



YOUTH HOMELESSNESS SUBCOMMITTEE of the Carroll County Continuum of Care



NOTES – February 8, 2023 – Virtual

WELCOME

- View our website [HERE](#).

ATTENDEES

- Department of Citizen Services (DCS): Gabby Zelaya, Kerri Vartz, Javier Toro, Stephanie Krome, Danielle Yates
- Together We Own It (TWOI): Katie Speert, Angel Hill
- Department of Social Services (DSS): Peg Ryan, Thoko Shumba
- Zeno Fisher, Department of Juvenile Services (DJS)
- Christina Ogle, Carroll County Public Library (CCPL)
- Corey Hardinger, Carroll County Grants Office
- Lorrie Yinger, Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc. (HSP)
- Dominique Evans, Carroll County Workforce Development (CCWD)
- Susan Leibman, Carroll Community College
- Patricia Ryan, Carroll County Community Mediation Center
- Arianne Minyard, STEP/Goodwill
- Lydia Naper, Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS)
- Kathi Green, Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS)
- Tiffany Masimore, Carroll County Youth Service Bureau (CCYSB)

SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- **PLATFORM: Establish a committee or platform for efforts surrounding youth homelessness. All Agency Positives & Highlights**
 - Gabby Zelaya, LMB: We are happy to welcome Taylor Weber from Springboard Community Services as a new member to the YHS. Also, Jim Kunz (McDaniel) is unable to join our Winter/Spring YHS meetings due to his teaching schedule, but he will be keeping up with the notes.
 - Stephanie Krome, DCS HMIS Analyst: We are close to having Together We Own It inputting data into our Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
 - Zeno Fisher, DJS: The [Juvenile Justice Reform Act](#) is in full-swing; DJS staff are receiving more training in relation to this change.
 - Angel Hill, TWOI: We too are seeing a change related to the JJR Act. We are trying to get youth into their doors and connected to services but it is challenging.
 - Katie Speert, TWOI: TWOI is opening a thrift store in our space (opening date TBD) to provide a workforce development opportunity for youth and young adults. The Youth Action Board is planning community events, one of which will happen June 9th (more details forthcoming).
 - Tiffany Masimore, CCYSB: We are hiring for a Clinical Case Manager in the Connecting Youth Program.
 - Peg Ryan, DSS: We continue to experience significant barriers in housing youth who are transitioning out of foster care.
 - Dominique Evans, CCWD: CCWD is already working on our summer youth applications and will be promoting the program in the beginning of March. This is a 6-8 week program for youth aged 16-18 (flyer forthcoming).
 - Lydia Naper, DORS: DORS is hosting a PM Connections session with the Chamber of Commerce one evening in March (flyer will be forthcoming).

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Carroll County Housing Voucher Presentation *Danielle Yates, Bureau Chief of Housing & Community Connections*

- Please refer to the “CC Housing Vouchers - 2.8.23 Presentation” document shared by Gabby via email after the February YHS meeting.

● **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*

- On Monday Feb 6th Angel Hill, Taylor Weber, and Gabby Zelaya met with Natasha Peterson, Director of Client Services for Springboard Community Services in Baltimore City, to talk about their YAB. We shared lots of relevant information and received significant tips and support from Natasha. We plan to have our YAB meet theirs in the future.
- Angel Hill and Kathi Green are planning to chat about how the YAB could partner with the school system to implement peer-to-peer education on what homelessness can look like/what it can mean (doubled-up or couchsurfing) and what services are available. This would be especially helpful in preparation for the 2024 Youth REACH MD, Youth Count.
- Corey Hardinger and Gabby Zelaya met with the YAB on February 1, 2023 to discuss the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) grant. The YAB is interested and so Corey and Gabby will meet with at least some members of the YAB every two weeks to prepare for this grant opportunity.
- The YAB has finalized their Bylaws. They still meet monthly, and its Executive members are paid a liveable wage.
- 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*

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)/Community ServicePoint (CSP) Data *Gabby Zelaya*

- Corey Hardinger, Stephanie Krome, Gabby Zelaya, and Katie Speert have made progress in incorporating and synthesizing other local youth homelessness data into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). TWOI will soon be inputting their data into HMIS which can then be included in reports from HMIS. It is important to note how complex this process is; 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. Once this data is available in an easily understood format, we will share it with the YHS.

2022 Youth REACH and January 2023 CCPS Homeless Student data *Gabby Zelaya & Kathi Green*

- Please refer to the “Youth REACH & CCPS Data Presentation 2.8.23 Presentation” document shared by Gabby via email after the February YHS meeting.

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- **RESOURCE & GAP MAPPING: Identify services, partnerships, and areas for improvement related to youth homelessness. Identify remaining gaps.**
 - [Housing & Voucher one-pager](#) (click Housing Services Info Sheet under “General Resources”)
 - [Human Trafficking as a future focus](#) - given the vulnerability of youth and young adults experiencing housing instability, the YHS plans in future months to provide information on trainings and resources related to human trafficking.
 - [Grant Planning Group](#) - Because the YAB is interested in pursuing the YHDP grant, we would like to engage members of the YHS in participating in that process. This could include participating in writing parts of the grant, reviewing questions and responses, and helping ensure we are utilizing a collective approach in the application. We will reach out soon to most, if not all, YHS agencies to ask for their assistance.

- **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

- March 8, 2023

Adjournment

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