NOTES – December 14, 2022 – Virtual

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ATTENDEES
- Department of Citizen Services (DCS): Gabby Zelaya, Kerri Virtz, Javier Toro, Stephanie Krome
- Together We Own It (TWOI): Katie Speert, Angel Hill
- Department of Social Services (DSS): Peg Ryan, Thoko Shumba
- Christina Ogle, Carroll County Public Library
- Sarah Leizear, Youth Action Board (YAB)
- Corey Hardinger, Carroll County Grants Office
- Lorrie Yinger, Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc.
- Dominique Evans, Carroll County Workforce Development
- Dr. DaVida Anderson, Carroll Community College
- Arianne Minyard, STEP/Goodwill
- Jim Kunz, McDaniel College
- Billy Lyve, Find Your Purpose Inc. & Wisdom Court Entertainment
- Lydia Naper, Division of Rehabilitation Services
- Kathi Green, Carroll County Public Schools
- Jessica Cunningham, Carroll County Youth Service Bureau (CCYSB)

SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS & OBJECTIVES
- **PLATFORM: Establish a committee or platform for efforts surrounding youth homelessness.** *All*
  Agency Positives & Highlights
  - Jim Kunz is still looking for research project ideas for 3-4 students; could be an analysis of data collected, focus groups, et cetera. Contact Jiim with questions or suggestions: jkunz@mcdaniel.edu
  - Billy Lyve is having youth dance at St Paul's United Church of Christ on Friday, December 16th. He also hosted a toy drive with Baltimore Sound Stage to benefit the children at Johns Hopkins.
  - Dona Foster with Carroll County Public Schools is retiring. Kathi Green is moving into her position and will continue attending the YHS meetings.
  - Second Chances store is offering a Free For All event from 11AM-3PM on December 20th, 21st, and 22nd. Contact Ashley Joslyn 410-386-6676.

  Agency Challenges & Calls for Help
  - TWOI shared that some of their youth/families are moving into housing but need items like living room furniture, kitchen items for clients moving into homes. Contact Katie at katiespeert@togetherweownit.org or 410-878-3104 for questions or to donate.
  - DaVida Anderson at the College shared that their students are in need of affordable, safe and secure housing. Reach out to danderson3@carrollcc.edu with questions or suggestions.
    - Peg Ryan at the Department of Social Services agreed that their youth who qualified for housing vouchers are having trouble finding affordable units and landlords willing to work with them.
  - Corey Hardinger shared that Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) funding is ending this month.

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- **YOUTH ENGAGEMENT: Intentionally engage youth in our work and in partnership with them create a Youth Action Board/Network.** *Together We Own It (TWOI) Staff & Youth Action Board (YAB) members*
  - In November, TWOI staff took three Youth Action Board (YAB) members to the MD United For Youth conference in Annapolis. The YAB members enjoyed learning what others in MD are doing to help youth.
  - TWOI staff are taking 4 YAB members to the National Network for Youth Summit in DC in March.
  - The YAB plans to contact the Frederick County YAB to meet/attend one of their meetings to see what their YAB is doing.
  - The YAB discussed ways to help youth understand the definitions of homelessness to help us with data collection. They could do events or do presentations at schools during advisory to help kids understand what it means to be homeless and who to get in contact with if it happens to them.
  - The YAB is finalizing their Bylaws. They still meet monthly, and its three Executive members are paid a liveable wage. They are also considering how to raise their own funds to support their own efforts.
  - The YAB has Gmail (ccyouthactionboard@gmail.com), Facebook (Youth Action Board of Carroll County), and instagram (@yabcc2022) accounts.
  - If any agency/organization partners have projects, ideas, data, or resources to run by the YAB, please send it to their Gmail address (ccyouthactionboard@gmail.com).

- **DATA: Analyze and synthesize data related to local youth homelessness; use this data to secure funding for additional programs and services.** *All*
  Update on Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)/Community ServicePoint (CSP) Data
  - Corey Hardinger, Stephanie Krome, and Gabby Zelaya are making efforts to incorporate and synthesize other local youth homelessness data into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). In order to obtain an accurate count of all local youth homelessness data in the same place, it should be collected/analyzed in the same way and should not include duplicated data.
  - Then, we will try to break down and share this data with the YHS by typical subcategories (age, race, gender) and different categories of homelessness (see definitions at end of these notes). This will allow us to better identify trends, gaps, and potential solutions.
  - CCYSB is inputting some data already, and the goal is to have TWOI inputting their data by January.

  Other agency trends in young clients experiencing homelessness
  - TWOI - Angel Hill: our older youth mentors live with their families and have no pressure to move out, but they want to. There is a lack of affordable housing (both buying and renting) opportunities.
  - TWOI - Katie Speert: We identify three different types of youth experiencing homelessness: those with their families (AKA accompanied); those 18+ years old who leave or are kicked out; and then those under 18 years old who leave (for example, a homeless runaway youth).
    - The last group of under 18 year olds experiencing homelessness is a demographic which has been increasing. It is most challenging to identify resources for this group.

- <u>DCS - Stephanie Krome</u>: The University of Maryland is collecting youth homeless data from Continuums (CoCs) across the state, and they asked for youth Head of Household data. According to this report, there were 34 youth heads of households in Carroll County from 5/1/2021 - 4/30/2022.
- <u>Grants Office - Corey Hardinger</u>: The County is working on a grant for the relocation of HSP's Family Shelter. In researching, we found Carroll County's vacancy rate for rentals is 4.4% which implies there are almost no rental units; further, fair market rent is $1,400 for a one-bedroom apartment. The median cost of a home in Carroll County is $340,000. These are barriers to obtaining housing in Carroll.
- <u>DCS - Javier Toro</u>: There are many middle class families and youth who are just starting out who are working and have a stable income but are just one crisis away from being able to pay their mortgage/rent. Due to their income they don't qualify for services that are available.
- <u>DCS - Kerri Virtz</u>: Through the youth I serve for the Youth Rapid Re-Housing program, we are in a gray area: If a youth gets a job and starts working full-time, they lose their benefits but then cannot afford to live independently. This is the "working poor," especially those who need childcare. How do we support them and help them become self-sufficient without them losing their benefits too early?
- <u>Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) - Kathi Green</u>
  - CCPS runs our reports at the beginning of every month so there are updates through November.
  - Identified 96 homeless students through November 30th. Once a student is counted as homeless, they are counted as such for the entire year and can continue to get supports. CCPS removes students who withdraw/transfer school systems.
    - Increase of 12 students from previous month.
    - Increase of 7 students from this time last year.
    - About half (44) are at elementary level and 33 are at the high school level.
    - Majority of students (60) are doubled up or living in other households.
    - 21 are in hotels, but these are families with multiple children so this number may be inflated. These families lost housing due to eviction or other loss of housing and are waiting for other housing opportunities.
      - CCPS can pay for these hotels for short-term stays (2-3 days) via grant funding and then families pay for the hotels themselves.
        - Corey Hardinger suggested that if the families have less than 2 weeks of funding for a hotel, they may be at imminent risk of homelessness and could be eligible for more housing services.
      - Lorrie encouraged these families to call HSP's Screening Line 410-386-6623. It's an automated system where they'll leave their information and someone will call them the next business day.
    - 5 are in shelter.

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- **RESOURCE & GAP MAPPING: Identify services, partnerships, and areas for improvement related to youth homelessness. Identify remaining gaps.**
  - Please find the Housing & Voucher Services on the [Carroll County Bureau of Housing's Resources page](#) under "General Resources"
  - TWOI started a resource map and is still in process.

- **BEST PRACTICES: Ensure best practices are used in agencies' individual work and in the Subcommittee's collective work.**

PARKING LOT/FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION
- Rename the Subcommittee
- Annual Summits for Continuum, youth, etc.

NEXT MEETING
- January 11, 2023 - *reminder: Connecting Youth Coordinating Council Meeting takes precedence!*

Adjournment

Youth REACH MD "unaccompanied homeless youth" definition ([source](#))	A person who is: 1. 24 years of age or younger, 2. Not in the physical custody or care of a parent or legal guardian, and 3. Lacks a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence.
McKinney-Vento "homeless children and youth" definition ([source](#)) *Note: this is not the entire definition.*	Individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence…; and includes — • children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals; • children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings…; • children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and • migratory children…who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (1) through (3).
HUD Category 3/ "Homeless Under Other Federal	Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not

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Statutes" definition (source) **HUD Category 3** *continued*	otherwise qualify as homeless under Categories 1,2 and 4, but who meet all of the following: 1. Are defined as homeless under the other listed federal statutes; 2. Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing during the 60 days prior to the homeless assistance application; 3. Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during in the preceding 60 days; and 4. Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time due to special needs or barriers *Note: HUD has not authorized any CoC to serve the homeless under Category 3. HUD determines and approves the use of CoC Program funds to serve this population based on each CoC's Consolidated Application. See 24 CFR 578.89. Individuals and families that qualify as homeless under Category 3 may be served by the ESG program if they meet required eligibility criteria for certain ESG components.*
HUD Category 1/ "Literally Homeless" definition (source)	An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning: ● Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; or ● Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels/motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); or ● Is exiting an institution where they resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution. *Note: An individual or family only needs to meet one of the three subcategories to qualify as Homeless Category 1: Literally Homeless.*
HUD Category 2/ "Imminent Risk of Homelessness" definition (source)	An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that: 1. Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance; 2. No subsequent residence has been identified; and 3. The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing. *Note: Includes individuals and families who are within 14 days of losing their housing, including housing they own, rent, are sharing with others, or are living in without paying rent.*
HUD Category 4/ "Fleeing/ Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence" definition (source)	Any individual or family who: 1. Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence; 2. Has no other residence; and 3. Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing *Note: For the purposes of this binder, "Domestic Violence" includes dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or family member that either takes place in, or him or her afraid to return to, their primary nighttime residence (including human trafficking).*

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