

Sacramento YHDP Planning Meeting
April 5, 2023
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MEETING MINUTES

The PowerPoint was shared with the group.

The group reviewed the brave space agreements, and one will be added. “Don’t be afraid to dream.”

The group moved to YAB listening session report out. The following information was shared:

1. Housing programs that already exist need to be higher quality. For example, safe spaces, things need to be fixed when they are broken.
2. Long term housing is needed.
3. Community and safe spaces to heal. Training with YHDP funded and non-funded programs so spaces are safe and community is created.
4. Services need to be geared to a variety of backgrounds.
5. There needs to be a better system for youth to find services.
6. There is a need for prevention/diversion support.
7. Programs should not exit programs without a long term plan.
8. Community driven programs that support relationships and engage in community.
9. There is a need for more services and support while in education.
10. Drop-in centers are needed. Or mini one stop places that have basic needs and/or bathrooms, etc.
11. Resources are needed outside of downtown and midtown.
12. They want mental health services available on site.
13. Programs should have smaller caseloads. Services should be offered around boundaries and self-worth.
14. Monitoring of programs.
15. Voucher system is extremely confusing to navigate, emergency shelter and accessing waitlist is difficult to navigate, and relying on case managers to do their job is an issue because of large caseloads and stuff falling through the cracks.
16. They want long term housing, vouchers, prevention/intervention, employment and rental assistance.
17. More assistance or potentially a program that incorporates education. Including training for educators and housing for folx who want to go into higher education. Another option would be to do cross-training with educators and housing providers.

The group wanted some education specific questions to be added to the RFP. Megan shared that she has provided education specific examples to the group.

A question was raised around whether or not a project could be geared to a specific subpopulation. Due to fair housing laws programs cannot only serve that population, however, there are programs that are geared towards specific subpopulations but they are open to other subpopulations as well.

The meeting proceeded to a discussion around cross-systems collaboration.

Services breakout:

- Hire and cross train licensed clinicians to be able to provide mental health and substance use treatment
- If we make a shelter or drop in center, make sure there are counselors on site. a specific staff position.
- need more harm reduction - there are programs that say they are harm reduction but they are not really, and need safe needle exchange
- make sure programs are not exiting youth b/c of use
- maybe through CQI, have the YAB be a review committee of who was exited for what reason (de-identified) and make sure there is grievance and have YAB help create policies for each program and termination policies
- have transparency up front about what would be a reason for termination
- youth homelessness bill of rights
- advocacy around nor drug testing for entry level jobs - housing first and employment first philosophies
- advocating for de-stigmatizing of AOD issues
- Train staff at AOD programs on youth issues and LGBTQ.
- LGBTQ center used to have some connections
- share resources and spread responsibility among multiple agencies outside of the creation district
- connections to community resources - spirituality, animal care, D and D group, coding,
- connecting services that youth need but also training for youth to become what they want - can YYA get a service and then learn about how to become; give YYA routes to success through services and other options

Housing breakout:

- There are a lot of partnerships between housing and other community based organizations.
- Waking the Village coordinates with other entities.
- Blended funding between systems.
- Educating the community on what is available, that includes education with other systems.
- Coordinating between agencies to have consistent and ongoing support to stay housed.
- Resources that are available are good on paper, but there is not availability. How can we do more prevention/diversion resources.

- Creation of warm handoffs between programs so folx do not end up back on the street and/or jump into a new program.
 - Creating a pre-established timeline of events for the YYA and partners.
 - YYA knowing their rights and understanding why they are removed, but instead creating a timeline for them successfully exiting and going into permanent housing or getting other services.
- Doing better outreach between agencies and with agencies and communities. For example, outreach at schools being more robust.

Education and employment breakout:

- Reviewed and workshopped the objectives and action steps for the education/employment goal

Prevention/Diversion breakout:

- Build out and scale existing Prevention and Intervention program to address systems gaps and services
- Hire dedicated staff for the following systems: juvenile justice, adult justice, education – go into school clubs/create a club,
- Hire youth and folks with lived experience as peer mentors (employment)
- Build a club that folks could join in order to have a low barrier way of accessing resources and information: social conscious/social justice club
- P&I station at mobile sites that offer respite and drop-in centers
- Build out flexible funds that can be used quickly and dynamically
- RRH program for folks already housed
- Hotel vouchers to bridge
- Build out collaboration with college programs in order educate on housing navigation, accessing P&I for fund needs (system for smooth referrals for funding)
- Build out shared living initiatives with services
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Zoom Chat:

15:02:15 From Jesse SSF, CoC Analyst to Grace Loescher (Direct Message):

Did YAB come up with a question of the day?

15:03:42 From Megan Johnson to Everyone:

love the glasses Jesse

15:12:13 From Shelly (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

Shelly (she/her/hers) -- I want to get as much sun as possible!

15:12:42 From Megan Johnson to Everyone:

Megan Johnson, my goal this weekend is to get one more day of skiing in before the season ends.

15:12:43 From Jesse SSF, CoC Analyst to Everyone:

Replying to "Shelly (she/her/hers...)"

Yes on the sun!!

15:12:43 From Pixie Popplewell to Everyone:

Pixie, they/them, Pick out exterior paint colors for our house 😊

15:12:44 From Valerie Adger to Everyone:

Valerie (ARC) she/her - I am excited to plant spring flowers and veggies in this Spring weathers!

15:12:52 From Tiffany (she/they) to Everyone:

Tiffany (she/they) goal is after SEVERAL weeks of back to back travel for work, to find a solid chunk of time to take off to do nothing <3

15:13:11 From Ciarra Johnson (she/her) to Everyone:

Reacted to "Tiffany (she/they) g..." with ❤️

15:13:24 From Hailea James (She, Her) to Everyone:

Hailea She/Her and my goal is to take time for 1 hour of self care!

15:13:25 From Lindsay Curtis (she,her) Highlands Charter to Everyone:

Lindsay (she/her) my goal is to get my place cleaned up by the end of the week 😊

15:13:31 From Susanna Curry (she/her) to Everyone:

Susanna Curry, she/her pronouns, goal for the week: to get adequate sleep tonight

15:13:31 From Sarah Fletcher to Everyone:

Sarah, she/her, finish my herb garden and upside down tomatoes!

15:13:37 From Megan Johnson to Everyone:

Reacted to "Lindsay (she/her) my..." with ❤️

15:13:46 From Waking the Village to Everyone:

Bridget, she/her, get my dogs nails clipped

15:13:47 From Caleb M to Everyone:

Caleb he/him, catch up on selfcare, have a good weekend with my partner and friend.

15:13:51 From Susanna Curry (she/her) to Everyone:

Reacted to "Tiffany (she/they) g..." with ❤️

15:14:04 From Ardy Akhzari to Everyone:

Sorry for being late, happy to be here!

15:14:06 From Jem to Everyone:

Jem she/they and get some pet projects done

15:14:08 From Tara Turrentine to Everyone:

Tara She/Her, after hand surgery last week, getting off my dressing for a smaller more stylish bandage! ☺

15:14:24 From JoshuaMartinez to Everyone:

Joshua, (He/him) Catching up on work and then relaxing for the weekend.

15:14:32 From Grace Loescher to Everyone:

Grace Loescher She/they, plant my garden!

15:14:34 From Megan Johnson to Everyone:

Replying to "Tara She/Her, after ..."

oh no hand surgery! Hope you heal well

15:15:23 From Tara Turrentine to Everyone:

Replying to "Tara She/Her, after ..."

Hanging in there- getting really good at typing with 9 fingers 🤖

15:15:48 From Tiffany (she/they) to Everyone:
Youth Action Board!

15:16:44 From Jose N Mobile to Everyone:
Friendly reminder to practice inclusive language ^_^

15:17:43 From Piper Ehlen to Everyone:
Replying to "Friendly reminder to..."

Shoot was that me? I am sorry if it was!

15:18:38 From Maria Avdalas, SHRA to Everyone:
Hello, I did not receive an email with the notes. Can this please be forwarded?
mavdalas@shra.org

15:21:18 From Waking the Village to Everyone:
Most the notes and meeting videos are here, but I do think YAB is missing:
<https://sacramentostepsforward.org/youth-homelessness-demonstration-project/>

15:21:49 From Jesse SSF, CoC Analyst to Everyone:
All meeting minute notes, agenda, etc can be found here:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1M_pJ4DQrUUz1-0POazmzuJaCbGEeVqMI?usp=share_link

15:23:21 From Maria Avdalas, SHRA to Everyone:
Hello, we have a workshop on how to use your voucher. Anyone can attend, registration is on our website - <https://www.shra.org/housing-choice-voucher-program/>

15:23:55 From Maria Avdalas, SHRA to Everyone:
The next one is April 17th, this is also the link to register -
<https://shra-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcldOyopj8tG9CGqKEcgkoBR6v0SvrSE0wl>

15:25:24 From Jesse SSF, CoC Analyst to Everyone:
Reacted to "Hello, we have a wor..." with 👍

15:35:21 From Tiffany (she/they) to Everyone:
I've seen a focus on LGBTQ+ Youth, and another focus of Indigenous Youth

15:35:30 From Tiffany (she/they) to Everyone:
Both of those projects were in Alaska

15:35:37 From Grace Loescher to Everyone:
^^ so cool!

15:36:15 From Megan Johnson to Everyone:
Also Montana had several projects focused on native populations

15:39:01 From Grace Loescher to Everyone:
Love that idea, Raven!

15:39:56 From Megan Johnson to Everyone:
Yay Raven you teed us up!

15:41:36 From Megan Johnson to Everyone:
Thank you for bringing that up Raven 😊

15:43:00 From Tara Turrentine to Everyone:
Great connections, Raven! 😊

15:43:07 From Raven Lyulph to Everyone:

I just wanted to put here, that assemblies or staff meetings with homeless liaisons and/or program CMs, with schools could be a valuable resource.

15:49:48 From Megan Johnson to Everyone:

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/wioa/programs>

15:51:52 From LeeAnnBrown to Jesse SSF, CoC Analyst(Direct Message):

Hi Jesse, I came in late but I did notice that the Education Director joined the meeting. I am not sure if you did introductions but his name is Joshua Martinez

15:52:31 From Jesse SSF, CoC Analyst to LeeAnnBrown(Direct Message):

Hey! Glad you made it. We did do intros. and I had seen your email come in today.

15:53:27 From LeeAnnBrown to Jesse SSF, CoC Analyst(Direct Message):

great. Thanks

15:53:38 From Tiffany (she/they) to Everyone:

Could be because YHDP funds can only be used for Youth 18-24; or unaccompanied minors-but that's a tough crew to engage given state laws, etc.

15:54:12 From Tiffany (she/they) to Everyone:

Me too!! Susanna was my boss 😊

15:54:21 From Susanna Curry (she/her) to Everyone:

Yeah Tiffany!

15:55:00 From Waking the Village to Everyone:

Agree with Tiffany's point above. These funds definitely are challenging to flow toward early childhood ed or minors attached to families.

15:55:01 From Piper Ehlen to Everyone:

Sorry my internet is giving me issues

15:56:19 From Megan Johnson to Everyone:

Replying to "Me too!! Susanna was..."

What?! I did not know that 😊

15:57:23 From Raven Lyulph to Everyone:

Women's Empowerment could be a very valuable program with many resources as well. They have amazing staff, are focused more on any aged women, trans, and nonbinary people in the community, they have many resources in housing, job prep, guest speakers and workers, etc. And are willing to learn and grow with people in the community. They could possibly be a good partner organization. They also offer ready to rent that can lead into rapid rehousing and other certificates, to get people ready for supporting themselves, having an income, getting sober, etc.

15:57:29 From Tara Turrentine to Everyone:

Replying to "Me too!! Susanna was..."

I use that research in so many of my trainings, as the "Why" slide!!! Great work Susanna and Tiffany!

15:57:29 From Megan Johnson to Everyone:

For anyone who is interested in a tool to have more intentional conversations with YYA on their education and career goals, check out the Educational Goals and Supports: A Guided Discussion Tool: <https://nche.ed.gov/higher-education>

15:57:51 From Jesse SSF, CoC Analyst to Everyone:

Reacted to "Women's Empowerment ..." with ❤️

15:57:54 From Megan Johnson to Everyone:

Reacted to "Women's Empowerment ..." with ❤️

16:00:32 From Jose N Mobile to Everyone:

Brb

16:04:10 From Joshua Martinez - Director of Education Wilton Rancheria to Everyone:

Apologies, I have another meeting however, will catch up later with the person who we are contacted with

16:06:09 From Megan Johnson to Everyone:

Ed partners need to work on the objectives/actions steps

16:06:19 From Megan Johnson to Everyone:

25 mins would be preferralbe

16:06:21 From Jose LSS to Everyone:

whole time on the break outs

16:06:22 From Jem to Everyone:

Let's use the whole time

16:06:30 From Sarah Fletcher to Everyone:

It was great meeting you all! I have another meeting so I'm heading out too. Talk later! :)

16:09:13 From Ardy Akhzari to Everyone:

On the phone with my vet, I don't think I'll be able to join a break out room. My apologies all!

16:09:33 From Jesse SSF, CoC Analyst to Everyone:

no worries! We will end after breakouts so feel free to leave if needed.

16:10:25 From Yene to Jesse SSF, CoC Analyst(Direct Message):

Is this our group?

16:11:18 From Jesse SSF, CoC Analyst to Yene(Direct Message):

No, you need to pick a breakout room

16:11:21 From Jesse SSF, CoC Analyst to Yene(Direct Message):

I can drop you into one

16:11:31 From Jesse SSF, CoC Analyst to Yene(Direct Message):

Education, housing, services, or prevention

16:11:44 From Yene to Jesse SSF, CoC Analyst(Direct Message):

where? Housing please

16:12:01 From Jesse SSF, CoC Analyst to Yene(Direct Message):

I just moved you

16:12:19 From Ardy Akhzari to Jesse SSF, CoC Analyst(Direct Message):

Thanks Jesse