



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

October 22, 2021
9:30-10:30

Facilitator:	Kendra Avila		
Meeting Attendees:	Kendra Avila, Casey Gordon, Crystal Kitten, James Zerka, Marcelle Marcelletti, Lauren Potter, Paige Putans, Patrick Buhay, Li Kaplan, Alyssa Anten, Ben Kaiser, Regina Archie, Tiffany Clarke, Carolyn Allen, Stephanie Myers (late) Staff: Brianne Robach		
Time Convened:	9:30	Time Adjourned:	10:30

Introductions			
Approval of Agenda			
Motion by:	Patrick Buhay	Support from:	Marcelle Marcelletti
Discussion			
Amendments	None. Motion passes.		
Approval of Minutes		September 24, 2021	
Motion by:	Carolyn Allen	Support from:	Casey Gordon
Discussion			
Amendments	None. Motion passes.		
Youth Functional Zero Initiative Update			
Discussion			
<p>Kendra shared that she has been meeting regularly with HAP staff and Anna Diaz from Community Rebuilders around this initiative. They have been discussing which goals the group should focus on first to reach functional zero. These include putting together a resource chart and developing a by name list. They also discussed the importance of sufficient capacity to move this work forward and ensure it is implemented well.</p> <p>As the group develops goals, the structure of this committee, capacity of committee members, and workgroup leadership will be discussed.</p>			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Youth Functional Zero By-Name List Update			
Discussion			
<p>Lauren shared that there are 98 unsheltered youth (48 singles) and 22 sheltered youth for a total of 120 youth on the by-name list (BNL) as of Monday.</p> <p><u>Outreach Perspective</u></p> <p>Li shared that she has been going doing outreach twice a week within the City of Grand Rapids. This may be expanding through collaboration with Mel Trotter. AYA has piloted evening outreach (5:30-8:30pm) and have connected with additional youth. She is currently engaging with about 43 youth sleeping outside or in vehicles.</p>			



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AYA staff are concerned as they seeing members return who had moved out of the area or who were previously stably housed. They are reconnecting to share eligibility and/or connections to resources for adults.

Ben shared that Arbor Circle staff are seeing a large increase in youth-led families sleeping outside (currently over 20) and continue to see a large number of youth sleeping outside. They are also partnering with GRCC to offer drop-in hours for students.

Outreach Perspective will be added to future agendas as part of YFO update.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Include Outreach Perspective under YFO Update in future	Brianne	

Youth Action Board Update

Discussion

Kendra shared that there 4 active members of the action board. A few recently attended Steering Council meeting to listen. Adding context will be helpful for youth, conversations continue.

The group meets every other week. Youth are beginning to determine roles and build their own meeting agendas. Li shared that she recently attended a meeting and was impressed by the way youth generate ideas and collectively make decisions. She is excited for the group to continue.

If you know of youth interested in joining the group, encourage them to connect with Kendra. She is recruiting now, but the process for members to join will look different in the future.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline

Rescheduling November Meeting

Discussion

The next two meetings fall on the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. Each meeting will be pushed back to 12/3 and 1/7/22.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline

Community Partner Updates

Discussion

- The Salvation Army recently hired a Community Navigator. If you have someone who is struggling to find a unit to rent, connect with Alyssa who will connect with Navigator to help provide support.
- Paige shared that they have youth eligible for vouchers but who are struggling to find units that will accept a voucher. If you are aware of any resources or spaces, connect with her.

Adjournment

Motion by:	Crystal Kitten	Support from:	Patrick Buhay
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