**YYA Homelessness Committee**

**Task List**

**Youth/Young Adult Identification/Engagement**

Develop a process for identifying and engaging YYA at-risk of homelessness that reflects Positive Youth Development, Trauma-Informed Care, Housing First and other key principles and approaches

Create and disseminate information about services for YYA via flyers, ads, social media

Complete outreach events in schools in order to reach YYA under 18 y.o.

Create a MA Youth Count Committee and conduct Three County Youth Count that reflects youth voice and utilizes Youth Ambassadors to capture data on at-risk and unsheltered YYA and integrate it into the Continuous Quality Improvement process

**Data Analysis/Continuous Quality Improvement**

Create a Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) process and framework to track and evaluate our progress in achieving the system goals and objectives we identified in the plan and train partners on implementation. This includes review of data on a regular basis, including HMIS and other data sources (Youth Count, etc.), with frequency to be determined, for housing and service outcomes.

**Project Implementation** (DIAL/SELF Rapid Rehousing Project, Gandara Joint Component Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing project, MHA Permanent Supportive Housing project, MHA Housing Navigator/Rapid Rehousing project, CAPV HMIS project and CAPV Coordinated Entry project)

The Committee will support the CoC with ensuring that all YHDP projects include:

* Use of Positive Youth Development principles
* Use of Equitable Practices
* Use of Trauma Informed Care
* Focus on the Four Core Outcomes-Housing, Education/Employment, Social Emotional Well-Being and Permanent Connections
* Use of Family Engagement
* Use of USICH Framework-screening, assessment and intervention practices based on risk and protective factors, focus on YYA goals, intervention strategies used with fidelity and attention to practice frameworks, culturally appropriate interventions, monitoring progress and adjusting services as needed
* Addressing needs of special populations-LGBTQ, YYA of color, pregnant/parenting YYA, YYA with disabilities, immigrant YYA
* Connections with/support around Workforce Development, Educational Providers, Physical and Mental Health Providers and health insurance
* Life skills training and support
* Longer-term interventions based on individual YYA need and choice

**System Improvements**

Create a CoC YYA Homelessness Committee to support implementation of the YHDP CCP

Integrate an exploration and use of family/natural support engagement into every aspect of service delivery system, reunifying families if safe, and/or connecting to other supportive adults/peers.

Educate community stakeholders on homelessness prevention resources, including MA Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) flexible funding and ESG funding

Advise the Coordinated Entry system around centering YYA choice/voice, meeting YYA specific needs, being trauma-informed, and engagement with families, YYA providers, the state’s PATH program, state systems, and schools

Educate/engage community around legislative priorities related to YYA

Work with state and regional partners to address state and regional level policies that impact YYA engaged with state systems

Provide training and advocacy opportunities for YYA, engage YYA in creation of advocacy plan and participation in advocacy

Create opportunities for the Franklin County YAB to connect with youth leadership groups in other counties/regions to expand membership

Apply for ongoing funding for the Franklin County YAB to sustain its efforts