



## YOUTH HOMELESSNESS SUBCOMMITTEE of the Carroll County Continuum of Care



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### NOTES – October 12, 2022 – Virtual Meeting

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[Youth Homelessness Subcommittee Website](#) - view details about its creation and our goals

#### Attendees

- Tiffany Masimore (CCYSB)
- Gabby Zelaya (CCLMB)
- Kerri Vartz (CCDCS)
- Jennifer Troutman (CCYSB)
- Zeno Fisher (DJS)
- Christina Ogle (CCPL)
- Dominique Evans (CCWD)
- Katie Speert (TWOI)
- Lydia Naper (DORS)
- Jessica Cunningham (CCYSB)
- Angel Hill (TWOI)
- Dona Foster (CCPS)
- Keith Claiborne (CCWD)
- Eileen Vozzella (CCWD)
- Patricia Ryan (CCCMC)
- Corey Hardinger (CCG)
- Mary Naugle (CCPS)
- Kathi Green (CCPS)
- DaVida Anderson (CCC)
- Jade Thomas (CCYSB)
- Suzanne Kristensen (CCC)
- Jade Thomas (CCYSB)

#### Agency Updates

- Carroll County Youth Service Bureau - Tiffany Masimore
  - Started a moms group on Thursdays for support and networking.
  - Our clients need cars to take a driving test.
  - Expanded one of Connecting Youth's previous PT position to a FT position and hired Jade.
  - Looking for someone to fill clinical case manager job - half therapy, half case management. Requires a license and clinical experience.
  - Had about 14 people on the waiting list; took all but one or two off. Caseloads may change.
  - Had 19 referrals in just this past quarter, which may be our second highest. Out of these referrals, the number of homeless youth who are being referred has certainly increased.
- Housing/Department of Citizen Services - Kerri Vartz
  - Successfully filled all 7 Youth Rapid Re-Housing slots - one had 6 in household, another had 3.
  - Mainstream Housing Vouchers - our office just pulled 27 off the 55-long waitlist.
    - Mainstream Eligibility criteria: non-elderly disabled individuals; must have doctor's letter with long-term disability (over 12 months); must be eligible for or receiving case management; must be under age 62. Head of household does NOT have to be eligible; other adult/ adult child in household can be the eligible one. Must be homeless or at risk of imminent homelessness. See "Entire Mainstream Voucher Application Packet" emailed on October 10th for more details.
  - Our office called in 218 people from our waiting list for a regular housing voucher.
  - Recently our office launched a lived homelessness experience forum where we speak with individuals who were previously or are currently homeless. These are conversations about what is working, where the gaps are, what the barriers are. Hope to host continually every quarter.

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- Together We Own It - Angel Hill
  - One of our previous youth clients is now employed with us as a Program Coordinator. We are still looking for another Program Coordinator.
  - We met with Dominique from Carroll County Workforce Development and are thinking of opening a thrift store in our spare space to provide job skill training for youth in community.
  - Our tutoring program is going well and community outreach is ongoing.
  
- Carroll County Public Libraries - Christina Ogle
  - Since summer, we have been back to normal programming. Still have COVID test kits!
  
- Carroll County Workforce Development - Eileen Vozzella
  - Summer Youth program ended successfully.
  - Keith joined our Youth Program team; we're fully staffed now.
  - We continue to struggle to have clients come in that are work-ready.
  - Internship grant funding/openings have significantly increased. Last year we targeted 28 students and we awarded 31. This year we are authorized to award 100 students.
    - Students will go through Career Coordinators in the schools for this opportunity. Keith will then work with these students.
  
- Carroll County Community Mediation Center - Patricia Ryan
  - Had a mediator training and are increasing staffing.
  - We are focusing on promoting attendance mediation and independent IEP facilitation services.
  
- Department of Juvenile Services - Zeno Fisher
  - Caseload size decreased significantly. CINS referrals have increased slightly.
  
- Division of Rehabilitation Services - Lydia Naper
  - Hosting Transition Age Fair from 10:30-2:30 at CCC on October 21st - to help students figure out what they'll do after high school. See flier for more details.
  
- Carroll County Public Schools - Kathi Green, Mary Naugle, Dona Foster
  - We are spending down our American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds.
  - The actual number of homeless students doubled from August to September - it was ~40 and we are now in the 80s as of September 30th. This is a 100% increase over where we were this time last year, but is comparable to pre-COVID trends.
  
- Local Management Board - Gabby Zelaya
  - Met with Caring Carroll on October 12th regarding their transportation program for seniors. Discussed what is replicable, their tips, do's/do not's. Gabby meeting with them again in the future to look at the software they used for their volunteer ride services.

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**Youth Action Boards (YABs) Discussion - Angel Hill & Corey Hardinger**

- Must be 24 or under, aiming for  $\frac{2}{3}$  of Board with lived experience of homelessness
- One of our youth is going to head the Board. He is very excited and has already recruited about 6 kids who are ready to go. They started discussing setting up a Zoom for it.
- Corey found one-pagers developed by existing YABs with their goals/guiding principles. These are kid-driven, list what they want adults and providers to know about them and their work.
  - [Gab on YABs - Columbus](#)
  - [Gab on YABs - Boston](#)
  - [Boston YAB Values](#)
  - [Gab on YABs - Compensation](#)
- Angel, Corey, and Gabby will be meeting soon to discuss logistics
  - Stipends - must be getting a livable wage!
    - DHCD HSP grant has specific parameters around funding (need policy and livable wage). Make sure our YAB members are paid in accordance with these.
    - LMB CPA funding and Youth REACH funding is available.
  - Add mentors and other youth from agencies other than TWOI
    - CCPS, colleges, other service providers
  - Our YAB will be a mandated member of the Continuum of Care and will have a seat at the table, meaning they can voice their opinions with a formal vote. Hoping to have 1 or 2 youth to participate in these meetings
- **Adjournment**

***Next Youth Homelessness Subcommittee meeting: November 9, 2022 at 10:00 am***

***Next Connecting Youth Coordinating Council/YHS Meeting: January 11, 2023 at 10:00 am***

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