Meeting Minutes of:

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

Meeting Date & Time:
November 14, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location:
Zoom

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT

Co-Chair, Punx with Purpose, Jay Greenfield

Chemeketa Community College, Sarah Whisenhunt

City of Monmouth, Carol McKeil

Independent Contractor, Marianne Bradshaw

MWVHA Staff: Cassie Bay

ODHS-YEHP, Mel Keller

Salem-Keizer Public Schools, McKinney-Vento Program, Amy Ray

Youth Era, Morrigan

Youth Era, Fay Sanders

WELCOME & WIN WALL

Co-Chair Jay Greenfield called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The group shared their wins for the week.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION TO **APPROVE** 09/12/2025 AGENDA & MEETING MINUTES BY **SARAH WHISENHUNT**

Seconded by: Faye Sanders
In favor: Greenfield, Whisenhunt, McKiel, Bradshaw, Keller, Ray, Morgan & Sanders
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

COMMITTEE TRANSITIONS

Jay stated that starting in January, the committee scope will shift toward coordinated outreach planning and joint outreach activities. Proposed outreach coordination includes agencies working most directly with youth, including Northwest Human Services, Punx with Purpose, Youth Era, MWVCAA and MWVHA.

Jay shared intent to brief the MWVHA Board of Directors on anticipated changes to committee goals and focus areas.

Outreach Planning Priorities

Jay identified the goal of coordinated outreach similar to adult-sector outreach models and described potential youth outreach locations, including:

- Bush Park
- Transit Center
- Skate parks (including Monmouth and a new Salem skate park)
- Polk County locations including Dallas, Fall City and Monmouth or Independence
- Rural Marion County locations including Woodburn, St. Helens, Mount Angel, Stayton and other small communities referenced in discussion
- Migrant worker camp outreach partnerships were referenced as a potential gap and opportunity

Polk County outreach support:
Carol asked about outreach planning for Monmouth and Independence. Jay confirmed interest and identified the Monmouth skate park as a target. Jay indicated he will contact Parks while Carol offered to support connections and shared she would provide faster contact options by sharing a personal email and phone number.

Chemeketa Tabling and Presentations

Jay raised interest in coordinated outreach at Chemeketa, including tabling and brief informational presentations targeted to youth populations. Morgan identified that Chemeketa programming varies by location and schedule (Salem, evening programming, Woodburn Center and potentially Building 50) and offered to help identify the right contacts and structure for targeted outreach presentations.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

The group discussed food resources used during the recent SNAP disruption and ongoing food insecurity impacting youth and young adults. Members shared how their organizations are supporting youth access to food and basic needs.

Community Food Resources Shared:

- **Chemeketa Community College (Sarah Whisenhunt):**
    - Chemeketa maintains an online student resource webpage with a *Basic Needs and Resources* section.
    - Food pantries are available to enrolled students at the Salem campus and Yamhill Valley campus.
    - The website also includes links to additional community food resources.

    - Resource Coordinators and navigators are available to assist students with accessing and navigating food and basic needs supports.

- **Youth Era (Fay and Morrigan):**
    - Youth have access to meals provided through programming and limited monthly food stipends.
    - Referrals are made to Marion-Polk Food Share, MANNA, Radness Ensues.
    - Salem-area mutual aid groups, including informal food delivery networks, are also being utilized.
- **Punx with Purpose (Jay Greenfield):**
    - Tony's Corner, located at the Reed Opera House (second floor), offers one food box per month for youth ages 11–18 by appointment.
    - Referral information will be shared with partner organizations serving youth.
- **Salem-Keizer Public Schools – McKinney-Vento Program (Amy Ray):**
    - Recent and upcoming food box distributions were noted.
    - Limited food bags are available for unaccompanied youth through the McKinney-Vento program.
- **Monmouth / Polk County (Carol McKeil):**
    - Local coordination occurs among city leadership, school districts, Western Oregon University, and the Ella Curran Food Bank.
    - Western Oregon University operates a campus food pantry and participates in regional coordination to ensure access to food resources.

ZOOM CHAT MESSAGES

00:10:47	Cassie Bay - MWVHA https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScxLBZLMr5OHunUo4kOGSu8-5esfJKHIthmPHiS1HGbBPNimw/viewform?usp=header
00:28:53	Carol Mc Kiel: cmckiel@ci.monmouth.or.us
00:29:11	Carol Mc Kiel: thanks for providing any information about additional resources
00:31:24	Morrigan (they/them): for anyone who wants to connect or partner my email is mreveka@youthera.org and my work cell is 541-214-8981
00:31:40	Marianne Bradshaw: Reacted to "for anyone who wants..." with 👍

00:33:01 Morrigan (they/them): Youre speaking my language, I love to do outreach :) count me in

00:34:51 Cassie Bay - MWVHA: Reacted to "for anyone who wants..." with ❤️‍🩹

00:34:53 Cassie Bay - MWVHA: Reacted to "Youre speaking my la..." with ❤️‍🩹

00:34:59 Cassie Bay - MWVHA: Reacted to "thanks for providing..." with ❤️‍🩹

00:35:22 Carol Mc Kiel: 574-520-9245 mckielc@gmail.com

00:35:28 Jay Greenfield: 971-371-6756 - Jay Greenfield

00:35:30 Cassie Bay - MWVHA: We can invite Backbone members to these conversations, they would to be involved in outreach events!

00:36:35 Morrigan (they/them): I have to head into a meeting but we will be in contact.

00:40:36 Carol Mc Kiel: Farming While Black Monmouth Public Library

Thursday, Nov 20, at 6pm includes free pizza

00:41:02 Carol Mc Kiel: documentarty

ADJOURNMENT

CO-Chair Jay Greenfield adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.