



Youth Committee
Meeting Minutes
 November 16, 2018
 10:00-11:00

Facilitator:	Emily Schichtel		
Meeting Attendees:	Lisa Cruden, Lauren VanKuelen, Ashley Pattee, Jameela Maun, Kendra Avila, Shandra Steininger, Mary McGee, Jake Skala, Sam Pennington <u>Staff:</u> Emily Schichtel, Sierra Salaam, Brianne Czyzio		
Time Convened:	10:05	Time Adjourned:	11:05

VoYC Data Update		Emily Schichtel	
Discussion			
<p>Community Rebuilders put the infographics together. Please look them over and provide feedback via email to Emily by next Wednesday. Lauren asked if KISD's aggregate data can be shared as part of this document. She thinks it would help strengthen the report. Ashley shared that Casey did not know how the data was collected so there may not be definite parameters that were used to collect the information. There was some previous conversation that adding the KISD data would be similar to comparing apples to oranges, but Emily thinks it is available to be included in some way. Emily noted the need to work directly with Casey to find how KISD verifies data. Lauren voiced that the infographic is very similar to the PIT count and the PIT count number always have the narrative around why youth do not want to provide information that they are homeless. Lauren recommends reducing the size of gender identity and increasing age chart. Emily shared that Steering Council would like to have data presented. This infographic could be a component. They would also like outcome data, if this is able to be provided.</p>			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Provide feedback to Emily by Wednesday, 11/ 21		All	
YHDP Comparison		All	
Discussion			
<p>Emily put together a comparison document to see where there are opportunities for improvements. There will be another YHDP opportunity in 2019, with more funding available and more communities receiving funding. The 2017 application was overall not a bad score. It was an increase over the 2016 score. Points were gained in financial resources and leadership collaboration. Points were lost in the Community Need category; the youth count could potentially help increase the score in this area. In both years, the Capacity for Innovation was one of the highest scoring sections. Focusing primarily on the 2017 proposal, HUD outlined general applicant weaknesses. Grand Rapids likely fell under some of those. One of the critiques was that communities are not aware of social issues such as LGBTQ+ youth, minority youth, etc. Another was the fact that applicants did not provide information about outcomes. Under Data and Evaluation there was lack of communication on what can be applied from what was learned from the data. There were some specific measurements that need to be set to give more specific goals. It is also important to consider feedback from youth; the Youth Action Board may be helpful with this. Applications also lost points because they were not including commitment letters with specific amounts. Emily wondered how findings from the youth count can be incorporated to help increase scores. Ashley agrees with comments from HUD about discharge planning process. It would be helpful to have more framework to those conversations to help move these pieces forward. In terms of data, the framework showed forward progress in creating the YAB and holding the youth count. Emily asked if discharge planning would be something that this group wants to take on or if a</p>			



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smaller group should be convened. Ashley asked that all the appropriate people are at the table. Shandra suggested going to important people in the foster care and juvenile justice as those systems are already having those conversations. Shandra, Lauren, and Ariel or Justin from Bethany can try to get a meeting with Kristen Peck. Lauren also thinks there is potential to talk about things that are happening across the country for youth coming out of foster care and juvenile justice. Mary will reach out to contacts in the juvenile justice system. Emily asked if there are specific questions or types of information that need to be gathered to make sure that Youth Committee is getting the information it needs to move forward with the discharge planning. The reach outs that will happen seem to focus on both accessing the status of current conversations and offering the CoC's support. Lauren suggests looking at the language in the previous NOFA to show the specifics that need to be addressed. Shandra noted that there is likely a lot of similarities between the two systems, so the conversations should be connected in some way. Lauren found that child welfare, mental and physical health, child and adult justice were all mentioned in the NOFA. This adds two more areas to reach out to. Network 180 has shared how they are working with discharge. There are offices for adult discharge planning in the jail, Ashley will reach out to find a contact. Emily asked how data can help future applications. Shelter diversion data can be pulled for 18-24 year-olds. Ashley noted that this past NOFA emphasized data being housed in one central place. This is another opportunity for Youth Committee to talk about how to expand the same data collection. All projects that are funded under YHDP must use HMIS. Shandra thinks there are plenty of things throughout in the past year that will make the application strong. She thinks it would be helpful to put timeline and structures in place before the NOFA comes out. Lauren shared that the CoC Coordinator and HAP Administrator from Traverse City would be willing to come share about the lessons they have learned in the process. At their meeting, Steering was supportive of this. Lauren will invite everyone once she has a date. This CoC is much more involved with youth providers than other communities, this is a strong point for us. Lisa noted that Steering has spent a lot of time over the past year looking at committee structure. They found that committee structure has not been consistent throughout committees. Steering Council adopted policies and procedures about how meetings will be convened, facilitated, chaired. Emily noted that it is a very good time with new staff, Steering elections, KConnect to look at this freshly. It was suggested the group be more intentional about having some data to back up conversations, especially data about youth of color, LGBTQ+ youth, etc.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Reach-out to contacts in foster care, juvenile justice, and adult justice systems	Shandra, Lauren, Mary, Ashley	
Schedule YHDP meeting with Traverse City staff	Lauren	
Meeting Schedule		Emily
Discussion		
Meetings have been every two weeks because of the youth count, but they should go back to an hour and a half, once a month. There was conversation about a workgroup forming around how Kent ISD can be included in the actual count data from next year and pulling together with the YAB.		
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Next Meeting: December 21 st from 9:30-11am at Community Rebuilders.		