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**NOTES – August 10, 2022 – Virtual Meeting**

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**1. Welcome, Introductions, and Goals for Subcommittee**

**2. Subcommittee Purpose & Goals**

- a. Background information, purpose, goals, agencies/organizations, and meeting Minutes are on the [Youth Homelessness Subcommittee webpage](#). Contact Gabby with any revisions.

**3. Subcommittee Next Steps**

- a. Membership - Who is missing from this discussion? Who needs/wants to be invited?
  - i. *Safe Families for Children*: Gabby reached out to Kim Parsons.
  - ii. *Youth*: TWOI to involve their new youth ambassadors.
  - iii. *Commissioners*: will invite/involve new Board.
  - iv. *Pregnancy Center*: Gabby and Kerri meeting with Laura Wolf to discuss.
- b. Resource and gap mapping - What is the most efficient way to survey for services and gaps?
  - i. Shared Google doc that we can update on our own.
  - ii. Map of youths' experiences through service system to identify gaps what works.
- c. Approaching and Engaging Youth - What message are we sending to our youth?
  - i. *Communication/earning trust*: Ensure youth feel supported, not judged - avoid retraumatization. Remember that youth may be worried about getting families trouble. Be a resource for youth so they feel comfortable seeking us for help.
  - ii. *Share messages of hope*: Encourage them, identify ways to get out of situation.
- d. Release of Information - Add Subcommittee to existing ROIs to enhance service provision
  - i. Wraparound Release
  - ii. Circle Release
- e. Brainstorm Solutions - What are our options? Grants, services, out of the box ideas?
  - i. Ask youth: What housing services/resources would you use?
  - ii. Also review past surveys & focus groups for biggest challenges youth face and the realities of youth homelessness.
- f. Data Dive - What is the best approach to diving into youth homelessness data?
  - i. Data Subcommittee of Continuum; Gabby to involve Stephanie Krome, HMIS Analyst.
- g. Needs discussed during August meeting
  - i. *Equity*: There are situations (like discipline) going on in communities (like Latino community) that are problematic in our community but not in theirs.
  - ii. *Transportation/Service Location*: Most housing is outside Westminster City which makes it hard to obtain jobs, therapy, get food... These youth are stranded.
  - iii. *Phone/Internet service*: no wifi, can't check email, can't make phone calls

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1. Kerri shared that youth who have Medical Assistance can get a state phone:
  - a. [Assurance Wireless](#) and [SafeLink](#)
2. Keep in mind that they may not send multiple phones to same address.
- iv. *Foster Care Services to non-Foster Care Youth*: Provide Foster Care services to kids in abusive situations or are homeless but get screened out of Foster Care?
  - h. Rename the Subcommittee – Inspirational, positive, strengths-based
    - i. Ask youth for ideas and revisit with Subcommittee members down the road.

**4. Open Discussion & Partner Updates**

- a. TWOI’s Youth Development Principles of Engagement Training September 8th and 9th
- b. TWOI hired one youth ambassador and will soon hire another. They will be doing outreach, connecting youth to agency services, and lending voices to Subcommittee and Action Board.
- c. TWOI hired another Systems Navigator who will work specifically with transition age youth (TAY) and will also bring their voice/experience and other youths’ voices/experience to the table.
- d. Sam Zuniga is looking for tutoring assistance: [szuniga@hspinc.org](mailto:szuniga@hspinc.org) or 410-386-6656
- e. TWOI needs hygiene products - please call 410-878-3104 to help!
- f. If anyone has clients who are in need of translation services/need documents translated, contact Javier Toro: [jtoro@carrollcountymd.gov](mailto:jtoro@carrollcountymd.gov) or 410-386-3613
- g. Susan Leibman shared that their new Program Associate is bilingual in English and Spanish and is available for assistance.

**5. Adjournment**

***Next Youth Homelessness Subcommittee meeting: September 14, 2022 at 10:00 am***

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