**CoC Youth/Young Adult Homelessness Committee Meeting**

**Meeting notes**

**Thursday, April 8th, 2021**  
**4:00 – 5:30**

**Present**: Keleigh P, Three County CoC; Shaundell Diaz, Three County CoC; Brooke Murphy, Three County CoC;Michele LaFleur, Three County CoC; Phil Ringwood, D/S; Via, YAB; Emily English, Gandara; Dana White – True Colors United; Rich, DCF program coordinator; Lydia Davis – YAB support; Jake Hogue – BRHA; Matt, Gandara; Dan Sontag – DMH; Kim Lee – MHA; kaia – YAB, Simone – YAB.

***DCF*** – surplus of federal funding – to exend beyond the aging out folks – discharge funds but are going on to solidy housing needs – extended age of eligibility to age 26 – email Rich Doria if you have questions.

**Gandara** - Gandara Franklin County has a Full time Direct Care position open for our Transitional Housing Project.

**Youth Count Updates and Planning –** link to this power point is here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/12O2onmbzmkn2WKoHmpRsCLUWbdS87av2/view?usp=sharing

Youth Count is like the PIT count but longer timeframe and some different goals. timeframe is April 12th-May 24th the survey is open. Online presence and an intensive outreach period for April 26th. State coordinated effort. Get a sense of the YYA need in MA, how many are experiencing housing instability.

* Working on a paper version, tool is updated this year to include the Pandemic’s effect
* Google site will translate to at least English and Spanish.
* State is funding youth incentives and compensation – can use cash app or venmo. *We have a 1 pager available to help people figure out how to use it and how to get paid*.
* In three county we will also incentives YYA and can manage some gift cards for street outreach and drop in places that might engage with youth on surveys.
* Count is for youth under the age of 25
* State uses this to identify funding needs for Unaccompanied homeless youth
* Data is not shared with ICE or others who people may be concerned with getting this.
* Timeframe: data entry deadline: June 18th, debrief survey: July 31st, draft report: Aug 31st, first round of results available: October 1st.

If you want updates, can communicate to Phil and we will also email information out.pringwood@dialself.org

**YAB let meetings planning –**

Have started expansion to Hampshire and Berkshire County. Met last week with Gandara staff and got feedback from Matt. Also planning a listening session for youth to give feedback on gandara’s policies. Last month's YAB Building Bridges meetings will begin to happen again. Not holding it in April, but look for this in May! Doing outreach and have brought in at least 1 new youth.

**Review of Coordinated Community Planning Goals/Where are we now? – 45 minutes**

* CCP short term goals
  + Project implementation update
    - Youth CE is happening weekly with CE partners and YHDP projects
    - All YHDP projects have begun accepting YYA and are working on housing serach and navigation
    - Gandara TH has obtained a site and is beginning to refer youth to that site (4 beds).
      * The CoC is going to utilize EOHHS funds to support this project in de-leading that building so that we may accept families there.
    - **All Projects are in need of finding units and landlords interested in supporting these projects and taking youth.**
    - Really great collaboration between agencies and welcome to the new agencies coming into this area.
    - MHA – fully staffed! and shared that Mass Landlords is something projects should look into. can we host a zoom?
    - Gandara still hiring!
  + Share short term planning report and identify What's left/Considerations for the committee focus
    - Shared detail of the short term goal update report of the CCP and suggested that next meeting the committee begin to engage and plan around the pieces identified that are still needed.
* Project Outcomes –
  + - Review of final Project Demonstration Period Evaluation and Plan
      * CoC has completed the Demo eval info based on this committee’s planning – will create a basic scoring plan and then share with the subrecipients and this committee.
      * Demonstration evaluation will be completed in October 2021 (at the 1 year mark) and then in around July 2022 (three months prior to end of 2 year demo period)
      * Late spring/early summer this year – projects will participate in a mock site monitoring evaluation (like other CoC projects participate in annually) and next spring they will go throough the ranking process that other projects do, to prepare fo including them in the next NOFA application process – FY22
    - YYA participant pre and post Surveys will be completed by all youth in YHDP projects
      * Subrecipients will be given tablets for YYA use specifically to complete the online fillable surveys and upload to the CAPV/CoC staff.
      * The CoC is developing some confidentiality, software update and use processes to share with subrecipients.

**Closing and Next Steps – 10 minutes**

* Next Meeting considerations:
  + Dates and times that work best for folks – time wasn’t left for this so Keleigh will send a doodle.
    - Nex tmeeting suggested agenda items
      * New staff introduction
      * look into mid-term CCP goals and consider next steps – quick look at mid term goals
      * YAB update/activity?
      * Youth Count