

# CoC Homeless Youth Workgroup

## AGENDA

March 16, 2021 | 1:00pm-2:00pm

Virtual Meeting

Attendance: Branden Lewis, Kim Sanders, Katie Lindsay, Thomas Montaglione, Jeanelle Perry, Shaq Clarke, Nicole St. Aimie Bonner, Hannah Warfle

### 1. Welcome, Introductions --- Thomas Montaglione/Jeanelle Perry

- Introduction of the Co-Chairs of the CoC Youth Workgroup –Thomas (The Relatives) and Jeanelle (Faithful Homes) with Katie (MCV/Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools) as Secretary
- Shaq- Time Out Youth
- Kim-Community Support Services HMIS
- Nicole- YFS
- Branden- CoC
- Hannah-Salvation Army

### • Data Update---Branden Lewis

- Overview of data for unaccompanied you age 18-24
- Slight increase in overall total and slight decrease in inflow
- Significant decrease to outflow attributed to clean up within the system
- Mary Ann will present the data for next month
- Katie Lindsay- presentation of MCV numbers for Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools- 2,626 students currently identified. This number is significantly lower due to remote learning and transportation not being requested. Numbers are expected to increase due to students returning to in person learning. CMS usually identifies 4500-4700 youth each year
- Discussion of the 107 youth- question regarding the state of origin for the youth, which is not directly captured
- Most county data is captured from the question of “Where did you sleep last night”
- Branden mentioned efforts to begin capturing more history and adding questions to intake regarding foster care
- Data captures 18-24

### 2. Homeless Youth By-Name List Scorecard Recap---Branden Lewis

- CWS (Child Welfare System) abbreviation clarification
- YFS (Youth and Family Services) abbreviation clarification
- Group reviewed score card to identify how to tackle as a larger group or subgroups
- Group discussed combining items on the score card that relate to each other

- Discussed who would need to be at the table to address the actual challenge
- Lived experienced group to invite to the committee
- Question 9- Suggestion of the city to fund a position to do youth outreach because most service providers are being paid to be a part of these committees
- Jeanelle- Question 4- knows former attorney for the city and guardian ad litem to invite to assist
- Nicole- Questions 6- Need to invite participant from DJJ- will reach out to DJJ
- Question 8- YFS Housing Authorities- Inlivan- establishing a partnership to enhance housing opportunities for youth and young adults- MOU who were in foster care at 16 or older or exited at age 18- eligibility 18-24 going into year 25. Proposal will be submitted to public housing authorities who initiated this in 2020 and went into effect in October 2020. YFS is hoping to participate in the program for 3 years. The application for grant will be submitted and facilitated between YFS and Inlivan on Friday March 19, 2021. CoC partners that have been invited to be a part are Time Out Youth, Florence Crittenton, The Relatives. The purpose of this program, Fostering Youth to Independence, is to eradicate homelessness of our youth. It is a nationwide opportunity and will be the first in NC to pursue to opportunity
- Discussion of the group of who is missing from the youth workgroup- please forward the calendar invite to service providers
- Community partners to invite to see the youth as a whole: Teen health connection, Youth Villages, WRAP, SPARC, Anuvia

**3. Discussion: Goal/Mission of the workgroup- Thomas Montaglione**

- Establishing a direction for the workgroup and an end goal
- Identifying gaps/youth falling through the cracks and how to address it- i.e. aging out youth
- Enhancing collaboration between CoC stakeholders within the community to ensure smooth transitions in accessibility and utilization of programming by youth and young adults. Ultimately, increasing the amount of youth sustaining housing successfully
- To clear the 107 (18-24 head of households from Mecklenburg county) youth who are currently homeless on the by name list
- Capturing hidden homeless youth within the community
- Capturing younger youth for earlier intervention with an open definition of age for “youth”

**4. Discussion: Youth Engagement- Jeanelle Perry**

- Engaging youth with lived experience to give us their perspective so that the workgroup can better advocate on their behalf
- YFS- young adults currently engaged within foster care 18-21 program to participate in CoC meetings
- CMS MCV Social Workers- Reaching out to see if any students are willing to participate and have their voice heard

**5. Case Conferencing**

- Releases have to be signed by agencies – DocuSign going live soon

- Veterans committee set up- Go through by name list line through line and discuss the status (who is the person working with, where are they living, barriers, etc everyone works together to discuss possible solutions to housing)- more clarity will be presented
- Discussion on HMIS data as it relates to case conferencing and data sharing
- Case conferencing will be with youth from age 18-24- extra level of security may be needed regarding YFS/HMIS; however they are involved in the Keeping Families Together housing program
- Branden and Kim will work together regarding data security

#### **6. Next Steps & Follow Up**

- Discussion- Shaq- difficulty with clients connecting to HMIS with call back- suggest to connect to Megan Coffey- Youth can walk in at The Relatives 18-24 with On ramp between 9-3pm M-F
- Client in foster care that needs access to housing services, if the student is going to be 18 soon to start working on housing- reach out to Megan Coffey
- Explanation of CE (Coordinated Entry) and HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) for the group
- Update on using youth assessment with TAY (Transitioning Age Youth) Trying to find a better assessment than the VI-SPDAT- Hannah to look into prioritization