MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE

Youth & Young Adults Subcommittee

July 18th, 2025 | 10:00 - 11:30 am

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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 2025 goals:

- *Primary Goals*
  - *Amplify and develop voices of YYA with lived experience.*
  - *Expand street-level and other forms of Outreach.*
  - *Advocate for the use of, and funding for, evidence-based practices.*
- *Supporting Goals*
  - *Develop a Coordinated Entry System for youth that blends into the system for adults.*
  - *Improve local youth data, starting with the Point in Time (PIT) Count in January 2020.*
  - *Establish a Host Home program that fits the needs in communities in the Marion-Polk region.*

AGENDA

1. **Introductions and Win Wall (10 minutes)** **Patrick McDermott, Co-chair**
2. **Consent Calendar (5 minutes)**
   a. Approve Agenda
   b. Approve meeting minutes – 5.9.25 & 6.13.25
3. **Vote and Final Approval of YYA Subcommittee Goals (10 minutes)**
   a. Amplify and Develop voices of youth and young adults with lived experience.
   b. Utilize community partnerships to expand street-level and other forms of outreach, events, and collaboration.
   c. Advocate for the application of data and evidence-based practices in funding decisions.
   d. Expand access, and improve collaboration use of, the youth Coordinated Entry System
   e. Improve local youth data gathering and sharing with community partners.
4. **Pacific Source (25 minutes) – Kat Fox**
5. **Willamette Health Council Presentation (25 minutes) – Ally Moore**
6. **Announcements (10 minutes)**
7. **Adjourn**

(Future agenda items- outreach workgroup presentation, coordinated entry update, data improvement, youth barrier reduction)

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

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Meeting Minutes of:

MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE (MWVHA) YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT SUB-COMMITTEE

Meeting Date & Time:
May 09, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location:
Zoom
&
MWVCOG, 100 High St SE, Salem, OR 97301

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT

Co-Chair, Church at the Park, Jacob Oyer
Co-Chair, Northwest Human Services, Patrick McDermott
Co-Chair, Punx with Purpose, Jay Greenfield
Chemeketa Community College, Sarah Whisenhunt
Church at the Park, Angel Marine
City of Monmouth, Carol McKiel
Consultant, Marianne Bradshaw
Monias Mission, Alena Castro
MWVCAA, Jocelyn Biggar
MWVCAA, Kira Hand
MWVCAA, William Keith
MWVHA, Cassie Bay
Rainbow Youth, Claire Folsom
ODHS, YEHP, Adam Jenkins
ODHS, YEHP, Brianna Rubio
ODHS, YEHP, Frea Nehila
ODHS, YEHP, Jennifer Kellam
ODHS, YEHP, Jenne Bauer-Leffler
Youth Era, Elija Calvillo
Youth Era, Faye Sanders

INTRODUCTIONS

Co-Chair Patrick McDermott called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m followed by introductions. Due to the number of presentations on the agenda, the Win Wall activity was skipped.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION TO **APPROVE** MAY 9, 2025 AGENDA BY **JACOB OYER**

Seconded by: Jay Greenfield
In favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

MOTION TO **APPROVE** APRIL 2025 MEETING MINUTES BY **JAY GREENFIELD**

Seconded by: Marianne Bradshaw
In favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

RAINBOW YOUTH PRESENTATION

Claire Folsom, the new youth program coordinator with Rainbow Youth, presented on their organization and recent grant funding. She explained that Rainbow Youth has been around since 1995 and recently received a grant called SOGI Youth Community Empowerment. The grant will fund initiatives for the next three years to support youth empowerment within the LGBTQ+ community in Marion and Polk counties.

Claire outlined six main points of the grant:

1. Youth safety campaign: Creating a directory of safe spaces, businesses, and resources for LGBTQ+ youth.
2. Online resource directory: Providing information on various services including food security, clothing, scholarships, and job assistance.
3. Youth mentorship program: Connecting youth with mentors in areas of interest.
4. Mobilized community council: Hosting town hall meetings to gather community feedback.
5. Community activity calendar: Centralizing information on LGBTQ+ friendly events and activities.
6. Steering committee: Building connections with partner organizations and supporting internships.

Claire emphasized the importance of addressing intersectionality in their work, including cultural specificity, disability access, and financial insecurity. She also highlighted the increased risk of bullying, harassment, and suicide among LGBTQ+ teens in Oregon, noting that having one affirming adult can decrease suicide risk by about 40%.

The presentation concluded with a discussion on how Rainbow Youth is addressing various challenges and a call for collaboration with other organizations present at the meeting.

YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Jen Kellam, the internal agency and housing coordinator for the Youth Experiencing Homelessness (YEHP) program, introduced her team and provided an overview of their work. The program, previously run by Matt Rasmussen for 8 years, has expanded to a team of 7 members since 2021.

Adam Jenkins, the systems change coordinator, explained his role in following legislation, providing analysis to elected officials, and offering technical assistance on specific interventions. He mentioned his background in host home programs and offered support for developing such interventions.

Jen Bauer-Leffler, the data and performance analyst, described her work in processing qualitative and quantitative data to report on program functioning and grantee performance. She manages grants and contracts, and leads workshops on technical aspects of the program.

Brianna Rubio, the strategic youth engagement coordinator, discussed her work with the statewide youth action board, which consists of 10 youth aged 14-24 with lived experience of homelessness. She also mentioned her role in processing tuition and fee waivers for youth experiencing homelessness.

The team addressed questions about grants for space openings, data collection and sharing, and the Direct Cash Transfer (DCT) program. They explained that the DCT program, which provided $1000 monthly payments to youth, had concluded its pilot phase in February and was awaiting further funding through Senate Bill 5526.

The presentation emphasized the importance of collaboration with local organizations and the need for continued support to maintain their programs and data collection efforts.

POINT-IN-TIME COUNT PRESENTATION

Reviewing Marion/Polk PIT Count Data

Marianne Bradshaw presented the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count data for Marion and Polk counties. She explained that the count included both sheltered and unsheltered populations. The total count was 2,154 individuals experiencing homelessness, with 953 unsheltered and 1,201 sheltered.

Key points from the presentation included:

1. Unsheltered homelessness increased by 9% since the 2023 count.
2. There was a significant increase in family households with at least one child and one adult.

3. The number of minors counted increased from 12 in 2023 to 86 in 2025, attributed to improved counting methods and collaboration with McKinney-Vento liaisons.
4. The largest percentage of unsheltered individuals (32%) were sleeping in vehicles, with higher percentages in rural areas.
5. 47% of respondents reported experiencing homelessness for the first time.
6. The age distribution of those experiencing homelessness spanned all ranges, with increases noted in both youth and senior populations.
7. The racial and ethnic breakdown showed the largest group as white only, followed by Hispanic/Latino only.

Marianne emphasized the importance of data quality and completeness in HMIS systems and encouraged continued efforts to improve counting methods, especially for hard-to-reach populations like those sleeping in vehicles.

She thanked all organizations involved in the count, particularly highlighting the efforts to better capture data on youth and families experiencing homelessness. The presentation concluded with a call for continued collaboration and improvement in future counts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ZOOM CHAT MESSAGES

00:21:22	read.ai meeting notes:	Esther added read.ai meeting notes to the meeting.
00:21:33	read.ai meeting notes:	View live transcription and summaries at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XyakZjFw_C-fsaiQPza7wT_naO-IOH_XZ0UDEaCj0Tg
00:25:06	Monias Mission:	Aleyna Castro I am outreach for Monias Mission
00:32:16	Freya Nehila (she / her):	For YEHP Presentation please fill out this form and I will connect with you to confirm
00:32:49	Freya Nehila (she / her):	Jennifer Kellam – Internal Agency & Youth Housing Coordinator jennifer.kellam@odhs.oregon.gov
00:33:16	Freya Nehila (she / her):	Adam Jenkins – Systems Change Specialist adam.n.jenkins@odhs.oregon.gov
00:33:30	Freya Nehila (she / her):	Jenne Bauer-Leffler – Performance and Data Coordinator

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00:34:32 Freya Nehila (she / her): Brianna Rubio - Strategic Youth Engagement Coordinator

brianna.a.rubio@odhs.oregon.gov

01:09:41 Carol Mc Kiel: can you give that data about supported students and suicide?

01:17:22 Jay Greenfield: Great presentation! Thanks, Claire! PWP is super stoked to partner moving forward!

01:24:48 Homeless Alliance: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NV7w4Eom7zXQNVn9MqZqqh0MRg4AR1Xk/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109802619031523482238&rtpof=true&sd=true

01:50:49 Carol Mc Kiel: are you sending out these slides?

01:51:24 Jay Greenfield: I need to drop. Have a great afternoon everyone! 🙂

01:54:12 Carol Mc Kiel: thank you! very valuable information

01:55:01 Monias Mission: Thank you very much for all of the valuable information

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Meeting Minutes of:

MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE (MWVHA) YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT SUB-COMMITTEE

Meeting Date & Time:
June, 13 2025
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location:
Zoom
&
PCFCO, 1407 Monmouth Independence Hwy, Monmouth, OR 97361

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT

Co-Chair, Church at the Park, Jacob Oyer

Co-Chair, MWVCAA, David's House, Megan Perez

Co-Chair, Punx with Purpose, Jay Greenfield

Chemeketa Community College, Sarah Whisenhunt

Church at the Park, Monica Fiedler

City of Monmouth, City Councilor, Carol McKiel

MWVCAA, Jocelyn Biggar

MWVCAA, William Keith

ODHS, YEHP, Mel Keller

Willamette Health Council, Heather Pascoe

Willamette Health Council, Laura Brunson

INTRODUCTIONS & WIN WALL

Co-Chair Jay Greenfield opened the meeting at 10:05 am with introductions and a "win wall" sharing, where attendees highlighted recent successes such as new staff, outreach activities, upcoming events, and personal milestones.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION TO **APPROVE** JUNE AGENDA BY **JACOB OYER**

Seconded by: Carol McKiel
In favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

OUTREACH & EVENTS

In the absence of the scheduled presenters, the group pivoted to discuss outreach coordination between different organizations. Jay Greenfield expressed a desire to schedule times for the

four main groups (Northwest Human Services, MWBCAA, CAP, and PWP) to get together and conduct field outreach, particularly in rural areas like Falls City and Monmouth-Independence.

William expressed enthusiasm for coordinated outreach efforts and mentioned that he was prepared to participate with his team, having supplies to hand out. Megan agreed to reach out to her team to schedule coordinated outreach.

The group then discussed upcoming events:

1. William mentioned that his team would be attending the World Beat Festival at Riverfront Park on June 28th and 29th.
2. Megan shared that MWVCAA was planning "Fun Fridays" at the Falls City Resource Center, offering activities for kids and potentially setting up a clothing closet.
3. Jay offered to collaborate with MWVCAA on the Falls City initiative, mentioning that Punks With Purpose had done pop-up events there before.
4. Sarah informed the group about the High School Partnerships building at Chemeketa Community College, offering to display flyers and information about various resources and opportunities for youth.
5. Megan mentioned the upcoming "Rock the Cause Cross the Bridge" event on September 13th at Riverfront Park, encouraging others to participate or table at the event.

The group also discussed the need for more tabling opportunities to connect with youth and provide information. William requested that anyone with knowledge of tabling opportunities share them with him.

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Carol McKiel inquired about the Willamette Health Council's Community Impact Grant, specifically asking if it could be used to fund a behavioral health specialist to assist in situations where police intervention might not be ideal. Heather Pascoe responded that such a project could potentially be eligible for the grant, especially if it involved collaboration between different organizations and systems. She offered to connect Carol with team members who could provide more detailed information about the grant process.

Heather also mentioned that there were ongoing discussions about mobile response and stabilization services in the community, noting some conflicting information about the availability of funding for such services.

Jay Greenfield expressed interest in having a representative from the Willamette Health Council present at a future meeting to discuss their various grant programs and opportunities.

ZOOM CHAT MESSAGES

00:17:27 Heather Pascoe | WHC | SOC Manager: What was the name of the bbq again?

00:22:35 Heather Pascoe | WHC | SOC Manager: Perfect!

00:26:18 Carol Mc Kiel: mckielc@gmail.com

00:30:48 Heather Pascoe | WHC | SOC Manager: https://willamettehealthcouncil.org/funding-opportunities/grants/

00:31:16 Heather Pascoe | WHC | SOC Manager: Here is the link for Community Impact Grants. All of our grant opportunities pop up on this page, so always a good one to keep an eye on 🙂

00:35:18 Monica Fiedler, C@P Outreach Services: We have that on our C@P calendar @Jacob Oyer ... Ana sent it to Krystal 🥳

00:35:37 Jacob Oyer: Awesome sauce!

00:39:31 Homeless Alliance: I see your hand up @Carol! I will get to you soon.

00:45:58 Heather Pascoe | WHC | SOC Manager: hpascoe@willamettehealthcouncil.org

00:46:12 William.Keith:William.keith@mwvcaa.org

ADJOURNMENT

CO-Chair Jay Greenfield adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am.