



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

December 4, 2020
9:30-10:30

Facilitator:	DL McKinney		
Meeting Attendees:	Claire Hopkins, Casey Gordon, Korey Mills, Carolyn Allen, Samantha Westhouse, Kendra Avila, Becky Diffin, Tiffany Clarke, <u>Staff:</u> Courtney Myers-Keaton, Brianne Czyzio Robach		
Time Convened:	9:04	Time Adjourned:	10:15

Introductions		
Review of Agenda		December 4, 2020
Discussion		
Amendments		
Review of Minutes		October 23, 2020
Discussion	Last month, discussed youth functional zero page and Coordinated Entry. Next month, can look at new CE policies and discuss where Youth Committee fits in this structure.	
Amendments		
Conclusion		
Youth Functional Zero List		
Discussion		
Samantha shared an update of numbers from the youth functional zero list. As of 12/4, there are a total of 92 families and singles experiencing category 1 homelessness, 68 unsheltered and 24 sheltered.		
At the last case conferencing meeting, the group discussed outreach to singles who are unsheltered to get them into open spaces at Covenant House and YES at Mel Trotter. Mel Trotter has current openings. Covenant House has openings, youth must have a negative COVID test within the last 7 days.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Youth Homelessness Awareness Debrief		
Discussion		
In November, the team launched Facebook and Instagram page around youth homelessness awareness. In the upcoming months, they are hoping to work with organizations in the community to share resources.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Committee Leadership Elections		
Discussion		
In January, will need to elect chair, vice chair, and secretary. Current roster:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DL McKinney is chair - Kendra Avila is vice chair - Max Barrigear is secretary 		



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Due to lack of quorum, agree that is best to use the same process as in the last few years. Nominations can be submitted to staff via email and from the floor in January. If you nominate someone else, please be sure you have their approval before submitting.

Community Partner Updates

Discussion

CoC Updates:

- We are about to start strategic planning process! Staff have engaged with a consultant and will begin discussing the action plan. Consultant will likely be joining a meeting in the future. The CoC wants to ensure that there is the involvement of voices of those with lived experience in planning, including youth. If organizations have thoughts around what has been working and what would work best, please connect with CoC staff.
- Encourage participation in provider check-in meetings and Steering Council to hear what discussions are occurring. General membership meeting on December 17th at 9:30am.

Arbor Circle Outreach:

- Salvation Army, Street Reach and Arbor Circle going to Monroe Center and trying to engage with folks and providing outdoor gear.

Warming Centers:

- Many spaces that were previously available as warming centers will not be available this winter due to the pandemic which is concerning. Limited space is available at Mel Trotter, Degage, Heartside Ministries, and Exodus Place. If you are aware of additional spaces or have thoughts on innovative solutions for space and staffing, please connect with CoC staff.
- Members wondered whether there has been conversation around using hotel spaces as a type of day center. These have been discussed, but there is a need to identify longer-term funding (CARES Act funds expire Dec. 30) as well as staffing for these spaces. Could have further conversation around whether partners may be able to step into this space.
- The CoC recently released a survey regarding priority funding areas. Take the survey at: <https://forms.gle/oRYcHwsqnLgGZ7RU9>

Adjournment