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

**Agenda**

**Thursday, June 17, 2021**   
**4:00 – 5:30**

***Via – note taking***

**4-4:10pm -Welcome and Introductions**

**YHDP Project Updates**

* Gandara- Programs started October 2020, opening next week. 4 people will be moved into the housing unit in about 2 weeks. Serving 10 youth total. Trained to do coordinated entry.
* MHA- One employee is moving to another agency. 3 person team. 1 person has been housed, 4 more slots available. Working with 3 other youth. working with 6 people total, meeting new folks from Dial/Self next week. Going to be in office next week, doing outreach in the area. Looking for a replacement for the housing coordinator position.
* Dial/Self has 1 person who is housed and 3 people looking for a house.
* **Assessment – Who is doing this yet? - Matt from Gandara has been trained, MHA staff have also been trained, as has Jena from Youth Programs in addition to Dialself.**

**YAB updates – Simone**

* **Building bridges on June 23rd 12:30-1:30- flier was made and youth can attend and get paid $15 for attending and would love providers to be there.**
* **Support for YAB initiatives** 
  + Qualitative research
  + DCF youth support/engagement - working on helping foster kids coming out of the foster care system or abusive homes. looking to support YYA and helping to connect to DCF workers, looking to offer food and home supprt for youth leaving foster care. Some YAB members familiar with the foster system and know how it can work out and end up for folks. Have also invited DCF workers to come and sit in at the meeting – this is an important project for us. want to give back to the community.
  + Looking for more YAB members to join our efforts –

**Youth Count Updates – Phil Ringwood**

**Youth count –** to get an idea of young adults who are or have experienced homelessness, State extended the timeframe to tomorrow, June 18th! In Three County 49 people have responded out of 470 across the state. Will provide more information in a few months when available.

**YHDP Project Ranking for CoC Notice of Funding Approval “NOFA” response.**

* Three County’s FY21 Annual Renewal Demand will increase to $2,838,507 from 1.8 million annually, based on the addition of the YHDP Projects.
* Part of the NOFA competition
* Projects in CoC get ranked through site monitoring. Policies, data, project effectiveness pieces, eligibility documentation. YHDP projects can not be a part of this process due to not being around long enough. 6 Projects exist, 2 are CoC projects (HMIS and CE). Dial/self, navigation housing, permanent housing, and a joint component program in Gandara.
* NOFA will provide more information about this piece. Projects will participate in renewing applications in 2022.

***TA suggestions***

* Held harmless
* List in no particular order

***CoC staff & Ranking and Eval committee discussion/Board discussion suggestions***

* Is this a good time for taking stock in a bit of project readiness performance and still hold projects harmless?
* Will likely be listed sep from the full CoC, but if listed as part, it will be that the ARD will include all YHDP projects as well, so tier 2 will likely still be the same, but somewhat concerned that we will want to see the tier breakdown before making a decision in full
  + CoC Board and R&E committee will be part of decision making based on our community CQI process, but this committee and the YAB also get to provide feedback. CoC board identified that because it is part of the NOFA response, their decision is important.
  + Board recommended that if the CoC staff has capacity we could consider a brief evaluation inclusive of the following:

***Ideas so far:***

* Project readiness:
* Fully staffed positions
* Secured building/office space
* Percentage of youth served
* Percentage of youth housed
* Funding utilization/billing timeliness
* CE participation
* CoC participation
* Policies in place

Other suggestions:

* Talking with YYA in the projects – maybe the YAB members could offer this – for qualitative data assessment.
* I think having a system for getting youth feed back is imperative, so what projects plans are for ways of hearing youth feedback and acting on it could be a good measure
* Project self reflection- 360 evaluation?
* We have drafted a participant feedback/question form that youth could use that we plan to share with all the projects that youth could use to give feedback in a consistent way for all project!

\*Reminder that there are no consequences for this and we want to keep whatever we do very brief, since we need to keep the focus for these projects on getting up and running and serving YYA.

**brief Review of Coordinated Community Planning Goals – Next steps planning for short term (year 1) efforts. *- see document attached for notes.***

**Lydia/Kaia– YAB feedback**

1b

* Goal & suggestions are written too jargon-y for YAB to provide feedback- they were not sure what data is being talked about
* Would need more accessible language, but unsure whether they would have relevant feedback anyway

1c

* Important to emphasize making resources available instead of "forcing them down youth's throats," folks might become avoidant or not process the information/help given if they're not there fully by their own volition
* Nobody should be forced to participate in something they don't feel they need just because they fit a certain target demographic
* Important to address the stigma of accessing resources- youth shouldn't feel like they need to avoid resources out of pride/stigma
* Word of mouth is the best way to get in touch with other youth (especially coming from fellow youth)

1d

* Youth ambassadors for the Youth Count might make folks more comfortable, but still could be alarming for people to come up to them asking questions

2a

* Some feedback that parent interventions aren't worth it- therapy won't change homophobia/transphobia
* Others feel that youth moving back in with families (especially homophobic/transphobic parents) do need this support
* Anyone (not just families) taking in homeless youth could use training around mediation/education around resolving conflict because homelessness is super traumatic and conflict comes up

We didn't get to 3a, but once the YYA Committee adds ideas/suggestions for the rest of the goals, we can see if YAB is interested in giving feedback for the rest.

Committee worked through a few additional goals, these will be sent to the YAB for feedback.

**next meeting/regular meeting time**

* Third Thursday of the month – July 15th, 4-5:30pm