MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE

Youth & Young Adults Subcommittee

October 13, 2023 | 10:00 - 11:30 am

Hybrid Mtg. - C@TP Resource Center - 2640 Portland Rd NE in Salem

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AGENDA

1. **Introductions and Win Wall** — **Alisa Nelson and Shanta Frisbee, Co-chairs**
2. **Minutes of 9/8/23 Meeting (pages 2-3)**
3. **Voices of Youth Count**
   a. Efforts & Activities
   b. Results
   c. Next Steps
4. **CoC MOU with ODE McKinney Vento Program (pages 4-5)**
5. **Runaway, Trafficked, and Homeless Youth Prevention Month**
6. **Information from Backbone Meetings**
7. **Review of Goals (page 6)**
   Maria Mendez, Second Home Program, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
8. **West Coast Convening – Who's Going?**
9. **Information/Topics for Other Alliance Groups**
   a. Backbone
   b. Collaborative Committee
   c. CoC Board
10. **Announcements**

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

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The purpose of the Youth and Young Adults (YYA) Subcommittee is to end homelessness for youth in Marion and Polk counties, using the following 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 in communities in the Marion-Polk region.*
4. *Improve local youth data, starting with the Point in Time (PIT) Count in January 2020.*
5. *Advocate for the use of and funding for evidence-based practices addressing youth homelessness.*
6. *Amplify and develop voices of youth & young adults with lived experience by creating opportunities to engage and cultivate leadership.*

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9/8/23 Minutes

PARTICIPANTS

Calvin Smith, Church @ the Park
Roy Rincon, Church @ the Park
Laurie Shaw-Casarez, City of Salem
David Peak, Community Action, Arches
Shanta Frisbee, HOST Program
Amanda Foster, HOST Program
Lexi Meyer, HOST Program
Alisa Nelson, HOME Youth Services
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Kira Hand, HOME Youth Services
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Kat Fox, PacificSource
Claire Vogelsaug, Safety Compass
Heather Pascoe, Willamette Health Council
Julie Conn-Johnson
Debbie_____
Cheryl_____
Dana_____
Jan Calvin, Homeless Alliance/CoC, Consultant

INTRODUCTIONS & WIN WALL

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

COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATION

Minutes of the August meeting approved by consensus.

YOUTH-FOCUSED COORDINATED ENTRY

David Peak reported that the tools and procedures are being finalized for the CE Assessors Academy. Piloting the first CE pull with HOST to check the process. David is reaching out to McKinney Vento Liaisons.

NATIONAL RUNAWAY, TRAFFICKED, AND HOMELESS YOUTH MONTH

Laurie Shaw-Casarez described plans for a November 6 proclamation by the Salem Mayor and a "flameless" candlelight vigil on the Capitol steps on 11/9 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a banner over Liberty Street near the main fire station 11/1-11 and the Salem railroad bridge will be lit with green lighting 11/16-17.

There was a request for the Homeless Alliance to complete the reservation form for the event at the Capitol, rather than one of the partners. There is no cost, and the State requests that any event anticipating more than 75 people complete a form. Jan expressed two concerns; the first was if the event was a Salem event or a Marion/Polk event, as the Alliance represents the entire region. Laurie

noted that the Salem proclamation can be shared with other cities and both counties. Someone in each jurisdiction would need to shepherd it through the respective processes. The group agreed that the connections exist for that to happen at the county level, at least for this year. The second concern was around liability for the event at the Capitol, as the Alliance's current insurance may not cover these types of activities. For example, adjustments to Alliance insurance coverage had to be made when it took on the PIT Count in 2023. If the YYA Subcommittee wants to make this (or similar events) activities of the Alliance, the board may need to provide direction or approval. The Alliance can promote the event and distribute the proclamation to the two counties and the cities throughout the region. Laurie will provide a copy once it has been finalized.

CCP IMPLEMENTATION AND YYA GOALS

- **Youth Shelter (ES) and Transitional Housing (TH)**
  CATP – Young Adults village (ES) opens September 18! They will fill vacancies using Coordinated Entry and their wait list.
  CAA – "Monmouth House" (TH) staff are doing training and reaching out to The Gate, the skatepark, handing our hygiene packs and gift cards, meeting with Corrine Symolon in Falls City for outreach. Securing furniture and working with volunteers from Willamette University and a church doing yardwork and setting up garden beds. They will decide the name for the house and set a date for an open house soon.

- **Partnerships with McKinney Vento Liaisons/Schools to Reach More Youth**
  All pencil pouches have been distributed!

- **Youth Data**
  Voices of Youth Count – Lexi shared the final survey plans and QR code. Outreach teams will provide whatever incentives they have to encourage participation. Agencies will have events during the week:
  Monday, 10/2 – HOME
  Wednesday, 10/4 – Coordinated Outreach
  Thursday, 10/5 – HOST
  Friday, 10/6 – Youth ERA

- **Updating the Coordinated Community Plan (CCP) to End Youth Homelessness**
  Alisa will meet with Backbone on 10/11 to confirm plans for the focus groups and which Backbone members will serve on the Core Team to do the planning for updating the CCP.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Punx in the Park at Marion Square Park in downtown Salem on September 16.
- New McKinney Vento Liaison hired for Salem/Keizer. Confirming new liaisons throughout Marion and Polk.
- Willamette Health Council conducting survey in English, Russian, Spanish, and Marshallese.

NEXT MEETING:

October 13, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Hybrid – In person and on Zoom
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN

THE MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE

AND THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, homelessness has reached a state of crisis in Marion and Polk counties; and

WHEREAS, inadequate income, lack of employment, and lack of education are well documented as contributing factors of people cycling in and out of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, people experiencing homelessness often find barriers to accessing education and training, such as lack of a permanent address, inability to maintain proper hygiene or nutrition, or physical or mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Education is the state educational agency (SEA) that works with local educational agencies and external community organizations to ensure that vulnerable children and youth receive the support they need to attain an education; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development created the Continuum of Care program in 1994 as a means for communities across the nation to engage in multi-year strategic planning for homeless programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as the Continuum of Care for the Marion-Polk county region; and

WHEREAS, through mutual planning and coordination, the parties can increase education opportunities for children and families experiencing homelessness in the Marion-Polk Continuum of Care region;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the parties to this Memorandum of Understanding agree to work together to achieve mutual goals, objectives, and strategies that prevent and end homelessness for children and families living in Marion and Polk counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the parties to this Memorandum of Understanding agree to work collaboratively to perform the following tasks during the duration of this agreement.

1. Increase awareness of the needs of homeless children and youths so that programs and agencies can expand and/or customize their services.

2. Coordinate services for efficient use of resources for a comprehensive approach to serving homeless children and youths, and their families.

3. Align policies and practices to remove barriers to services across programs and agencies.

4. Expand resources for homeless children, youths, and their families.

5. Build strong cross-agency advocacy and policy initiatives to develop an integrated system of services.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT: This agreement shall commence upon signature, remain valid through June 30, 2028, and be eligible for renewal for successive five-year terms. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties.

The parties hereby execute this **Memorandum of Understanding** by the signatures of their authorized representatives.

ORS 190 Entity, Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance

_____ Date _____

Jeremy Gordon, President, Board of Directors

Oregon Department of Education

_____ Date: _____

Name and Title

YYA Subcommittee CCP Items	Objectives
YYA Subcommittee Lead on CCP 1	
Review list of providers on Basecamp and identify additional providers to be added	*(done)*
YYA Subcommittee Lead on CCP 2	
Explore opportunities to expand the number of low-barrier YYA shelter beds	*Explore collaborations to co-locate YA services with adult shelters*
YYA Subcommittee Lead on CCP 3	
Identify specific actions to strengthen the collaboration between providers and McKinney-Vento liaisons to maximize support for minors	
YYA Subcommittee Lead on CCP 4	
Participate in updating the Coordinated Community Plan to End Youth Homelessness (CCP)	
YYA Subcommittee Goals	**Objectives**
YYA Subcommittee Goal 1	
Develop a Coordinated Entry System for youth that blends into the system for adults.	*[change goal, based on current developments]*
YYA Subcommittee Goal 2	
Expand street-level and other forms of community outreach to better engage youth experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.	*Expand Street-level outreach to better engage YYAs*
	Expand other forms of community outreach to better engage YYAs
YYA Subcommittee Goal 3	
Establish a Host Home program that fits the needs in communities in the Marion-Polk region	*Share information about things to consider when deciding to open your home to a young person who is not a relative*
YYA Subcommittee Goal 4	
Improve local youth data, starting with the Point in Time (PIT) Count	*Improve local youth PIT Count data*
	Improve other local youth data
YYA Subcommittee Goal 5	
Advocate for the use of and funding for evidence-based practices addressing youth homelessness.	*Share best practice information among YYA providers*
	Study/share information from National Network for Youth
YYA Subcommittee Goal 6	
Amplify and develop voices of youth & young adults with lived experience by creating opportunities to engage and cultivate leadership	*Create opportunities for YYAs to engage and cultivate leadership*
	Promote opportunities for YYAs to engage and cultivate leadership

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Robert Stormo, Job Corps
Kat Fox, PacificSource
Marianne Bradshaw, Polk County
Heather Pascoe, Willamette Health Council
Maria Mendez, Second Home Program, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
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INTRODUCTIONS & WIN WALL

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COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATION

Lexi motioned and Kat seconded approval of the 9/8/23 minutes; approved by consensus.

VOICES OF YOUTH COUNT

Lexi reported that, as of this morning, only 6 responses on Google form and no paper forms.
Ages 23, 19 (2), and 13–14-year-olds (4). Half enrolled in school, half not. Lexi and Marianne working on getting the survey circulated in Polk County. Problem-solving about versions in different languages. Lexi has translated survey to Spanish on hard copy. Marianne suggested a certain online survey tool for next year that has a language toggle feature.

CATP outreach team and Young Adult Village have received the survey tool, as has Salem Housing Authority's outreach staff. Central High School McKinney Vento Program will invite their students to complete the survey. Polk County School-based Mental Health Counselors are getting the information this week and next.

RJ and a new staff person at Youth ERA also received the information and

Survey window is the entire month of October.

COC MOU WITH ODE MCKINNEY VENTO PROGRAM

Jan noted that the CoC and ODE have drafted an MOU and asked the group what else should be included. Most helpful thing would be

RUNAWAY, TRAFFICKED, AND HOMELESS YOUTH PREVENTION MONTH

November. The City of Salem has created a re-usable banner to hang over Liberty Street, and the railroad bridge

INFORMATION FROM BACKBONE MEETINGS

REVIEW OF GOALS

Shanta noted the list of goals attached to the agenda packet and the fact that the group has had a goal around creating a type of Host Homes

Maria Mendez, Second Home Program, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. The program started in Beaverton with a teacher there. The Beaverton School District then proposed a program to EMO. Now have programs in four other districts. She reviewed the benefits of the relationship-based model of Host Homes, including stronger connections to school and community. EMO recruits host home providers, works with McKinney Vento Liaisons and makes presentations throughout the community. Students are interviewed and commit to the goal of completing high school and not being involved with drug, alcohol, or violence. Home providers go through interviews and agree to host for a minimum of a year. The student reviews the file and gets to interview the home provider. The student signs a non-financial rental agreement, which provides a rental history. Have a 95% graduation rate of program participants. If a student is not a good fit for the program, they are referred to other programs.

They have a coordinator who works with the matched student and home provider to ensure the match is working well. Then, after high school, EMO continues to support the young person through age 21.

Asked if there are any plans to expand to Marion/Polk. Interested, and would have to identify funding. There is a definite need and people interested in providing homes. When students are couch surfing and have a "host," the program still goes through the application, background checks, rental agreements, and provides support.

There is funding at the State level, but never had an agency interested in coordinating things in Marion/Polk. Maria would be excited to talk further about the opportunities. Jan will work with Jenny xxx to schedule an exploratory meeting

WEST COAST CONVENING

NWHS is sending Patrick and Luke, and Lexi is on the planning committee. She noted that the agenda includes more guest speakers than in the past and offers a third day of tours. Alisa from HOME is also on the planning committee and will be attending. Calvin and Roy, from CATP will be attending.

INFORMATION/TOPICS FOR OTHER ALLIANCE GROUPS

a. Backbone – make time during the meeting for members to complete the survey
b. Collaborative Committee – Lexi and Kat will share information about Voices of Youth Count
c. CoC Board

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pacific Source is updating its Comprehensive Behavioral Health Plan
Willamette Health Council updating its Strategic Plan
Candlelight Vigil 11/9 at the Capitol Steps
Storytelling event 11/15 at the WOU campus

Due to Veterans' Day holiday, the next meeting will be one week later, on November 17.

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November 17, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Hybrid – In person and on Zoom
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