

## Committee to End Youth Homelessness

Minutes

October 14, 2019

**Attendees:** Allison Grant, Ron Burford, Amy Noble, Kim Stalker-Herron, Rachel Hernandez, Torrie Kopp Mueller, Casey Behrend, Sarah Lim, Rodney Saunders Jr.

### Committee Action Items and Updates

- **Updates:** Amy Noble has changed positions with MMSD, she will be the community social worker for the Memorial attendance area (new position), Kim Stalker-Herron will start attending these meetings, changes at TEP: now down to 2 support people (Kim and Jani Koester), Jani supports elementary schools, Kim supports middle and high schools. They will cover alternative programs for the age ranges they are covering, provide support to schools so they can provide direct support to families, attend community meetings, do big picture work, there is more support in the office for clerical work, services should remain the same, but may need to pull back from some community meetings, How can case managers support TEP/schools? Communication about how to support students/families, think about the implications of permanent housing and how that affects school
  - **Briarpatch TLP:** closing at the end of October, did not receive federal funds to continue, will be able to provide case management through the end of this year, the program operated for 5 ½ years, only 18 projects nationwide were funded,
- **YHDP 2020:** Just got the debrief document and haven't had time to go through in detail, will schedule meeting to go through and discuss
- **Attend HSC Committees/Workgroups to help set youth priorities**
  - **Doubled Up Workgroup:** Ron attended the meeting, working on putting together list of regular attendees, working on survey to gather information on households who are doubled up, discussing families who are evicted due to doubled-up situations, use the information to prove that people are losing housing
  - **Education and Advocacy Committee 10/16** – no one is planning to attend this meeting
  - **Core Committee 10/17** – the group has been discussing RRH standards, currently the standards prioritize youth ages 18-21, Allison will go to this meeting to advocate for prioritizing youth, needs to ensure that education is provided to youth around being a good tenant and understanding a lease, there are many youth who do not go to shelter and are doubled-up and are not on the priority list in order to be picked up by RRH, this entity should be advocating for youth
- **Create legislative events calendar and talking points:** no updates on this
- **The Safe House (YAB) Update:** hoping to keep who we have to create a space for youth ages 18-24, find more people with lived experience to help out, would like to create a paid position for this, still need a meeting space, meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, want to ensure that youth know what resources are available to them
- **Youth in Shelter:** Allison is still working on this, will send to service providers for immediate feedback and then will work on getting the survey to youth in November, possibly ask during the Youth count: Are you staying in shelter? If not, why?, Sarah can look at responses from the July PIT to see what were the answers from youth
- **Youth Count 2020:** Sarah provided some information and questions to think about

- **Other Communities:** Voice of Youth Count: this is more than just a count, they do a youth count, brief youth survey, in-depth interviews with youth and providers and analysis of existing data, Chapin Hall put this on and did it in 22 Counties
  - Look at extent, characteristics, how do they survive, how are they faring, what factors are associated with how long and how often homeless, what services do they use, how are they influenced by policies, why do they become homeless
  - Cook County: PIT approach, street count, organizational count and community count, surveyed over 1000 youth, didn't just target those that looked homeless, talked to all young people, gave \$5 gift certificates for completing the survey
- **Questions**
  - What is the target population scope: Literally homeless or youth experiencing category 1 youth homeless + housing instability
    - The group would like to focus on youth experiencing category 1 homelessness and housing stability;
    - the group will need to really help out with planning and implementation of this
    - folks have agreed to help out with this
  - When to do it? PIT and 2-3 days following the count (ask about PIT night) or two weeks period (asking about last night)
    - Makes sense to do this the same time as January PIT,
    - Group is leaning towards doing a two week period and asking about where you slept last night
  - What would be the methods? All three or one or two?
    - Street count
    - Organizational count
    - Community count
  - Survey Questions
  - Survey administration method – interview or youth self-administration
  - Planning
    - For each method selected, who do we contact?
    - How do we recruit volunteers?
    - How do we train the volunteers?
      - Hard for school staff to leave the building, may be helpful to do a web-based training or some type of module they can go through

New Business

-Youth Count 2020 Planning - Sarah Lim

-Other Announcements/Updates?