**YYA Committee Meeting Minutes**

**June 23, 2022**

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

**Agenda**

Introductions/Check-Ins *(Presented by YAB)*

* *Present: Phil (D/S); Shaundell (3COC); Teri (3COC); Heather (CAPV); Lydia (CAPV); Georgia (CAPV); Andrea (CAPV); Lynn (Gandara); Michele (3COC); Geo (YAB); Olivia (YAB); Rhea (YAB); Olivia (YAB); Daniel (YAB); Stacy (N. Adams PS); Mark (Gandara); Nancy (3COC)*
* *Introducing co-facilitator*
  + *Teri has taken on a new role, the homeless coordinator position has been filled (welcome Nancy!), and Shaundell Diaz will be assuming coordination of the YYA committee as co-facilitator with everyone in the committee*
* *Intro question:* *(Presented by YAB)*

YHDP Project Updates

* YHDP Sub-recipient Updates (DS, Gandara, MHA)
  + D/S
    - Has 4 RRH slots which are at 100% enrollment
    - They moved someone in in last couple of weeks.
    - Their two housed are in Easthampton and Amherst right now.
    - 50% Housed
  + Gandara
    - TH is full
    - RRH
      * 1 opening w/referral coming soon
      * 1 w/ 2 more right behind close to housing
      * Hopefully will have 25% housed in the upcoming months.
  + MHA
    - MHA representative is not present for YHDP updates.
    - Phil added that MHA has short and medium term RRH supports and a PSH program, think that they were full or on hold on additional referrals until July.
    - Not sure where PSH numbers are right now.
    - Shaundell checked case conferencing notes to see that MHA is full for PSH, with 5 out of 8 YYA housed, 3 still in search.
    - One or two RRH slots open but waiting until end of June to start taking more referrals.
    - Out of 20 referrals they have housed 9 YYA.
  + Shaundell
    - YHDP projects were able to house ~10% out of Franklin County so some are moving in to Berkshire and Hampshire and Hampden County based on preference and limited housing stock.
    - Landlord want to see certain things and some youth population don’t have rental history or established credit.
* Q&A
  + Olivia- wondering if housing providers know if anything is being done to address the housing shortage, what has been done in the past, what might be done going forward?
  + Shaundell- Great questions, the equity and inclusion committee put together a landlord survey and flyer to engage as best as possible with landlords. Also have a landlord workgroup that convenes quarterly. Shaundell walked through the survey and flyer, explained the landlord list that’s been compiled. Nancy will be heading the landlord engagement process moving forward. The YHDP program does allow a $500 incentive for landlords and we’re finding that that isn’t enough for them.
  + Phil- Housing has always been tricky in our area, especially recently in past few years, buildings are being bought out for AirBnB, old buildings are in need of repairs, landlords are charging based on supply and demand and supply is low/demand is high right now. Landlords are able to charge much higher rents, some cities are trying to take back buildings which have fallen into disrepair to turn them over and put back into the housing market. At the state level there’s funding to try and get more housing built, including some specific for youth and young adults in berkshire county.
  + Shaundell is sharing the information provided during individual services meeting with the WMNEH on 6/13. At that time had been 2 move ins during past month, 1 new EHV referral, 1 new RRH/Navigation referral, at that point 177 participants on the by names list, 15 exits form the by names list due to no contact, 3 moved into non-CoC housing, 1 moved out with an EHV. There were 3 tentative lease ups and only one was
  + Housing Engagement
    - COC
      * LL Engagement
      * State/Fed fund
        + Property/non-profit
        + Developers
        + Build affordable housing

YAB Updates *(Presented by YAB)*

* Building Bridges
  + Next week’s meeting will be on issues with enrollments, such as wait times and stigma. Talking about how enrollment can take a really long time and be very frustrating and confusing, answering the same questions over and over. Talking about the stigma that comes with getting services.
* DCF Care Package Update
  + Have been working on care packages for those who have left the foster care system or leaving it, had some extra money so opened up to other YAB members who have been in foster care system
* Q&A

Legislative Advocacy Training w/ Pamela Schwartz (WMNEH) & YELO Forum *(Presented by YAB)*

* *YELO forum, an event for young people to engage with their legislators and there was a breakout room to discuss youth and young adult homelessness. talked about mental health, mental health in school, racial justice, LGBTQ justice. Olivia talked about how it Was an opportunity to become familiar with local representatives and since then YAB members have felt more comfortable advocating and reaching out to their legislators. Brought up ideas to try and advocate locally with legislators, against housing being bought up for AirBnB. Blue talked about how it was a chance to have voice be heard and get their opinion around what should happen and what should change. Phil was in the breakout room for homelessness and appreciated the questions brought up and sometimes the answers from legislators.*
* *The youth council held a meeting before with Pamela from WMNEH who talked about accessibility of legislators and how it’s so important to reach out to them with your opinions because they often don’t hear from many constituents.*

Youth Count: Region One Results-Heather

* Heather posted link to youth count results and shared how to drill down to local level. (sorry Shaundell I was distracted and didn’t catch!) Some of the questions are here, a small snippet, may look a bit different when it gets cleaned up. This is the link to the portal but isn’t finished and link may expire. Full report will be compiled likely closer to September, draft version.
* Q & A
  + Question of legitimacy of Trans/Non-Binary #’s

PIT Count Report & Planning – Michele

* *Michele shared the 2022 PIT count report*

Re-introducing the CCP goals-committees? Goal targets? Priorities? Other projects?

* Shaundell shared the CCP with information around where to find the CCP, think about what we want to work on next

Next Meeting & Announcements

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, July 21st, 2022; 4:00 – 5:30 pm