



Youth Committee Meeting

May 16, 2018

9:00-11:00

Facilitator:	Jesica		
Meeting Attendees:	Beth Caldwell, Ashley Pattee, Jameela Maun, Kenya Brown, Arielle Goodson, Karen Tjapkes, Rebecca Diffin, Julie Ridenou, Johanna Schulte, Anna Diaz, Julie Chossen, Jeffery King		
Time Convened:	9:08	Time Adjourned:	11:09

CoC Youth Updates	Jesica		
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Discussion

In 2014 when looking at strategic planning, sub populations were focused in on (youth, veterans, chronic, family). Kent County is the only county in Michigan that has functional zero for veterans. A new Youth Homelessness program was introduced by the federal government for ten cities. Grand Rapids CoC applied for this opportunity but after not receiving the grant it was a learning opportunity. Another round was offered and an RFQ was released and Arbor Circle was selected. For moving forward, a Youth Action Board was needed. A framework for the Youth Committee was brought to the CoC and was approved. A permanent seat in the CoC will be reserved for a Youth Action Board member. Seven robust youth have signed up for the YAB and will prove invaluable to the CoC. An individual brought up the point that there are some voices and agencies not present at this meeting and wants the process to be equitable and open. HUD funding is not a guaranteed but is the most stable source of funding. However, diversifying funds is also important to look at.

Conclusions

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline

Youth Committee Structure	Cherie		
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Discussion

The expectations of the Youth Committee Team Members were explained (see handout). The Advisory committee consists of network180, Kent ISD, Steelcase Foundation, City of GR, MI DHHS and the Yout Committee Team consists of Mel Trotter, Community Rebuilders, Salvation Army, 3:11 Youth Housing, HQ, YWCA, Arbor Circle.
Statement of work (see handout) was presented. A conversation around Coordinated Entry and the third bullet point on the Goals of Community Plan. The third goal language needs to be changed. Also, Change "Special populations" to "Over Represented" and also include youth of color to those demographics.

Conclusions

It was recommended that the lead agency should have at least two years.

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Youth PIT Count	Angela	
Discussion		
<p>Outreach efforts have improved over the years. Chapin Hall out of University of Chicago has a five-phase action plan for the Voices of Youth Count (get started, plan and hold focus groups, prepare for youth count, conduct the youth count, use the data). Currently, the CoC is in phase one, establishing the leadership team. Compensation for youth must be worked out eventually.</p>		
Conclusions		
Be intentional with exchanging information.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Add K-Connect	Angela	