



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

September 25, 2020
9:30-10:30

Facilitator:	DL McKinney		
Meeting Attendees:	DL McKinney, Joe Kiser, Melissa Ware, Claire Hopkins, Casey Gordon, Erin Benson, Korey Mills, Carolyn Allen, Claire Hopkins, Samantha Westhouse, Melissa Ware, Edna Stewart, Anna Diaz, Leora Bain, Katlin Davis, Lindsey DeShetler		
	Staff: Courtney Myers-Keaton, Brianne Czyzio Robach		
Time Convened:	9:04	Time Adjourned:	10:15

Introductions			
Review of Agenda			
Motion by:	Casey	Support from:	Leora
Discussion			
Amendments	Add Coordinated Entry Policies (#4a)		
Approval of Minutes		August 21, 2020	
Motion by:	Max	Support from:	Carolyn
Discussion			
Amendments			
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes.		
Youth Functional Zero List			
Discussion			
<p>Many community organizations participated in planning and during the townhall to raise awareness around youth homelessness. Most of the event went well, however Ben shared that the HOT team was in attendance and publicly disagreed with panelists. The conversation was elevated to the City.</p> <p>Conversation around the HOT team's role. The CoC is hoping to identify the goal of the HOT team and to determine how to best collaborate with current outreach staff. Conversation around the differences between enforcement and engagement. DL suggested looking to other cities for models and best practices for successful outreach and law enforcement partnership. Max and Courtney will connect on talking to youth in other cities around their experiences with this type of partnership.</p> <p>Add HOT Team update to next Youth Committee agenda.</p>			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
Youth Functional Zero List			
Discussion			
<p>As of 9/21, a total of 74 youth are on the by-name list, 58 unsheltered youth, 16 in shelter. Conversations around updating the by-name list continue.</p> <p>There was a pilot count this week to identify those who are experiencing unsheltered homelessness within the City of Grand Rapids, where they stayed previously, and where they anticipate staying in the winter. Numbers will be released in the upcoming weeks.</p>			



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Staff have reached out to GRHC around tenant vouchers for youth. The program is not yet online, but they indicated that they will coordinate with youth providers to fill voucher spots.		
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Community Partner Updates		
Discussion		
Max thanked everyone for all the hard work that has gone into serving youth over the past 6 months.		
HQ and 3:11 have merged to become AYA (As You Are) Youth Collective.		
Youth Homelessness Awareness has their first focus group meeting on Monday. These will continue. If youth are interested in focus groups, please connect them to Kendra (kavila@3-11.org) or Li (lkaplan@ayayouth.org).		
CoC – Sierra has left her position so the CoC is hiring for the HMIS Support Analyst.		
Adjournment		
Motion by:	Max Barrigear	Second: Erin Benson