

CoC Homeless Youth Workgroup

AGENDA

April 20, 2021 | 1:00pm-2:00pm

Virtual Meeting

Attendance: Kierra Watson, Branden Lewis, Shamika Agbeviade, Katie Lindsay, Thomas Montaglione, Jeanelle Perry, Shaq Clarke, Nicole St. Aimie Bonner, Erin Nixon, Mary Ann Priester

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

2. Data Update—Mary Ann/Branden Lewis

- **Overview of data for unaccompanied youth age 18-24**
- Youth data published on housing data dashboard every month
- **March 31, 2021- 124 Unaccompanied Youth**
- **March 32 youth in flow – newly identified (4), returning from inactive (3) or permanent housing (6)- 10 outflow, exited to permanent housing (3) or to inactive (7)**
- **Numbers were higher in January due to data clean up**
- **Upward trajectory with unaccompanied youth**
- **Suggestions on number increase: Coordinated Entry- The Relatives- anyone seeking housing now go through 211 and if deemed necessary complete the in person which could be driving numbers up. MECK home funds only have to meet MCV definition of homelessness**
- **Low outflow- The Relatives- only housed 1-2 individuals in March- Finding affordable housing was a challenge in March. 8 youth into hotel from the encampment and has been challenging to transition them from the hotel (end of June, hotel stay time limit)**
- **Shaq- 7 youth approved in March, 4 transitioned into the community, all called 211 but they are having a hard time getting a call back from 211 for the CE**
- **CE Oversight Committee- discussions about challenges with getting clients connected-Can reach out to Megan with phone number of the client and will call directly to do the CE. Average wait time is 14 minutes but possibly higher after hearing from clients.**
- **Quarter 1- 31 unaccompanied youth who were referred to CE from 211 completed assessment. 5.6 days average time to complete CE enrollment**

3. Homeless Youth By-Name List Scorecard Recap/Updates---Branden Lewis

- **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- Long term goal- possibly street outreach funding to be applied for by agencies- Shaq suggested Time Out Youth would be interested**

- Jeanelle- Question 4- knows former attorney for the city and guardian ad litem to invite to assist- **Jeanelle reached out today and will follow up once a response is received**
- Nicole- Questions 6- Need to invite participant from DJJ- will reach out to DJJ- **Nicole has a meeting with the representative on 4/29/21**
- Question 8- YFS Housing Authorities- Inlivan- establishing a partnership to enhance housing opportunities for youth and young adults
- Community partners to invite to see the youth as a whole: Teen health connection, Youth Villages, WRAP, SPARC, Anuvia, Trans Healthcare Group, RAIN,
- Nicole- Will contact Teen Health Connection and Youth Villages
- Thomas- Will reach out to RAIN
- Branden- Inlivan can reach out to board member

4. Discussion: Youth Engagement- Jeanelle Perry

- Youth with lived experience to give the workgroup their perspective and to advocate on people within their formal population
- CMS- Participation in the fall due to transition back to in person, testing and end of the year MCV closeouts
- YFS- Emailed her team and there is one who would engage but he is now employed in Rockwell. Nicole is waiting on him to settle and then participate. Systems of Care participant that has not experienced homelessness because she has sustained housing in foster care but could share needs based upon her age as a youth

5. Case Conferencing

- Releases have to be signed by agencies -DocuSign is up and running
- Case conferencing guidelines- Develop standardized guidelines for conferencing.
- Mary Ann can pull youth by name list
- Confidentiality agreement- Training for agencies interested in case conferencing- To be completed at May 18th - Mary Ann will need an update of all participating agencies to add to the ROI
- Extension of meeting time- first half of the meeting will be the agenda-1 hr, second half of the meeting will be for case conferencing- 1hr
- Thoughts on other agencies that have funding for youth

6. Other Updates- As Needed

- Update on youth assessment with TAY (Transitioning Age Youth) for prioritization- new policy and formulas were approved today and there is a meeting next week to decide implementation
- **Training video for TAY- The Relatives will start training intake specialist**

7. Next Steps & Follow Up

- **Email from Mary Ann with confidentiality agreement**
- **Anonymous survey will be sent in May-(viewed Matrix)** Equity and inclusion committee to adopt race and equity aims- persons of colors for leadership/decision making positions in CoC- Data will be used to evaluate status of inclusion and strategies for targeted recruiting for inclusion not just representation

