



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

April 22, 2022
9:30-10:30

Facilitator:	Kendra Avila		
Meeting Attendees:	Kendra Avila, Matthew Naylor, Rebecca Diffin, Carolyn Allen, Tiffany Clarke, Alyssa Anten, Jerrod Horton, Patrick Buhay, LoRae Robinson, Queyonna Hunt, Brianne Robach, Casey Gordon		
Time Convened:	9:31 am	Time Adjourned:	10:28

Introductions			
Approval of Agenda			
Motion by:	LoRae Robin	Second:	Tiffany Clarke
Discussion			
Amendments			
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes.		
Approval of Minutes		March 4, 2022	
Motion by:	Tiffany Clarke	Second:	LoRae Robinson
Discussion			
Amendments			
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes.		
YHDP Next Steps			
Discussion			
<p>Discussion around what areas could have been improved from last time around. Kendra explained rating scale and highlighted areas of focus. LoRae explained that not having a recent Covid test hindered their process for intakes. Matthew mentioned Mel Trotter had onsite testing to address this issue which was helpful. Also explained however that access to masks was difficult. Tiffany highlighted the community response to obtaining masks and Brianne's email being the first in the beginning of the pandemic to highlight the need. Things are better now than the beginning of Covid.</p> <p>Tiffany brought up best practices regarding wire transfers for youth. Tiffany posed the question if we're working with Detroit who was awarded the YHDP grant. Brianne said could follow up with Courtney regarding that.</p> <p>Kendra brought up the idea of a needs assessment prior to submitting the application.</p> <p>Kendra mentioned YAB meetings that take place regularly and put a call out to any youth who are interested in attending those meetings.</p>			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Input needed from all organizations as we move through the application process.		All youth housing providers	End of June
Youth Functional Zero Initiative Update			
Discussion			
Kendra has sent a draft of the potential process for adding youth the by name list out to Lisa with Family Promise and is awaiting feedback.			



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<p>135 total 21 of which are in emergency shelter. Remaining 114 unsheltered. Conversation regarding reasons for such a high number.</p> <p>Kendra presented the thought of highlighting these numbers in media to bring awareness to it. Breanne presented caution in avoided unintended negative impact by people who want to help but not in a trauma informed way.</p>		
Youth Action Board Update		
Discussion		
<p>Meeting twice a month. Great to see Matt and some other from Mel Trotters come. Goal is to be a youth friendly as possible. Snacks, pizza provided. Youth paid \$25 each time they come (funding from GRCF). Li Kaplan is facilitating the meetings. Nice to provide a youth centered space again. Next meeting is this Tuesday at 10 am.</p>		
Community Partner Updates		
Discussion		
<p>Openings: Matt - yes there are currently 4 beds available and 4 emergency shelter beds. Carolyn said they have a couple openings in both female and male floors</p>		
Adjournment		
Motion by:	Matt Naylor	Second: LoRae Robinson