

Welcome & Introductions with the following individuals attending:

Ann Burnworth, JoBeth Bootz, Kathy Samovitz Greaney, Kat Isbell, Randy Lewis, Crystal Sisson, Linda Walters, Wyeth Hatfield, Naila Carnagua, Ellen Hall, Barb Bennett, Bill Curtis, Eric Freeman, Cindy Carneal, Chris Hoehn, Luzada Hayes, Kathy Fulkerson, Thea Sowell, Patricia Roedel, Jan Davies, Ann Schulz, Gwen Rode, and Cynthia Smith.



Information on Liz Murray (*Homeless to Harvard*) and events surrounding her visit to Evansville – Ann Burnworth presented information on the movie night, Fri., Jan. 29 at 7 pm at the Ivy Tech auditorium on First Ave., Evansville. Liz Murray will be in Evansville on June 2 speaking to the teens at the High School TEENPOWER on the UE campus in the morning and with youth workers, teachers, school and community service providers in the afternoon (location to be determined later). Ann also presented information on the services provided by Youth Resources. The TEENPOWER Camp dates are June 1-4 at UE for high school students and June 28-30 at USI for junior high students.

Financial Update – Luzada Hayes presented the amount of money in the Homeless Youth Coalition fund (Aurora serves as the fiscal agent): HYC had \$1,551.73 at the beginning of 2009 and ended the year with \$2,163.83 based on proceeds from the Homeward Bound walk in June and a \$50 donation in October (around the time the Reitz marketing class promoted the HYC at the Fall Festival).

Committee Updates

Community Awareness

- Reitz High School marketing class with Bobbi Bell is combining their HYC projects into a presentation for the state DECA conference; they are continuing to work with the HYC
- Tri-State Home Show –Apr 9 -11 – Roberts Stadium -- a booth for *Destination: Home* has been offered again; this year, if the HYC does most of the staffing, it can have more of a focus on youth homelessness. If you want to volunteer for the times at the table, please let Bobbi Bell know: Bobbi.Bell@evsc.k12.in.us
- Vanderburgh Homeless Connect – Mar. 30 – The Centre -- The HYC is invited to be part of a "Youth Services" 10 x 20 ft booth. Someone from the HYC needs to be the contact. To obtain a Vendor application, contact Stephanie Norrick at snorrick@unitedwayswi.org 421-7484
- Diane Nilan, with HEARUS, Inc. – a portion of the video, *My Own Four Walls* was shown; Diane is available to speak to the community in late spring or summer; team proposes the idea of using her to speak to multiple groups within just over a 24-hour period, including a special session just for the HYC & special guests as well as a Dine & Discover event, plus speaking to 1-3 influential community groups (costs about \$1,000 for all of this; she'll also need space for her RV; she'll take care of her own meals outside of special meal-based events). *Is the Homeless Youth Coalition interested in this opportunity?*
- Dine & Discover re: Prevention – this team will work with the Prevention team, providing the promotional support

Prevention

- Prevention Youth Services - USI students worked on contacting youth serving agencies in Vanderburgh County in order to create a database of their services which address the causes of youth homelessness. They obtained information from United Way 211 to hone the list and will share results with them in case the research obtained updated information for their database. The team will later be able to follow up with the agencies to invite them to the prevention presentation and supply other information to affirm their work related to preventing youth homelessness.
- Dine and Discover – Mon. May 17 – SICTC - the National Runaway Switchboard prevention curriculum "Let's Talk" will be overviewed in order to encourage area agencies/groups to consider using all or part of the curriculum in a concerted effort to work toward preventing youth homelessness; the event will also include an overview of the work of the entire HYC

Services

- Committee is in search of a chairperson/facilitator.
- Hillcrest - Bill Curtis provided an update on the drop-in center with several grant proposals submitted to Toyota and ONB; it will serve youth between the ages of 13 and 23 years.

Legislation

Updates were few with two bills currently under consideration in the Indiana House. One involves a DCS oversight committee and the other bill involves parental rights termination.

Data

Updates involved asking the Evansville Police Department and Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office for their 2009 crime statistics for juveniles. Cynthia has also asked the three surrounding counties for their data as part of the Safe Schools Healthy Students initiative with permission to share their data with the Homeless Youth Coalition if the data are obtained.

Next meeting: March 1 - 12:00 noon with location to be announced