MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE

Youth & Young Adults Subcommittee

January 10, 2025 Minutes

PARTICIPANTS

Patrick McDermott - Northwest Human Services HOST Program
Jacob Oyer - Church at The Park, Youth Outreach Navigator
Christopher Lopez – Community Action, HOME Youth Services
Megan Perez – Community Action, HOME Youth Services
Kira Hand– Community Action, HOME Youth Services
Marianne Bradshaw – Consultant, MWVHAA
JJ – Church at the Park, Youth Outreach Navigator
Kat Fox – Pacific Source
Amanda Foster – HOST
Heather Pascoe – Willamette Health Council
Sid Venkatachalam– Marion County Youth and Family Services
Sarah Wisenhunt – Director of High School Partnerships at Chemeketa CC
Aimee Rea – Community Liaison, SKPS
Jay Greenfield – Punx with Purpose

INTRODUCTIONS & WIN WALL

Marianne – PIT Count preparation and events
Patrick – Back from vacation
Cassie – Moved into a new house in December before Christmas!
Kat – Excited to kick off 2025 with the group!
Sid – Completed first intake with a family
Sarah – Friday for 1st week of winter term at Chemeketa
Aimee – Received hygiene donations in December, stocking their shelves
Heather – Receiving a new grant opportunity with the WHC

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda and minutes were not able to go out in advance of the YYA meeting. Motion to approve only the current agenda for the 1/10/25. Motioned by Megan, seconded by Marianne. Approved by majority consensus. Minutes from 12/13/24 to be reviewed and approved at February YYA meeting.

TOPIC 1 - Topics of Interest – Jacob

Following discussion from last YYA meeting, Co-chair discussion was had towards making the YYA subcommittee a more public-led agenda, rather than just organized and structured by YYA Co-chairs. Jacob opened the floor for interest in topics to be discussed today, and an opportunity for input into the agenda

Megan – Interested in having more open opportunity to discuss program operations as providers and participants in the YYA space. The purpose would be to lower barriers and provide easier access to resources with more information about the orgnizations we serve, including points-of-contact. Specifically, if there is no external presenter, that a regular attendee to the YYA meeting may present on their organization.

Marianne seconded the idea, noting that she knows bits and pieces of each organization represented here, but doesn't feel confident in knowing enough to confidently refer, or share information to others.

Megan – Second topic, there is a similar meeting that occurs at Salem PD with similar providers, but there is the same barrier where participants don't always know the capabilities of others' organizations.

Christopher posits 5-minute "mini presentations" during YYA subcommittee meetings, where attendees give brief rundowns of their position, their organization, and the resources on offer.

Cassie followed up by requesting a living document of information from each 5 minute presentation for those who couldn't attend, or can be referred back to later.

Email co-chairs with any other topics you would like to see in forthcoming meetings.

TOPIC 2 – Co-Chair Elections – Christopher

Patrick reviewed current nominations for Co-Chairs – Jacob Oyer (nominated by Megan), Jay Greenfield (Nominated by Hailey Hulsey), and Patrick McDermott (nominated by Marianne Bradshaw)

Christopher indicated his intention not to pursue continuing his co-chair position.

Additional nominations at this meeting: Megan Perez nominated for Co-Chair position.

Christopher reviewed options – Subcommittee may nominate 3 out of 4 current candidates, or may adjust the number of co-chairs. Christopher asks for a motion in favor of one option.

Kat Fox issues a motion to remain at 3 co-chairs. Motion seconded by Cassie. Motion approved by consensus; no abstentions or oppositions against.

Marianne suggested nominees to reintroduce themselves in advance of a vote.

Jacob, Patrick, Megan, and Jay gave introductions.

Hybrid vote was conducted. In-person attendees submitted closed ballots to Christopher for their 3 co-chairs. Virtual attendees submitted direct messages to Christopher for their ballots.

Christopher totaled all ballots, votes received:

Patrick – 11

Jacob – 8

Megan – 10
Jay – 8

Based on results, Christopher revisited motion to maintain 3 co-chairs, or expand to 4. Marianne asked a question of current co-chairs, whether increasing to 4 would impact scheduling or communication. Christopher responded that there would not be any undue impact by having 4 co-chairs.
Kat asked to amend her motion to expand up to 4 co-chairs. Motion seconded by Jacob.

Patrick raised concern for discussion about avoiding the barrier of limiting voices to only those present in the leadership positions. Megan concurred and indicated that she would also like to avoid future situations where (for example) 6 nominees turn into 6 co-chairs as a necessary means to have voices heard; she echoed the sentiment that the YYA should be more communally collaborative.

Following discussion, the motion was approved by consensus, with no abstentions or oppositions.

New co-chairs for 2025 are Patrick, Jacob, Jay, and Megan.

TOPIC 3 – Goals for YYA Subcommittee - Patrick

Patrick – Reviewed the 6 stated goals for the YYA subcommittee, gave a brief, recent history of the organization of the goals into "Primary" and "Supportive" categories.
Jay – Keep the primary supporting goal – "Develop a CE system for youth that blends into the system for adults". Feels that Primary Goals ought to be sustained as well.
Patrick – brought up the "Establish a Host Home program… in Marion-Polk Region". Patrick asked for more information about current state of this program.
    Marianne – Identified the Host Home goal as unique amongst the others, and offered to provide an update at the next YYA Subcommittee meeting after conversing with the Board and conducting some fact-finding efforts
Jay – Potential to add a goal of elevating community voices/providers and resources in the area
Jacob/Christopher – Potential to modify CE system goal to "expand access to CE system" rather than "develop". In addition to expand access, there is room for expanding "usership" for the number of agencies that conduct pulls from CE for their services.
    Megan – Posited bringing in participants in the CE system to this meeting for more information and collaboration. Gave kudos to the development of the CE system so far and that it has been used to actively benefit the youth population, rather than be another barrier.
    Christopher – will aim to ensure that a member of the youth CE team will be present at the next subcommittee meeting.

TOPIC 4 – PIT Count Update

Marianne shared a document with the list of known events from providers in the area. HOME youth services is finalizing an event on their end.

Stressed signing up in the volunteer portal for any participants and indicating your level of involvement. Either as a provider or for open volunteering.

Marianne reviewed forthcoming training. Wednesday January 15th, 10:45-11:30am, during the Collaborative Committee meeting; Tuesday the 21st @ Noon there is also a Zoom training. Sign-up for trainings comes with signing-up through the portal. Followed by downloading the App used to conduct surveys for PIT count.

Patrick asked that anyone wishing to share information about their events can forward it to the co-chairs for distribution to the wider email list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PIT Count is approaching!

Meeting adjourned @ 11:30am