



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

August 26, 2022
9:30 am-10:30 am

Facilitator:	Kendra Avila,		
Meeting Attendees:	Carolyn Allen (left at 9:55), Kendra Avila, Casey Gordon, Paige Putans, Queyonna Jacqueal, Crystal Kitten, Tiffany Clark, Monique Carter, Li Kaplan Staff: Sophie Fineberg, Brianne Robach		
Time Convened:	9:32	Time Adjourned:	9:56

Approval of Agenda			
Motion by:	Carolyn Allen	Support from:	Tiffany Clark
Discussion			
Amendments	No changes.		
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes		
Approval of Minutes		July 22, 2022	
Motion by:	Casey Gordon	Support from:	Crystal Kitten
Discussion			
Amendments	No changes.		
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes		
Youth Functions Zero Initiative Update			
Discussion			
Crystal has taken lead of the initiative and will be facilitating a case conferencing meeting every 2 weeks. This will allow youth providers to collectively go through the by name list, discuss individual situations, and maintain an accurate list.			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
Youth Function Zero By-Name List Update			
Discussion			
No update on the list as staff from The Salvation Army are not present.			
Outreach perspective: Li Kaplan reported that she has seen a rise in category 1 youth, especially those with foster care experience or who identify as LGBTQ+. She has also seen an increase in minors and pregnant and parenting youth.			
YAB Rally: Youth Action Board is hosting a We Exist Action Campaign Rally for youth to come together and support others who have experienced homelessness. A petition to request that City Commissioners sit down with YAB members will be available.			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
Youth Action Board Update			
Discussion			



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Rally this afternoon (above), high membership, seats are reserved for members connected with specific agencies. They are creating a document to raise awareness.			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Community Partner Update			
Discussion			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carolyn: new Executive Director at Covenant House • Tiffany: Youth Build (educational programming) open for applicants. Open enrollment at grcct.com • AYA partnership with Safe Haven to support young people who have experienced abuse. Safe Haven will handle case management and AYA will oversee housing. There are placements available. • Casey can connect youth with school staff to assist with registration, etc. • There is an opportunity to submit public comment to the City of Grand Rapids via writing. 			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Adjournment			
Motion by:	Tiffany Clark	Support from:	Monique Carter