

Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care Board

Youth Working Group

Monday, January 28, 2019

*Attendees (*call-ins):*

Arash Ghafoori, NPHY; Melissa Jacobowitz, NPHY; Allison Steinzor, NPHY; Catherine Huang Hara, CCSS; Heather Shoop, CCSS; Brenda Herbstman, CCSS; Meg Pike, CCSD Title I HOPE; Kim Moore, HELP SWHYC; Ariel Racine, DFS; Denise Charles, St. Jude's Ranch; *Joe Taylor, CCSS Step UP Program; *Julee King, Bitfocus; *Mike Reed, Bitfocus; *Najea Rogers, City of LV

Meeting Agenda

I. Welcome & Introductions

- Arash explained that the CoC Board updated their governance structure. The Youth Working Group is no longer a subgroup of the Planning Working Group, but is now its own body that reports directly to the CoC Board.

II. Funding Opportunities

- HUD recently announced their first round of approvals for the CoC FY 2018 renewal and transition grant awards; NPHY's Independent Living Program, St. Jude's New Crossing Program, HELP's Shannon West Homeless Youth Center, and Southern Nevada Children First's A Place Called Home and Moving Forward have been chosen to receive funding.

III. 100-Day Challenge Update

- HomeBase recently hosted a mid-point review. Following the mid-point review, it was decided by the 100-Day Challenge Teams to amend the 100-Day Challenge goal from "In 100 days we will prevent 50 system-involved youth from entering homelessness and house 100 youth experiencing homelessness under age 25 with new and/or innovative housing solutions" to "in 100 days we will prevent 50 system-involved youth from entering homelessness and house 100 youth experiencing homelessness under age 25; 20% of those 100 youth will be housed with new and/or innovative housing solutions."

IV. 2019 Homeless Point in Time Count

- This year NPHY, HELP of Southern Nevada, Olive Crest, and Clark County Step UP were the four youth deployment sites for the youth count.

Overall, this year's Youth Census went well but it was suggested that the following changes take place next year:

- Volunteer trainings occur at the youth deployment sites to better familiarize volunteers
- Agencies have more flexibility in choosing their own deployment teams (such as using existing relationships with corporate volunteers)
- School engagement and participation in the PIT Count be strengthened.

V. Youth Action Board Update

The Southern Nevada Youth Action Board, Young Adults in Charge, meets every Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the NPHY Drop-In Center conference room and is open to all youth under the age of 25 who have experienced homelessness, system-involvement, or hardship. Recently, members have been busy with multiple projects including organizing a youth focus group to inform the Youth Census, providing feedback for the Youth Census volunteer training, reviewing policy issues that affect homeless youth, and offering youth voice into planning the 100-Day Challenge goals.

VI. Youth Coordinated Entry Update

HELP of Southern Nevada has hired Community Matchers to work under the CoC Coordinated Entry Systems. More discussion is needed on how the Youth Coordinated Entry System will operate under the new changes to align with previously established policies.

A couple of issues associated with the Youth CE System were mentioned, including: what to do when youth become pregnant while in transitional housing and need to be placed back onto the community queue for reassignment, how often and under what relevant circumstances should reassessment occur, and how long housing placement beds should be held for each potential client. YWG will continue to work with the CE Task Force and CE Working Group for troubleshooting.

VII. Agency Updates

No new agency updates were mentioned at this time.