



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

June 24, 2022  
9:30-10:30

Facilitator:	Monique Carter, Kendra Avila		
Meeting Attendees:	Becky Diffin, Julius Montgomery, Alyssa Anten, Casey Gordon, Gaby Guzman, Queyonna Jacqueal, Crystal Kitten, Carolyn Allen, Monique Carter, Paige Putans, Kendra Avila <u>Staff:</u> Courtney Myers Keaton, Brianne Robach		
Time Convened:	9:32 am	Time Adjourned:	10:25

<b>Introductions</b>	
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<b>Review of Agenda</b>	
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Discussion	No changes
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<b>Approval of Minutes</b>		<b>April 22, 2022 &amp; May 27, 2022</b>	
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Motion by:	Carolyn Allen	Second:	Crystal Kitten
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Discussion	
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Amendments	
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Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes.
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<b>Review of YHDP Application</b>	
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Discussion
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Courtney overviewed the draft of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) application which is due by Tuesday, the 28<sup>th</sup>. She asked attendees for feedback and suggested additions throughout the application. Members suggested additions under the following categories

- Factors contributing to youth homelessness:
  - o Casey – include information on the lack of youth-specific housing resource navigators
  - o Paige – lack of funds to pay deposit and first month’s rent
  - o Crystal – previous debts (even small ones) that impact credit score; lack of affordable smaller housing units (studio and 1 bedroom) and generational desire to have one’s own living space
- Needs of transgender, gender non-conforming, non-binary youth
  - o Carolyn – Covenant House has own rooms; youth stay on the floor that best aligns with their gender
- Connection with education providers
  - o Casey shared more info about Kent ISD’s activities with ARPA funding
- Youth led advisory groups in the community
- Connections to health
- How youth are brought into evaluation and improvement of projects
- How to define success
  - o youth engagement, focus on prevention, connecting to resources and wrap-around services, best practices, high-level of collaboration

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline

<b>Adjournment</b>	
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Motion by:	Casey Gordon	Support from:	Monique Carter
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