



**Grand Rapids/Wyoming/Kent County CoC
Youth Committee
MEETING MINUTES**

June 28, 2019
10:00-11:00am

Facilitator:	Kendra Avila		
Meeting Attendees:	Sam Pennington, Jeffrey King, Ashley Pattee, Regina Archie, Casey Gordon, Kendra Avila, Pam Spaeth, Lauren VanKeulen, Drea McKinney, Shannon Vinson, Julie Clossen, Becky Diffin, Drea McKinney, Melissa Ware, Alyssa Anten, Jeff King, Erin Benson, Melanie Wiersma, Brenda Byers, Max Barrigear, Tahbu Aizer, Courtney Myers-Keaton, Brianne Czyzio		
Time Convened:	10:05	Time Adjourned:	11:00

Workgroup Time (9:00-10:00)	
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Approval of Agenda	
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Motion by:	Tahbu	Second:	Max
Discussion			
Amendments	Move Workgroup Report Outs to number 6		
Conclusion	All in favor by acclamation with no dissent		

Approval of Minutes	
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Motion by:	Max	Second:	Kendra
Discussion			
Amendments			
Conclusion	All in favor by acclamation with no dissent		

Workgroup Report Out	
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Discussion	
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Coordinated Entry Planning – they will be connecting to Coordinated Entry committee of the CoC.

Discharge Planning – overviewed the framework and discussed which systems they would like to engage with. They are hoping to get more information on how the foster care, mental health, juvenile, physical health, others interact. What does the current system look like? When youth call into 211, what questions are asked? End goal is to engage systems to prevent and divert instances of homelessness.

VoYC Planning – the biggest topic of discussion was revamping the questions to make them less invasive for youth. They are hoping to identify barriers that youth are experiencing so they can tackle these from the inside. Last year, rural areas were missed in the count. YAB is planning to present in at least one rural school for outreach efforts. In the months leading up to the count, they are hoping to have a large event to raise awareness to youth on the street, perhaps a spoken word open mic night. Another topic was setting locations that youth frequent.

Housing First and Resource Capacity – Their first goal is to identify a system resource map to see available resources and access points. The long-term goal is to get this information out to the community, so youth know where to access resources. They talked about how to add youth onto the by-name list, so they can get resources. They asked YAB to talk about resources access, helpful solutions, and barriers.

HMIS and Data Evaluation – they discussed what the HMIS system looks like and how to get more agencies engaged with HMIS. They looked into what systems do not currently use HMIS, and what type of system can be used to collect this data.



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There is a lot of overlap with all workgroups, so it is important to make sure work is not being duplicated. The report outs at each meeting will serve as a connection point so that workgroups can see where to work together. There is a lot of crossover with other work in the CoC as well. Courtney will provide CoC Committee Updates to the group so they can see where there may be overlap. There is a need to be intentional about how workgroups gather feedback. There are groups in the CoC that are already gathering feedback, there may be a way to plug into these opportunities. This way, we are not asking people to share their stories multiple times over the course of a few months. Perhaps YAB members could attend different workgroup meetings to provide feedback during the sessions.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Provide regular CoC updates to the group	Courtney Myers-Keaton	

Point Source Youth Conference Learnings

Discussion

Point Source Youth Conference was last week. Point Source Youth focuses on 3 evidence-based paths to ending youth homelessness: RRH, host homes, and kinship strengthening. The conference is organized by youth and run by youth. It is a great conference opportunity that hopefully more are able to attend next year. Courtney attended several helpful sessions; she will share this information with the group. A few specific topics included RRH for youth and using the TAY for youth as part of the coordinated entry process.

The Grand Challenge to End Youth Homelessness:

From A Way Home America, this approach uses targeted universalism for LGBTQ+ youth and youth of color to try to end youth homelessness. They will be selecting 10 communities throughout the country to participate in the Grand Challenge. The application will be available July 9 and will be due August 21. True Colors expressed that Grand Rapids would be a great community to apply. Julie will add notes from her the phone call with True Colors after it takes place. How does Grand Challenge align with YHDP? This will become more clear after the application is released.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline

Voices of Youth Count Research Updates

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Measuring Up: Youth-level Outcomes and Measures for System Responses to Youth Homelessness. The report contains examples of how systems can work together in ending youth homelessness. It may be helpful for workgroup to go through and review this research. The group has come up with a list of suggested measures that the community can use to end youth homelessness. This gives almost a blueprint for how to engage, make connections, and collect data. The measures provide common goals across systems that group can work towards.

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Agency Updates

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Covenant House: Their male floor is currently full. The female floor will be opening in July. Pam will share updated information when it is available.

HAP: Update on Youth By-Name List: Currently, 38% of individuals on the list have been connected to a program. About 79% are accepted and are currently working with the programs. There are 84 youth on the page. HAP is doing the TAY assessment with youth that call HAP to add them to the list. 33 were removed from the list due to lack of contact, 7 aged-out, 24 "self-resolved".

Coordinated Entry Committee It was asked whether the group can look at couch surfing as literal homelessness for youth? This reflects the fact that the only youth resources available in the community are for youth are literally homeless, not those who are at-risk. This topic should be a continued topic of conversation in workgroups.

Adjournment	
Conclusion	All in favor by acclamation with no dissent