**YYA Committee Meeting Notes**

**Thursday, September 16, 2021**

**4:00-5:30pm**

***Present:*** *Andrea Thompson-Dexter– CAPV Healthy Families, Justin Journet – MHA, Matt Attesi – Gandara, Georgia Welch – CAPV YAB/Youth Programs, Phil Rringwood – Dial/Self, Shelby Dempsey – BCRHA, Kim Borden – BCRHA, Simone Barrows- YAB, Levi Solano-Jimenez -YAB , Ben Hernandez-Kliman – YAB, Taylor McAndrew – OTF, Stacy Parsons – Mckinny Vento, Lydia Davis – CAPV Youth Programs, Shaundell Diaz – CAPV CoC, Keleigh Pereira – CAPV CoC, Teri Koopman –CAPV CoC, Marie Gates – MHA, Michelle Moore – Young People in Recovery , Emily English – Gandara, Malak – YAB, Heather Welty– CAPV Youth Programs, Olivia – Gilbert-Lilly – YAB, Kaia – YAB!*

**Welcome and Introductions/Check-Ins** (Simone)

**YHDP Project Updates**

CoC Updates:

* 69 Youth are on BNL
  + 11 are “not contacts” and are slated to be exited 6 months after initial no contact date if communication is not established
* Since February 2021
  + 34 Youth have been referred to one of 3 YHDP Projects
    - 4 referred to Dial/Self RRH
      * 2 were housed with Dial/Self
      * 2 are in housing search
    - 9 referred to MHA PSH
      * 3 were housed with MHA PSH
      * 6 are in housing search
      * 1 was just recently referred
    - 4 referred and moved into Gandara TH
    - 11 referred for Gandara RRH
      * 4 were housed with Gandara RRH
      * 3 are in TH with plans to use RRH dollars to find permanent housing
      * 3 more are in housing search
    - 3 referred for MHA RRH
      * 1 housed using MHA RRH
      * 2 were just recently referred to the project
    - 8 referred to MHA Housing Navigation
      * 4 are actively working with Navigator
      * 4 have been recently referred

YHDP Sub-recipients Updates:

* Gandara – Things are going well with referrals but all projects are looking for landlords!
* Dialself – Still working with the 4 youth-2 are housed and staff are seeking landlords for the other 2
* MHA – Working with Housing Navigator and PSH; Need landlord connections-that’s the hardest part! Little housing inventory and lots of applicants-many landlords don’t want to work with youth

**NOFO Update**

Discussion of the CoCs process around the NOFO and the YHDP projects:

* Request for Funding was released yesterday by the CoC and included several project types
* Total available funding across the CoC is $3,258,958, including all renewal, YHDP renewal and replacement and new project opportunities.
  + New Projects PSH, RRH, RHH specifically for victims of DV, CE-SSO specific to victims of DV
  + Renewal Projects: All current CoC projects
  + Renewal or Replacement for YHDP projects
    - Youth Homelessness Demonstration Projects (YHDP), listed in Appendix D in the NOFO, may apply for renewal or replacement, based on the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, permitting expiring YHDP projects to renew or replace non-competitively in this competition
    - YHDP projects will be held harmless, will not be ranked, and will be conditionally approved by HUD
    - Agencies funded by the Three County CoC should work with CoC staff to determine project type-
      * Renewal – no changes
      * Replacement – changes

**Beginning a Process for Evaluation of YHDP Projects**

NOFO related brief evaluation check in from CoC:

* CoC is working to provide YHDP sub-recipients with a brief evaluation in order to prep them for the response to the funding competition and to begin to support their preparation for the YYA Committee’s evaluation
* Projects scored between 45 and 60 points, and CoC staff are still working to share this information with project reps as it was put on hold due to the NOFO release.
* Most projects had points taken away based on utilization of funds, number of beds filled, and policy description needs.
* The brief evaluation prep included:
  + An overall total of 60 points
    - Project effectiveness
      * *Eligible costs, fiscal management*
      * *Utilization of funding*
      * *Project readiness measures*
      * *Policy and procedural development*
    - Other criteria
      * Number of youth served
      * Number of youth housed/beds utilized
      * Participation in CoC efforts (chairing committees etc.)
      * Use of the CE system
* Shared what is already identified in the Project evaluation process (created by the planning committee) and CQI
* Noted items seen in the FY21 NOFO that should be added
  + There was a very strong commitment to racial equity planning and this should be considered as an addition
  + The CoC can provide information from TA providers to help subrecipients prepare for future evaluation around Racial Equity work.
  + Shared the current renewal project application supplement to identify key considerations

Shout out to youth programs for all the work they have done to increase the number of youth in the YAB- especially during COVID!

**YAB Updates** (Kaia)

* Several weeks ago YAB distributed frozen and unfrozen water bottles in downtown Greenfield; the hope is that these street outreach efforts will continue in the future (currently under discussion)
* YAB hosted a Building Bridges meeting last month-this is an opportunity to network while playing games
  + New Discord platform was introduced as alternative means of interacting with the YAB which is more intuitive than email
* Still working on DCF project (e.g. providing care packages for youth leaving DCF)

**Other Announcements:**

* MHA is hiring a Navigator –YAB are encouraged to apply!

Visit: https://secure2.entertimeonline.com/ta/CPS1008.careers?CareersSearch

* CoC is also hiring; View job description, Annual Meeting invite and information about the NOFO process on the events page of the CoC website

Visit: <https://www.threecountycoc.communityaction.us/news-events>

* CAPV Healthy Families hosts a Regional Advisory Group on Pregnant or Parenting YYA which is meeting Friday, 9.17.21; email [atomsho-dexter@communityaction.us](mailto:atomsho-dexter@communityaction.us) for zoom link
* Michelle Moore-works with Young People in Recovery (which strives to make sure that all young people to have the resources they need to live a life free of substance abuse and addiction); she is working on an advocacy, recovery and homeless issues and is interested in working with agencies; email contact: michelle.moore@youngpeopleinrecovery.org

**Next Meeting Planning and Agenda**

Next steps on responding to the Coordinated Community Plan to End Youth homelessness

* YYA Committee is tasked with moving the CCP forward
* Many of the short term action items in the CCP have been accomplished and the YHDP Projects have been implemented
* Last spring the Committee began focusing on the short term action items which have not been addressed; brainstormed re suggestions and strategies
* Now Committee needs to engage around these strategies (the ones that are not about YHDP project implementation)

YHDP Project evaluations

* YYA is also tasked with evaluating YHDP projects
* Actual evaluation activities will likely have to wait until after the NOFO process (due to staffing limitations) we can begin establishing the evaluation process-who is involved and the steps (policies and procedures are already in place though some may require updating)

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 21, 4:00 – 5:30 pm