



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

July 22, 2022
9:30-10:30

Facilitator:	Monique Carter, Kendra Avila		
Meeting Attendees:	Alyssa Anten, Li Kaplan, James Zerka, Kendra Avila, Crystal Kitten, Becky Diffin, Patrick Buhay, Monique Carter, LoRae Robinson Staff: Brianne Robach		
Time Convened:	9:32 am	Time Adjourned:	10:25

Introductions			
Review of Agenda			
Motion by:	Crystal Kitten	Second:	Patrick Buhay
Discussion			
Amendments	No changes.		
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes.		
Approval of Minutes		June 24, 2022	
Motion by:	Monique Carter	Second:	Li Kaplan
Discussion			
Amendments	No changes.		
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes.		
Youth Functional Zero (YF0) Initiative Update			
Discussion			
There was a shift in who is leading the initiative at AYA, Crystal will be taking leadership. She hopes to begin meeting soon and noted that high numbers of youth experiencing homelessness.			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
YF0 By-Name List Update			
Discussion			
Alyssa shared that The Salvation Army's list currently has 196 youth (singles and families) experiencing homelessness. They are seeing a lack of resources impacting these numbers. Li agreed and noted that youth who receive a voucher often cannot find affordable and/or barrier free housing.			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Youth Action Board Update			
Discussion			
Li has taken over as facilitator of YAB. She shared that there has been fairly consistent attendance and have reduced barriers for attendance. YAB is launching a 'We Exist' campaign to bring awareness to youth homelessness in the Kent County. Contact Li for YAB meeting dates			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Community Partner Updates			
Discussion			
Save the date – YAB 'We Exist' rally on August 26 from 4-6:00pm.			



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James shared that Foster to Youth Independence are available. He continues to work to strengthen relationships with private landlords. Barriers include racism, stigma around section 8 vouchers, and lack of funding for deposits or application fees

Adjournment

Motion by:	James Zerka	Support from:	Li Kaplan
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