**YYA Committee Meeting Minutes**

**January 19th, 2023**

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

**Agenda**

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

* *Present: Emma C (3CoC); Shaundell D(3CoC); Accasia (YAB); Blue B (YAB); G (CAPV); Lynn S-L (Gandara); Michele L (3CoC); Olivia G (YAB); River (YAB); Beatriz C (YAB); Rhea (YAB); Ezzy H (YAB); Kathy K (LH); Lydia (CAPV)*
* *Intro question:* Names and Pronouns (if you want to share) If you were a dragon what would you hoard? *(Presented by YABber)*

YHDP Project Updates

* YHDP Sub-recipient Updates (DS, Gandara, MHA, LH)
  + Lynn (Gandara)
    - Not much, TH still full, have had several RRH placed in houses, so also have had a couple of discharges so have several more openings, open for referrals
    - News that might be coming but can’t say anything yet but keep your fingers crossed!
  + Shaundell reminder
    - Don’t have to be actively homeless but at imminent risk, couch surfing, etc. Need an assessment completed
  + Kathy (LH)
    - 2 youth in emergency room at LH (they are brothers), dealing with screwed up ID situation
    - 4 youth from the motel, 2 are staying with family & look like they have housing with family (the ones that were referred to Gandara); other 2 have HomeBase from EA and have been applying literally anywhere
    - Other youth at motel—his partner no longer youth and is very pregnant, struggling to find them housing that is lead free, no credit, and landlords know them and don’t want to rent to them
      * The 30 day rule about hotels (if you stay longer than 30 days, you’re a “resident” which means the hotels are subject to building codes that they can’t meet) gets interpreted differently by different towns (also if the guests are homeless vs traveling nurse…
* CoC Updates: Since November 2022
  + RRH: 2
  + PSH: 1
  + Navigation: 3
* Q&A
  + Nothing

YAB Updates *(Presented by YABber)*

* Adultism
  + New Youth led Project
    - Working on video to talk about adultism, give examples, and ways to educate yourself ad combat it and help out youth
    - Currently in the writing phase (the script), working in Canva
  + Also hoping to do some direct service in the area for the winter, still figuring out what it will look like (passing out warm items, etc)
* Reminder\* - No Building Bridges Meeting this month
* Other
  + PIT Planning Update
    - Annual attempt to count how many people are experiencing homelessness in the 3 counties
    - Happens across the state and country
      * Most of MA all trying to do it on the same day—January 25th
    - Counting # people in shelters using data from shelter providers, and counting unsheltered (outside, in a vehicle, in a building not meant for sleeping, etc)
      * YAB have been very helpful in this planning process
      * We also counting couch surfing—doesn’t fit HUD’s definition of homeless but still important to count everyone who doesn’t have a home
    - Trying to place bigger emphasis on handing out items, checking in with people when they are being surveyed so we can see what if anything they need from us
    - Gathering precise data is important
    - \*\*we also are going to try to do a warmer month’s count, and YAB has been instrumental in helping get that off the ground
    - YAB participating in count?
      * Discussing later today! So stay tuned

Review ARJIS Snapshot

* How it connects to the CCP and connecting with schools
* Advancing Racial Justice In our Schools \*\*[link here](https://frcog.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/ARJIS-Report-Final-September-2022.pdf)
  + Grant that was awarded to CTC and FRCOG to identify and be more present in the school systems in regards to racial justice
  + Racism has detrimental impact on health (physically and psychologically)
  + Goals in schools
    - Review best practices in school-based racial justice work
      * “including…access to resources and opportunities”
      * School focus groups and interviews to map strengths and weaknesses in local schools
      * Generate district level reports
      * Identify and take priority action steps (regional school health task force and racial justice workgroup)
      * Adopt and implement best practices
  + 5-year outcome goals
* YAB still needs to figure out goals of connecting with schools

**CCP**

* Has been discussed in its entirety
* Has the YAB 101 for Board Members been done? (one of the trainings on the CCP)
  + Unsure
* YAB met with Springfield YAB talking about legislative training, decided to do it separately (this was about a year ago)
* Shaundell is going to connect the YAB with the individual from the Alaska YAB, as well as with the Mass CoC Google Group
* 2023 plans
  + wants to create plan for this committee, help them connect with others, also decide what we want to accomplish from the CCP this year
  + What are some key goals we want to accomplish? What is our key focus?
  + Going to send list from CCP that hasn’t been completed, and the ARJIS plan report
    - Any trainings from list we want to focus on? What meetings would we like to have?

Next Meeting & Announcements

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 16, 2023; 4:00 – 5:30 pm