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| **Brown County Homeless & Housing Coalition** |
| Unaccompanied Youth Task Force |

**Meeting Minutes**

**December 18, 2019 2pm**

**Meet at 1540 Capitol Drive, Green Bay, WI**

**Main Level Conference Room**

1. Introductions and Sign in
   1. Present: Cheryl Detrick, Katie Gazella, Erika Villacrez, Christina Gingle, Sue Loberger, Alex Tran, Marc Seidl, Kara Hurst, Debbie Bushman, Karen Brown-Schaible, and James Walker
   2. Absent: Shannon Weinandt, Eunice White, Sheri Konitzer
2. Update from *House of Hope* on licensing for SHELTERCARE
   1. House of Hope is still working on policy writing – have not submitted for licensure yet
   2. Goal is to submit mid January – many policies have to get approved by the board
3. Update on 3-month goals
   1. Budget *Alex & Cheryl*
      1. No update – will be meeting today
   2. Models *Sue*
      1. No update
   3. Focus Groups *Christina*
      1. Decided to distribute surveys not focus groups
         1. Survey monkey
      2. Survey will utilize questions from the state survey

1. Why do young people in your community run away/become homeless?

2. Where did you/where do youth go?

3. Where would you have liked to go?

4. What kept you from getting the help you needed?

5. What adults in your life did you turn to for help when you were experiencing homelessness/on the run?

6. What services/supports would you want?

7. What services did you seek out?

8. What did you get?

9. What else did you need?

10. If you had $50,000 to help youth with housing insecurity in your community, what would you do?

* + 1. Survey will focus on unaccompanied homeless youth but runaway youth can take the survey too
    2. Discussed the possibility of adding a question that asks if youth had a safe place to stay temporarily, would they go there.
    3. Can GBAPS find funding to incentives the survey?
    4. Do we focus on just Green Bay or do we send it out to the other districts in Brown County?
       1. Christina and Cheryl will work together to distribute the survey to the other school districts in the county so that it comes from the BCHHB and a GBAPS staff member
    5. ODYS and Youth Housing Navigator will distribute the survey to their participants as well
    6. Can we get regular ongoing input from youth in the schools for YAB?
       1. Discussed partnering with local schools and programming to get youth for YAB meetings
  1. Youth Services Roster *Erika*
     1. Not able to make all updates at this time but will continue working on it
     2. Paul’s Pantry agreed to provide food for unaccompanied homeless youth and youth on street as long as a service provider give the youth a letter that can let Paul’s Pantry know that the youth is being served
     3. Local Homeless Shelters
        1. St. Johns – unknown as to whether or not they will take 17 year olds
        2. NEW Community – not accepting 17 year olds
        3. Freedom House -- Cheryl will reach out
        4. Rose Home – Cheryl will reach out
        5. Golden House -- Erika will reach out
        6. House of Hope takes 17 year old females pregnant or parenting
     4. Discussed the fact that the Youth Housing Navigator with Family Services is very busy right now – is there a trend in referrals? Where are the youth staying at night?
  2. Barriers *Katie*
     1. No updates
     2. Housing Summit through JOSHUA tomorrow (Thursday 6:00PM-8:00PM)
     3. Youth Shelter vs 18+ shelter
        1. Youth do not feel comfortable in an 18+ shelter space and many shelters are not accepting 17 year olds at this time
     4. Discussed the fact that Open Door Youth Services is also very busy at this time

1. Other business
   1. No update on Youth Demonstration Grant
   2. Newcap is sending out a survey to any youth provider in the Balance of State to get list of youth services together in preparation for the Youth Demonstration Grant
   3. Housing Assistant Grant for Victims of Human Trafficking
      1. Up to 24 months of housing assistance
      2. Any age; agency can hold lease so potentially could serve youth
         1. No money for reserves though so if agency holds the lease, then they would need to figure out how to pay damages
         2. Agency could own the building too
2. Next Meeting 🡪 January 15th at 2 pm at the Newcap Green Bay office