MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE

Youth & Young Adults Subcommittee

November 17, 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** — **Shanta Frisbee, Co-chair**
2. **Minutes of 10/13/23 Meeting (pages 2-4)**
3. **Voices of Youth Count**
   a. Data
   b. Debrief the Effort / Recommendations for Future
   c. Next Steps – What do we do with the data?
4. **Runaway, Trafficked, and Homeless Youth Prevention Month**
5. **Take Aways from West Coast Convening**
6. **CoC/Homeless Alliance Mission and How the YYA Subcommittee Fits In (pages 5-6)**
7. **YYA Subcommittee Goals & Objectives (page 7)**
   a. Rollout of youth-focused Coordinated Entry
   b. Exploration of a local Second Home Program with Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
8. **Announcements**

Youth & Young Adults Subcommittee – Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance (mwvhomelessalliance.org)
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YYA Subcommittee Co-chairs:
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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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10/13/23 Minutes

PARTICIPANTS

Calvin Smith, Church @ the Park
Ray Rincon, Church @ the Park
_____, Central School District McKinney Vento Program
David Peak, Community Action, Arches
Shanta Frisbee, HOST Program
Patrick McDermott, HOST Program
Lexi Meyer, HOST Program
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
Jan Calvin, Homeless Alliance/CoC, Consultant

INTRODUCTIONS & WIN WALL

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

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 are 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.

The 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 a convening of Marion/Polk MV liaisons to connect, communicate, and coordinate with YYA partners.

RUNAWAY, TRAFFICKED, AND HOMELESS YOUTH PREVENTION MONTH

November is Runaway, Trafficked, and Homeless Youth Prevention Month. The City of Salem has created a re-usable banner to hang over Liberty Street, and the railroad bridge will be lit green for a couple of days in the middle of the month. Laurie is finalizing the proclamation for the Salem Mayor to read on 11/6. Shawnta will follow up with Jan about asking the Alliance to complete the State's event registration form, which equates to sponsoring the 11/9 candlelight vigil on the Capitol steps. This may require the Alliance to have additional insurance. If that doesn't work out, Northwest Human Services will complete the event registration form.

INFORMATION FROM BACKBONE MEETINGS

This item was tabled because neither Alisa nor Amanda could be at the YYA meeting to share information.

REVIEW OF GOALS

Host Homes - 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. She welcomed Maria Mendes to share information about the 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 Hale 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

1. Backbone – make time during the meeting for members to complete the survey
2. Collaborative Committee – Lexi and Kat will share about Voices of Youth Count
3. CoC Board – Request sponsorship of 11/9 Candlelight Vigil

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pacific Source is updating its Comprehensive Behavioral Health Plan
- Willamette Health Council is 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.

NEXT MEETING:

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

To develop an evidence-based system of services, including stable housing,
designed to meet the unique and complex needs of adults, youth, children, and families
in Marion and Polk counties
who are at risk of or are experiencing homelessness.

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