Committee to End Youth Homelessness

Minutes

December 17, 2018

Attendees: Allison Grant, Robin Sereno, Torrie Kopp Mueller, Amy Noble, Greg Markle, Jani Koester, Jenna Schmitt, Brian McMahon, Brian Benford, Paradox, Casey Behrend, John Brown, Paris Echols

Phone Call with DSI Foster Care/Youth Homelessness initiative

Background on the Initiative: Look at how to diminish flow of youth from foster care to homelessness, grad program with professional faculty, group is social designers and use a human centered approach, currently winding down the beginning phase, add resources to what we are doing,

The Group shared what is going on in our community around youth homelessness.

Transition into regular meeting

Really need to narrow our focus and set some goals/priorities for 2019.

Youth Action Board, Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project NOFA, Youth Point in Time Count, Talking about youth homelessness in the community, how to pay youth for their expertise in this work

* **Review committee member progress from last meeting**
  + Torrie
    - Michael Luckey follow-up
      * Michael Luckey is leaving his position and they are looking to hire someone
    - Thoughts re: new governor and the Interagency Council
      * Went over the fact there will be changes in all of the Secretaries
      * Specific strategies related to youth in the Plan
        + Emphasize identification of homeless youth and homeless adults as targeted populations within workforce innovation and opportunity act strategic plans
        + Allow 16-17 year olds to enter into housing contracts
        + Explore host home programs for unaccompanied homeless youth
        + Begin data sharing between Department of Public Instruction and HMIS
        + How to get people with lived experience and youth on the Council
  + Sarah
    - Systems map
      * Working on it, very close, has all of the numbers, but needs to make some formatting updates, hopes to send it out by the end of the year
      * System Map: looks at components of homeless services and shows how effective each component is (emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, etc), cost per unit, etc. Helps in looking at our system as a whole. Would be a challenge to pull out 18-24 year old data, but maybe for the future system plan
    - PIT Count
      * January 23, 2019
      * Planning team has started meeting
      * There hasn’t been a specific youth count, PIT doesn’t count doubled-up youth so the count is really low
      * Should we consider doing a Youth Count separate from the PIT, but at the same time? It can be overwhelming to try to do this at the same time as the youth count. Would be working with agencies to see who was experiencing homelessness, need to come up with a survey that is different from PIT survey, John Brown has connections to people, but doesn’t have the services to offer them, he is seeing about 25 youth each week
      * Robin will connect with Tyler to talk about this more
  + Tyler: wasn’t able to attend this meeting
    - Youth PIT planning
    - Faith based groups
    - Jerome Dillard EXPO
  + Allison
    - Beacon Teen Room update
      * There was a rumor that the Beacon was starting a Teen Room, nothing has been finalized yet, it could be located upstairs, they will update Allison as they have more information
      * Questions: who is designing the space? Will it have youth perspective in creating the space? Will they use the family space upstairs for the teen space? What age are they looking at serving? Even if there isn’t a space is there a way to reach out and engage with youth at the Beacon.
  + Robin
    - YAB: Update from Brian Benford
      * Youth Action Board
      * Brian has recently left Operation Fresh Start, is gaining momentum in connecting to youth and getting a group started, Paradox will be a leader,
      * John, please send names contact info to Brian of people who might be interested in participating on the Board
      * Just need to be able to pull people together
      * Will have 1-2 seats on the HSC Board
      * If anyone knows of youth who might be interested, please send the information to Brian
      * 2/3 of board must be people with lived experience of homelessness, the other 1/3 need to be youth, but don’t need to have experienced homelessness
    - Community sessions for awareness in Dane Co
      * Looking for different ways/approaches
      * Internet could be a great way to get information out, should use it more, do in-person sessions (maybe at The Beacon), need to get ideas from the YAB on who to reach out to, where and how
      * Sun Prairie and Stoughton have some good things going on
      * Public radio: one can apply and go to that, WORT is also an option
      * School Board elections
      * Need to use social media
      * Branding
      * University could be a really great resource, School of Human Ecology could be an initial contact; Allison will reach out
      * Put together a power point to use for community in-person sessions, Robin will commit to this, but needs some help
    - Committee presentation at HSC
      * Maybe at the March meeting, Robin will reach out to Kim to see about this
    - CYF meeting - Martha Stacker
      * Martha is very interested as is Lynn Green, Robin is reconnecting with them about being a lead agency for YHDP, conversations seem positive
      * Greg can connect with the County Executive
  + Amy
    - MRFY
      * Collaboration
      * Funding
        + There has been some dialogue, but there isn’t an unlimited pot of money, how to keep it going, what is the specific ask and what is the plan to make it sustainable?
        + Maybe an ask for gift cards to meet the immediate need
    - Update on Dane Co. presentation to school social workers
  + Others
* **Committee meeting time - keep or change**
  + **Move to 2nd Monday of the month from 1-2:30 PM**
* **3 Month Goals (2 months to go)**
  + Support of YAB formation
  + Support YHDP
  + Support Youth PIT Count
  + Community Sessions
  + Funds to compensate youth with lived experience on committee
* Other business
  + Documentary on youth homelessness will be aired on December 28th at 7:30 PM and shown again on Sunday, December 30th ,