MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE

Youth & Young Adults Subcommittee

2/10/23 Minutes

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INTRODUCTIONS & WIN WALL

Shanta Frisbee opened the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves and shared their wins for the day:

- Alisa is at West Coast Convening but called in right before the meeting to say that was her win!
- The 2/1 Marion-Polk Youth and Family Summit included seven Backbone members on a young adult panel. Kloi also talked about YHDP in a table talk. Rave reviews!
- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde has placed their first 10 microshelters (2 beds each) and will be pacing another 15 for families (4 beds each). Ediger Hall being converted to a family shelter, with funding from United Way.
- Backbone presenting at a Polk County community information panel on 2/16.
- Added another member to the CATP outreach team!
- iLead conference happening Saturday, February 25. Broad planning committee, as well as a youth committee that drives 99% of what's happening. Anticipating about 125 at the new Epping Homestead Branch on Lancaster Dr. NE near Chemeketa Community College. Busses are picking up at all traditional SKSD high schools, and may also be able to send a bus to the North Marion area or Polk County if there are enough teens interested. Youth from Falls City to Silverton! Lots of different workshops!! Forward the attached flyer to anyone you can thing of.
- Safety Compass Summit went really well! Also just trained Stayton Police Department.
- Safety Compass opening a 24/7 reception center (the Northern Star) and starting with law enforcement referrals.
- New bilingual street outreach staff at Salem Housing Authority!
- CATP met with Stayton School District to share about the new resources & microshelter village for young adults.

- SKSD reported that they were about "on par" with identifying about the same number of homeless students as pre-COVID.

- HOST was invited and shared resource information with S. Salem AVID classes, including distributing the QR code to about 40 students.

COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATION

- Minutes from the 1/20/22 meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

- Shanta asked people to sign the annual Code of Conduct form (sent with the agenda) and send it to Jan this month.

PIT COUNT RECAP

The group discussed what went well and what could be improved. One thing that went well was having multiple gathering sites for volunteers instead of one central place.

The PIT Count Workgroup will be meeting in March to look at improvements for next year – planning to review with a 3-way lens of Urban, Rural, and Youth.

CCP ACTION ITEMS

1.2. 1 Review list of providers on Basecamp and identify additional providers to be added.

- Shanta noted that Basecamp has been re-activated. She reviewed the list and invited additional people to participate. Once you are on Basecamp, you can invite others, too. The goal is to start using the chat feature, as well as the document files.

2.3.3 Explore opportunities to expand the number of low-barrier YYA shelter beds.
Currently sharing openings each week with McKinney-Vento liaisons

- HOME and HOST are full right now. VOH is also full, but anticipating a few people will be moving to more stable locations.

- CATP is getting ready to open their Transitional Housing program on Turner Road, since it was determined that it's not in a wetland! Anticipate opening in March.

- HOME is in the process of purchasing a house to use for Transitional Housing in Monmouth.

6.5.2 Identify specific actions to strengthen the collaboration between providers and McKinney-Vento liaisons to maximize support for minor.

- SKSD AVID classes.

- Shanta suggested more communication and coordination about going to schools.

- Need to do some planning for the Back to School Nights. Looking at coordinating the distribution of pencil packs/QR Code with school events, such as Back to School nights, college/university open houses, and pre-graduation. Interested in preventing students from being homeless right after high school graduation.

- Suggestion to get on the agendas for school counselor meetings and participate in August in-service days.

- Jan will invite Willamette ESD to a YYA meeting to explore ideas.

- McKinney Vento Liaisons are feeling the "post-COVID slam." The State coordinator is having monthly meetings, but it's hard to get people to meet in person.

SPRING GATHERING TO UPDATE THE COORDINATED COMMUNITY PLAN TO END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

It's been nearly a year since the Community Plan (CCP) was first created in March 2022. People seem to know a lot about the federal grant that is funding four new projects, but don't really know that YHDP is about much more! More than 170 people helped put the original plan together, and now it seems time to bring everyone up to speed about what has been accomplished, and to think about priorities for the coming year.

The group was asked for thoughts about having such a gathering. Would it be valuable? Specific objectives? Who would participate? When and where? The same questions will be asked at the Backbone meeting next week.

Suggestion was made to put the idea out on Basecamp for feedback, too. Jan will incorporate Backbone's feedback when framing the question. More to come!

ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS / EMERGING ISSUES / UPDATES

- **iLead Summit** – February 25, 2023, 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (flyer attached)
- **Monthly Youth Outreach meetings** are held on the first Wednesday of the month at IKE Box in Salem, 9:00 a.m. Next meeting, March 1.
- **Polk County Youth Conference** – March 22 at Western Oregon University.

NEXT MEETINGS:

March 10, 10:00-11:30 a.m. in-person at CATP resource center, 2640 Portland Rd. NE in Salem.
April 14, 10:00-11:30 a.m. on Zoom (or in person?)