MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE

Youth & Young Adults Subcommittee

5/19/23 Minutes

PARTICIPANTS

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Claire Vogelsaug, Safety Compass
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INTRODUCTIONS & WIN WALL

Alisa Nelson opened the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves and shared their wins for the day.

COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATION

Lexi moved and Alisa seconded approval of the minutes of 4/14/23 meeting; approved by consensus.

OREGON ALLIANCE ANNUAL SUMMIT RECAP

Alisa reported on the uplifting focus on workforce and creating a safe and brave workspace. Singing and dancing – it was a really cool experience. Discussion about supporting young people with diverse gender identities was insightful.

Alexandra - Learned so much from the gender diversity panel. Singing was awkward at first, but unifying.

Shanta – Doernbecher presentation about working with gender non-conforming youth and how to affirm them. The example offered is to review all our forms and remove references to gender when it really isn't necessary.

Keynote spoke about the Surgeon General's report on workspace wellness.
https://www.hhs.gov/surgeongeneral/priorities/workplace-well-being/index.html

How people work together and where they place their values post-pandemic.

Performance evaluation tools, holistic wellness, value of mental health as much as physical health, emphasizing self-care plus team care equals a thriving workplace.

The Oregon Alliance does a lot of advocacy work – establishing voice and advocating for health and wellness. Home (oregonalliance.org)

The Oregon Alliance launched the Oregon Child and Family Center for Excellence – last year, with three purposes: workforce development, systems change, and quality improvement. Center for Excellence (oregonalliance.org)

CCP IMPLEMENTATION and YYA GOALS

Status Updates

- **TH in Polk County** – Alisa reported that Community Action has purchased the house and is starting renovation. Hope to start housing youth in the summer.
- **RRH –** Alisa said they already have 6-7 referrals right now, so they are starting to help young adults move into permanent housing. David will be connecting the HOME RRH program to the youth-focused CE work.
- **Youth-focused Coordinated Entry –** David reported on progress meeting partners, creating referral forms, getting Backbone's ideas for a youth-friendly name for an "assessor", finalizing job descriptions to recruit staff to conduct the youth-focused coordinated entry (assessors). Have reviewed the TAY-SPDAT with Backbone and received a few suggestions for changing some wording and where/if to include information about owing debt. Backbone members have been asked to complete the TAY-SPDAT and give feedback on the tool.
- **CATP Young Adult Village**
  Josh reported that they have all the city permits, now, and site work is scheduled to start June 5. They hope to start housing people by the end of June. Have hired most of the staff, with a couple positions still to hire. Doing training. Forming an advisory council.
- **2023 PIT Count**
  Jan shared data collected from unaccompanied minors and young adults showing that there were only 6 unaccompanied minors and 39 young adults counted.

Action Items

- **Voices of Youth Count – 1st week in October**
  Lexi reported she has already created a QR code to scan and complete the survey. Added the question about wanting someone to contact them with resources. Partners will be asked to get information out. Distribute information with pencil pouches, too. June 12 visiting Backbone to get their thoughts.
  July 14 YYA Subcommittee meeting will focus on this project.
- **Outreach**
  Decided to do pencil pouch packaging at the July 14 meeting. Bring 2,000 items of anything you want to share. Decided to do magnets with the QR code instead of buttons. Alisa revised the QR code to replace the HOME logo with "Youth Matter." Everyone liked it!
- **Board Presentation on Implementing the CCP**
  Jan shared a draft PowerPoint presentation and asked if the YYA Subcommittee would help present it to the Alliance board. Alisa and Shanta said they could do that at the July 13 board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **YYA Booth at the State Fair** – Alisa presented the idea to have agencies share a table.
- **August 24: HOST Parking Lot Party** for young adults. Will have a D.J., hot dogs, games, resource tables and give-away items. (11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)
- **November** – Runaway Prevention Month – planning a rally and resource fair.

NEXT MEETING:

June 9, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Hybrid – In person and on Zoom
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