Meeting Minutes of:

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

Meeting Date & Time:
July 18, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location:
Virtual Meeting Only

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
City of Monmouth, City Councilor, Carol McKiel
Independent Contractor, Marianne Bradshaw
Mano y Mano, Sandra Hernandez-Lomeli
Marion County BOC, Heather Inyama
MWVCAA, HOME Youth Services, Kira Hand
MWVCAA, HOME Youth Services, Jocelyn Bigger
MWVHA, Admin & Comm Specialist, Cassie Bay
MWVHA, Executive Director, Misty Bolger
Oregon DHS, Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program (YEHP), Mel Keller
Willamette Education Service District, Cassie Stafford
Willamette Health Council, System of Care Coordinator, Laura Bronson

WELCOME & WIN WALL

Co-Chair Jay Greenfield called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Participants introduced themselves and shared a win for the week.

AGENDA AMENDMENT

Jay noted that some presenters were unable to attend and invited Marianne to share more about the Adulting 101 program she mentioned during her introduction.

MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA MADE BY: **GREENFIELD**

Seconded by: Perez
In favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

MAY & JUNE 2025 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION TO **APPROVE MAY AND JUNE 2025 MEETING MINUTES** BY PEREZ

Seconded by: Oyer
In favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

VOTE & FINAL APPROVAL OF YYA SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS

DISCUSSION

The committee discussed and reviewed the five YYA Subcommittee goals:

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 collaborative use of the youth Coordinated Entry System. (Language was edited from the original to improve clarity)

e. Improve local youth data gathering and sharing with community partners.

Marianne Bradshaw pointed out that the wording in goal "d" seemed awkward. After discussion, the committee agreed to edit it from "Expand access, and improve collaboration use of, the youth Coordinated Entry System" to "Expand access and improve collaborative use of the youth Coordinated Entry System."

Motion to approve the YYA Subcommittee goals with the edit to goal "d" as proposed by Marianne Bradshaw Seconded by: Megan Perez Motion passed unanimously

Cassie Bay noted that this would be a charter amendment that will go to the collaborative committee for approval and then to the board, making it ready by the next meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE YYA GOALS AS DISCUSSEDMADE BY: BRADSHAW

Seconded by: Perez
In favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

ADULTING 101

With the scheduled presenters unable to attend, Marianne Bradshaw shared information about the "Adulting 101" project she is working on with Dana Goodale from Polk County Family Community Outreach (FCO).

Marianne explained that Dana coordinates a school-based mental health team and has heard from high school students expressing anxiety about transitioning to adulthood. They received a grant from Willamette Health Council to explore supporting youth in developing adulting skills, focusing on rural Polk County.

Key points from her presentation:

- They created a survey for high school students asking about confidence in various adulting skills, discovering there were about 100 different skills that young adults need.
- They identified three main areas of focus: personal finance, automotive skills, and cooking.
- The project aims to supplement new high school graduation requirements (starting 2025-26 school year) that include personal finance and career development credits.
- They're seeking resources and partnerships for hands-on learning opportunities, especially for practical skills like car maintenance, budgeting, and cooking.

Committee members offered connections and resources:

- Jay Greenfield offered to connect Marianne with Matt McCurry, who owns SCA Detailing in Salem and could help with automotive education.
- Jay also mentioned Maps and Selco credit unions that have youth-focused checking accounts and financial education resources.
- Kira suggested connecting with Ryan at FCO who works with an automotive specialist.
- Cassie Stafford offered to email contacts from Willamette ESD's High School Success team and mentioned Willamette Career Academy's automotive program.
- Jay mentioned Natural Grocers' nutritional coaching and a cooking program through Western Oregon University.

Marianne emphasized that while these topics might be anxiety-inducing for youth, providing foundational knowledge before crisis situations is valuable. She shared her email for further collaboration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jay Greenfield announced Punks in the Park event on August 31 at Riverfront Park and offered to send invites to organizations not already included.

Kira announced youth mental health first aid training:

- Community trainings originally scheduled for July have been rescheduled for October
- Training at Valor Mentoring the Grange and Fall City Resource Center in October
- Aimed at supportive adults in youth lives including religious leaders, coaches, school staff, and parents

Misty Bolger added that she would be the trainer for the Fall City event on October 11 and offered her services to any organizations interested in youth mental health first aid training.

Cassie Stafford offered to connect with trainers to collaborate on mental health first aid efforts throughout the community and shared Nathan Shay's contact information as the WSD school safety prevention specialist.

ZOOM CHAT MESSAGES

00:07:17 Misty Bolger: I apologize for not being on camera, my video is not working:(

00:08:23 Misty Bolger: Carol, can you send me that information: misty.bolger@MWVhomessalliance.org

00:08:46 Megan Perez(She/Her): I would also love that information! Megan.perez@mwvcaa.org

00:12:20 Kira Hand: Reacted to "I would also love th..." with ❤️

00:22:00 Cassie Stafford | she, her WESD: I would love to connect you with our High School Success Team - I think they would be a great liaison and resource to support. We work closely with Dana and her amazing team.

00:23:06 Misty Bolger: What a great idea, Marianne! This is so needed.

00:23:54 Marianne Bradshaw: mpbradshaw503@gmail.com

00:29:56 Cassie Stafford | she, her WESD: The adulting fair sounds really fun!

00:30:03 Carol McKiel: will send the July 30 meeting info to the two folks who asked.

00:35:30 Sandra Hernandez-Lomeli: Hi, this is not my first meeting.

00:35:32 Marianne Bradshaw: 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.

00:35:45 Sandra Hernandez-Lomeli: Sandra with Mano a Mano Family Center and Latinos Unidos Siempre

00:35:51 Megan Perez(She/Her): Reacted to "Sandra with Mano a M..." with ❤️

00:39:18 Marianne Bradshaw: Expand access and improve the collaborative use of the youth Coordinated Entry System

00:42:02 Cassie Stafford | she, her WESD: Pretty quiet right now for us

00:44:49 Misty Bolger: I need to step away for another meeting. Thanks everyone!

00:45:28 Marianne Bradshaw: So important! I'm so glad you are doing this!

00:46:42 Cassie Stafford | she, her WESD: Cassie.stafford@wesd.org Nathan.shay@wesd.org

00:47:04 Kira Hand: Reacted to "Cassie.stafford@wesd..." with ❤️

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.