



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

January 8, 2021
9:30-10:30

Facilitator:	DL McKinney		
Meeting Attendees:	Casey Gordon, Korey Mills, Carolyn Allen, Erin Benson, Kendra Avila, Becky Diffin, Tiffany Clarke, Regina Archie, Cayla Klimach, Elisa Besteman, DL McKinney, Jacquita Baker, Anna Diaz, Melissa Ware, Courtney Myers-Keaton, Brianne Robach		
Time Convened:	9:35	Time Adjourned:	10:15

Introductions			
Approval of Agenda		January 8, 2021	
Motion by:	Kendra Avila	Support from:	Casey Gordon
Discussion			
Amendments	None		
Approval of Minutes		October 23, 2020 & December 4, 2020	
Motion by:	Regina Archie	Support from:	Melissa Ware
Discussion			
Amendments	None		
Committee Leadership Election Information			
Discussion			
The group will elect chair, vice chair, secretary during the January meeting on the 22 nd . Nominations can be submitted to Brianne via email ahead of the meeting or from the floor during the meeting.			
<u>Youth Committee Direction</u>			
DL, Kendra, and Courtney recently met to discuss the structure of the committee. They think it would be helpful suggested setting quarterly goals for the committee. Agreement that a targeted approach would be best in this virtual environment. Suggested quarterly goals:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lead and support the revitalization and activities of the Youth Action Board. Know importance of the voice of those with lived experience in decision-making and has been conversation at Executive around what would be best. Anna suggested looking at action boards across the CoC. Conversation around how-to best support action board members. Suggestions include mentor-type relationships with Steering members and an internship-type opportunity to support members. 2. Increasing participation in Coordinated Entry to ensure consistent communication 			
During the next meeting, the group will outline goals, action steps, roles, and timelines.			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Youth Functional Zero List Update			
Discussion			
Erin shared that this week, there are 75 unsheltered family and singles and 24 sheltered for a total of 99 youth on the by-name list and noted that the number has been increasing throughout the pandemic. Community partners have been meeting bi-weekly for case conferencing for singles.			



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Conversation around the Community Housing Connect process for families. Folks will connect off-line regarding the ability to support families in completing the assessment.

Community Rebuilders, Arbor Circle, City of Grand Rapids have been partnering to provide motel vouchers for households staying in the Monroe Center area in need of temporary shelter. This includes some youth. CoC staff connect with local organizations regarding the need for supportive services to support youth outside of this geographic area in receiving motel vouchers.

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Coordinated Entry Policies

Discussion

Courtney highlighted key areas of the CE Policies that are being implemented. The CE Committee decided to begin implementation with families and then expand to help streamline the process. Changes include:

- Access through Community Housing Connect online portal with choice in appointment time and Solutions Specialist (SS). SS will help resolve the episode and connect to resources if applicable. For folks who choose to call in, CHC questions can be asked over the phone to ensure the process is person-centered and streamlined.
- After-Hours process to ensure 24/7 access. This has not been finalized, but the group discussed it as a rotation of individuals who are on-call so that someone can be connected if there is an emergency need.
- Assessment: The CE Committee discuss the difference in assessment versus prioritization in depth. Assessment intended to determine risk-level. If someone is high-risk, they are prioritized for a resource. (There may need to be tie-breakers in multiple households are eligible for resources.) Anticipate that in the future, the community will not rely on a score to prioritize, but instead it will be dynamic.
- Prioritization Pools and By-Name list prioritization
- SS will be able to see what resources are open in real time, assign resources and notify HAP who will complete the referral.
- System Case Conferencing

The CE Committee is excited to implement this document and are hopeful that it will help increase flow through the system. If you have questions or want more information, please connect with Courtney. This item will also be on the January 22 meeting agenda. If there are specific questions you would like addressed, please send them to CoC staff ahead of time.

Community Partner Updates

Discussion

Mel Trotter: overflow shelter and warming center in Purple East building at 250 Ionia. Have been working to connect with female youth.

Adjournment

Motion by:	Regina Archie	Support from:	Anna Diaz
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