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

**Agenda**

**Thursday, May 20th, 2021**
**4:00 – 5:30**

**Present: Nafeeza Castro, Simone, Amanda K, Taylor McAndrew, Michele Lafleur, Lydia Davis, Andrea, Lisa Lapierre, Ira Gaudette, jessica Lenihan, Kritzia Garcie, Dan Sontag, Via Dobrowolski, Georgia YAB specialist, Emily English, Keydra Jacobs, Shaundell Diaz, Amanda Koch**

**Welcome and Introductions/Homeless Youth Coordinator Position updates –** we are in a process of rehiring for this role. Position is posted on the community action website.

 **Youth Count Updates and Planning**

<https://tinyurl.com/ma-yc21>

Youth Count - We are still slow in numbers but had a jump up over the weekend. Continuing push to work with partners to engage YYA in this. I think everyone is just burnt out and having trouble meeting normal operation requirements and adding one more thing has been too much for a  lot of places. And Facebook keeps suspending our adds across it’s platforms for ridiculous reasons.

YHDP - Most projects are really now up and Running. CAPV has been managing issues with having to start new grant agreements due to HUD SNAPS office issues. CAPV working with Navigators project and others on landlord engagement and We have people , we have funds, we are still working on matching those up with apartments in the area.

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

 **YAB updates**

Three new members!

First building bridges meeting yesterday, went really well and had some really cool conversations, excited to keep having those and keep having conversations, think about how to keep holding each other accountable and keep solidarity with one another

Hoping to figure out ways to work with youth leaving the foster care system. Hoping to start trying to figure out qualitative story-based research with youth who are in or are accessing different resources. It would be a really good parallel to the CoC’s more quantitative research.

With some support from CoC funding was able to hire Georgia (hooray!) new YAB Specialist position. Lydia has done an amazing job working with the YAB and will be working together with Georgia

Have been talking about different projects YAB members want to work on, especially with youth who age out of the foster system

 **next meeting/regular meeting times**

* Third Thursday of the month – June 17th 4-5:30pm