficking. A request was also made for stickers or other materials that can be distributed. A question was asked about where Safety Compass provides services. They are in Marion, Clackamas, and Washington counties but not currently in Polk County. Questions were asked about a screening tool. Esther explained that there is a screening tool that has been tested and is in use by Clackamas County law enforcement. There are other tools as well.

There was a request to do a training. It's one of our CCP action items and the group felt it is needed and a smart place to start. The first hour of the training will be "Trafficking 101." The second hour of the training will be more about screening—what to look for, what to ask and how to ask it. A suggestion was made that in follow up to the training, Safety Compass go out with the outreach teams to do some hands-on training and application. A request was also made that the training be offered both in-person and online to allow more school-based folks to participate.

Training will be:
Wednesday 1/4/23
12:30-2:30pm
In-person and on Zoom (link TBA)
In-person: Cascade Conference Room
Northwest Human Services Clinic in West Salem
1233 Edgewater St NW, Salem, OR

E. Follow Up Tasks/Recap/Closing

Alisa thanked Marianne for her work as staff support. Her contract concludes 11/30.
Next YYA Meeting: 12/16 9:30-11:00am on Zoom (look for a new link)
Training on Trafficking Awareness & Prevention: 1/4/23 12:30-2:30, in person and on Zoom