

Committee to End Youth Homelessness Agenda

February 17, 2021, 10am-noon

Attending: Allie Grant, Sarah Lim, Patrick Duffie, Liz Gerber, Gloria Reyes, Shannon Stevens, Tyler Schueffner, Greg Markle, Tyler Schueffner, Catherine Reiersen, Torrie Kopp Mueller, Jani Koester, Rodney Saunders Jr., Amy Steffers, Allison Turkowitch, Ron Burford, Greg Markle

1. Introductions
 2. Select note taker – Sarah Lim
 3. Updates
- Torrie’s YHDP updates- It sounds like it’s not likely to come out soon. YHDP fell out of the HUD process and HUD is hesitant to release many NOFAs at the same time.
 - Ron shared the following info. They will be good to connect with:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=5JbHHk45qAw&feature=youtu.be>
 - Catherine shared the CE Youth Notes:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cqKuc5QRH9HizWZU_Z3IMuzbDUKNjQTCuI589rYh7N0/edit
 - Youth Action Board
 - Shannon and Allie have been working on recruiting Youth Action Board. Four people now interested. Shannon will send Ron the info and he will see if he can make it.
 - Can we do private funding raising for the youth action board? We should be able to. HSC has raised funds for lived experience board seats.
 - ESG-CV funding process for youth action board compensation and training—board can make a decision at their 2/25 meeting. If not, at March meeting.
 - If there are youth who are interested in the action board, please send the contact info to Shannon (stevens@madison.k12.wi.us).
 - For YHDP, Jani made the connection and scheduled a meeting with the UW Institute for Research on Poverty to learn about data integration. Meeting is scheduled for 2/23. Jani, Robin, Sarah, Patrick plan on attending.
 - Briarpatch received ESG-CV funds for prevention, but it’s been difficult to implement as the CE system is not designed to implement the program as envisioned (targeting young people in need of entry cost). It would be helpful if this committee can look at how the system can be designed. Coordinated entry system works for youth. Current CE system is generally challenging for youth, as their living situation changes quite a bit. ESG funds also come with a lot of restrictions.
 - Briarpatch is working on an application for technical assistance regarding Juvenile justice system and homeless system: <http://juvjustice.org/homelessness>
 - Tyler heard that building inspection is getting request for inspection for units with too many people residing in them, which is concerning.

- There are discussion for alternative housing models such as cooperative models of housing. We need education regarding housing instability among people of color and racism in housing policies.
 - Building inspections can only be done from complaints and the issues are addressed with property owners, not tenants. Typically the reasons for the occupancy limits are public health and fire. But who are being targeted? It can be used to pursue eviction. Ron shared stories on how black and brown families are targeted.
 - How can we proactively engage in such conversations? Doubled up workgroup is working on media blitz about doubled up families to raise awareness.
 - Youth homelessness can be caused when youth turn 18 and their status affect the family benefits, which is a significant issue.
- Any updates on unused dorm for alternative housing? Greg reached out to a contact will follow up.
 - We have a lack of housing options for men, men with AODA issues, young fathers.
 - Supporting and empowering youth to have a voice and advocate for these systematic issues is important.
 - Allie researched system mapping. Link to Examples of Systems Mapping: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jrobJ7FLfcDuHMTwVgGW2ToJKeT-ZCjFbmfBpi87Ho/edit>

Link to Systems Mapping Spreadsheet:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LgsX1cRLdEPsGQsJq5L1872jG9Ze-nhE8jdr0WeJR1A/edit?usp=sharing>

4. The committee reviewed the 2021 priorities and assigned tasks.

2021 Priorities:

1. **YHDP application** (Torrie, Gloria)
2. **Raise awareness and provide advocacy around youth homelessness**
 - a. Create concise overview of issue and needs that can be shared with providers and community members (Allie, Sarah, Liz G.)
 - b. Create current system map (Tyler, Alex)
3. **Identify vision of where we want to go as a community and strategies to get there (e.g. youth specific Coordinated Entry and Priority List)**
 - Research models for youth housing and Coordinated Entry (Patrick, Jani)
4. **Reach out to and connect with BIPOC groups, new agencies, larger mainstream providers, housing developers to learn, ask for feedback, and develop a shared vision (after #2 and #3)**
 - Reach out to individual agencies (Allie, Gloria)

- a. HSC Core Committee, Built for Zero, Shelter Providers (Torie, Tyler, Allie)
 - b. Attend various community meetings and present
5. **Create strong Youth Action Board that is involved with HSC** (Shannon, Catherine, Allie)
Secure funding for Youth Action Board - State ESG-CV funds are possibility (Allie)
6. **Develop supply of housing for low income youth** (Greg, Melissa, Gloria, Amy)
Connect with interested developers
- a. Opportunities with colleges may come with COVID (Greg will reach out to UW, need someone to connect with MATC)

5. Walk-on items

Jani shared a one pager doubled up workgroup put together for raising awareness and asked for feedback specific to youth. Tyler will send Jani a draft.

7. Next meeting: March 17, 2021 from 10:00am - 12:00pm