MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE

Youth & Young Adults Subcommittee

August 9th, 2024 Minutes

PARTICIPANTS

Jacob – C@TP
Jd – C@TP
Alexandra – C@TP
Nick Mcquade - C@TP
Patrick McDermott – HOST
Amanda Foster – HOST
Chris Lopez – MWVCAA
Megan Perez – MWVCAA
Kira – MWVCAA
Jay Greenfield – Punx with Purpose
Marianne Bradshaw – Contractor w/ c@tp and WHC
Phil Blea – Marion County
Claire Vogelsang – Safety Compass
Kat Fox – Pacific Source
Rachel McKee - MWVCAA

INTRODUCTIONS & WIN WALL

- Christopher Lopez started the meeting with win walls and everyone went around and shared

CONSENT CALENDAR

Today's Consent Calendar includes 3 items – minutes for 8/9/24.
Christopher issued for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar; seconded by Megan approved by consensus.
Discussion for today's agenda and calendar for future meetings.

Christopher made a motion to approve the future calendar meetings and locations. Seconded by Patrick approved by consensus.

PRESENTER – PUNX WITH A PURPOSE - JAY GREENFIELD

Epic Mobile Outreach Services. Four different programs:
Outreach jobs: The talker, the handler, and the lookout. Focus on being trauma informed
Backpacks: Pre-made and other items on hand, hygiene kits, snacks, sex safety kits, first aid, weather appropriate items, and flashlights. Survey made easy and low-barrier for the youth they are meeting.
Pop-Ups, events designed to get more youth engagement on a personal level. Resource events. School program, EMOS is doing a pilot for the school bins program, launching in September and March. Punx in the Park on September 14th, 2024 which is a yearly event with a focus on helping youth in DV situations and negative family environments. Expecting 2,500 people this year. They will be providing transportation to the event through Cherriots.

VOICES OF YOUTH COUNT

Voices of Youth Count with Christopher Lopez

The Voices of Youth Count is a survey specifically designed for youth and young adults (11-24 years old). It is an attempt to get a more accurate count for youth that are experiencing homelessness. Data is key to understanding where the need is. Digital survey in Google form, a QR code (public and provider-only version) and paper. The idea is to lower barriers and meet the needs of youth experiencing homelessness. The hope is to complete a functional digital survey for the Voices of Youth Count to make it more accessible. Script to guide people through and is made to be filled out fast. We want to fill out as much information as possible in regards to accuracy for the survey. Provider-only field is your organization. Any data that you input as a provider, you will be responsible for inputting the data into HMIS. Asking where someone has been sleeping for the past month to capture where they are staying most often. Asking where they have been staying the most often in the past month. Changing the income question to OHP and EBT. Question 8 is the most information we need if someone filling it out needs to leave or feels uncomfortable filling out the survey. The last question of the survey is optional. Christopher is going to connect with Marianne about finalizing the survey. Doing the Voices of Youth Count Survey for six weeks, starting on 08/19 and going to 10/01 but evaluating the data on 09/20 and looking to see if we need to extend the survey and extra week. The reason for starting the Voices of Youth Count survey in August is so that we can connect with youth at events that will be taking place and doing the survey at those events. Don't share the provider-only link with the public. A shorter version of the Voices of Youth Count survey and providing training for each organization and their teams.

Candlelight Vigil for Youth HOPE Month with Patrick McDermott

The first week of November, they will be doing a candlelight vigil at the Capital for Youth HOPE

SUMMER EVENTS

If members have scheduled events in the Summer or Fall, email to Patrick, Jacob, or Chris for adding to agenda.

Free day passes from the KROC Center

Church at the Park Young Adult Outreach team is doing pizza day at 2:30PM every other week downtown transit in Salem, OR

Tabled for meeting in May in interest of time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Voices of Youth Count starting on 8/19 through the end of September

Meeting adjourned @ 11:30 AM