MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE

Youth & Young Adults Subcommittee

February 28, 2025 Minutes

PARTICIPANTS

Jacob Oyer, Church at The Park
Megan Perez, Community Action, David's House
Jay Greenfield, Punx with Purpose
Stephanie Baker, Safety Compass
Emily Mewborn, Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance, Health and Homeless Systems Liaison
Suni Davidson, Jefferson School District
Misty Sorte, Interim Director for Homeless Alliance
Chris Lopez, Community Action
Kira Hand, Community Action, David's House
Kat Fox, PacificSource
Aimee Rea, McKinney-Vinto Program District Liason
David Simpson, PM Taylor's House, Mid Willamette Valley
Raquel Morales, Mid Willamette Valley Community Action Agency
Marianne Bradshaw, Independent Contractor
Sarah Whisenhunt, Director of High School Partnerships, Chemeketa
Evan Scruton-Lathos – Community Services Consortium
Angel Marin – C@P Polk County Case Manager

INTRODUCTIONS & WIN WALL

Aimee Rea – ran district graduation rates and it was 65% for MVP.
Stephanie Baker – had a successful meeting with the sheriff's office
Jay Greenfield – celebrated 2 years with PWP
Kat Fox – everyone is in a good mood cause of the beautiful weather
Misty Sorte – official one month anniversary at the alliance
David – most requested shelter in Oregon
Raquel – drop in is almost open
Marianne – now that it is February, the PIT count is done.
Sarah – GED program with the KROC Center
Suni – helped 2 families in need this week
Chris – continuing YRAP program with $600k
Kira – Collab to get a grant started for families and children in the community

Megan – There are so many new members to the MWVHA YYA subcommittee
Jacob – Echo Megan that there are so many new folks in the meeting and also received an outreach partner for C@P outreach
Evan – Glad to be in attendance

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the notes and the agenda – Motion Approved by Jay Greenfield, Seconded by Chris Lopez
Motion to amend agenda - Motion Approved by Megan Perez, Seconded by Chris Lopez

PRESENTER

TOPIC 1 – Megan Perez – MWVCAA

To gain access to the David's House, they must go through Coordinated Entry. The ideal way to go through that is through the Youth and Young Adult Outreach Coordinated Entry. Community Partners can also recommend them for the program. First step would be contacting the YYA Coordinated Entry Process or contact someone from David's House directly. Second step, access to resources will waiting for housing. They rely on emergency housing options (such as Taylor's House) until they can find a spot opened for David's House. Once they are admitted into David's House, the youth can stay up to 2 years. They focus on education and setting practical goals. Help them with building life skills and have a case manager to get next steps on life. After they are with David's House, help them move onto the next steps in their life. Can assist 14-18 year olds. Currently they have 5 youth and can serve as many as 5 youth. David's House allows them to keep their belongings and cell phones.

TOPIC 2 – Jay Greenfield – Punx with Purpose

Punx With Purpose is a non-profit organization based in Salem, Oregon, dedicated to supporting at-risk youth in the Marion and Polk County areas. They provide resources, mentorship, and safer spaces for young people to connect and grow into functional community members. Their initiatives include pop-up events like "Punx in the Park," which combines a resource fair with a punk rock concert to create a positive and inclusive environment for youth. The organization emphasizes empowerment through lived experiences, offering guidance from mentors who have overcome similar challenges

TOPIC 3 – Jacob Oyer – Church at the Park

Church @ the Park loves to say yes and if they can they will. They will let anyone come into Church @ the Park's services and homes. They want to learn about the people's passions and what is going on in their lives. Outreach is always in a group of 2, provide food, snacks, and water, tent, sleeping bags, handwarmers, socks, and hygiene kits. They do Pizza Friday every other Friday at the Transit Center. They offer case management, transportation, documentation, health navigation, legal navigation, job apps, mock interviews, peer support, CEs, showers, clothing closet, laundry, shelter, and meals. The only requirements is 2 meetings a month with a case manager. Clothing closet can be accessed 1/week and can grab 1 of each item. They also offer transitional emergency microshelters available for as long as needed, but it is temporary, not permanent. C@P is not a drop in center, they must be on the case load to access services and all case managers at this time are at full capacity. Coral House is the woman's house that is an actual keyed room and is located in Salem off of Lancaster and helps build rental history. They will only pay 30% of their income and if they are unemployed, they pay $0.

TOPIC 4 – Aimee Rae – McKinney Vento Program w/ SKSD
They work under the federal McKinney Vento Act. The students with MVP are given assistance in enrolling in school and getting their vaccines that are required for school. Students do have the right to attend the school of origin or the school that is in the area they are in currently. They do a lot of transportation requests. The students will receive advocation and referrals from the MVP liaison. In order to be on the MVP Liaison's case load, the student needs to have a referral made to MVP through the MVP website or call from a school or community member. And advocate is assigned to the student and are given referrals to outsourced services such as housing, backpacks, and shoes. 18% of their population is unhoused. 71% are living with other family members. MVP's main focus is to help the students are able to go to school and get to school. MVP will also be able to provide bus passes so family members can drop off the youth at school if they are unable to use the school bus system. Under MVP law, they are required to use community resources first. SKPS MVP has a 65% graduation rate. If you need to reach out to an MVP liaison, reach out to rea_aimee@salkeiz.k12.or.us.

Topic 5 – Marianne Bradshaw – HOST Home Goals
Establish a Host Home program that fits the needs in communities in Marion-Polk region.
Local Partner: Safe Families for Children of the Mid-Willamette Valley
The program provides a safe home for minors as parents come through a crisis. The average length of placement is 2-6 weeks. They have very limited capacity.
The new directors are Paul and Bethany Richter – paul@kindredpartners.org and bethany@kindredpartners.org
Local Partner 2: Second Home by Ecumenical Ministries (emo-secondhome.org) – email: jhale@emooregon.org
Oregon Programs: HOST Home Demonstration Program
8 programs in 2022 are funded within Oregon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting adjourned @ 11:27