



Introductions were made.

Financial News - The Homeless Youth Coalition has \$2,113.83 in an account. We received \$562.10 from the Homeward Bound 5K Walk in June.

Committee Reports

Community Awareness will be meeting on Sept. 16 at 11:40 - 1:00 with the Marketing class at Reitz High School. The main focus will be on brainstorming marketing methods for conveying target messages to particular audiences and/or ideas for an internet marketing plan:

Message	Target Audience(s)
<p>Message 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have homeless youth in our community (ages 13-23) [the reality/problem] The Homeless Youth Coalition, as part of the Commission on Homelessness, exists to create a place for homeless youth in our hearts, in a drop-in center, and in a permanent home. [the strategy] You are invited to participate. [the ask] 	<p>Audience 1 Churches, Agencies, Government Leaders, Businesses, Schools (PTA, staff, students, etc.), Universities, Residents, etc.</p>
<p>Message 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There's hope – a safe place is coming Where to get help now (current services): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School (access through counselor or social worker) – fee lunch, books, notebook; transportation coordination; clothing, school supplies assistance, referrals to other community services Dial 2-1-1 on any phone – list & contact info for area services Get involved & make a difference 428-4975 or connect@destination-home.info 	<p>Audience 2 Teenagers</p>
<p>Message 3</p> <p>Before you age out or leave foster care services, learn about the Chaffee funds available to you (enhance the marketing already done by the Dept. of Child Services) – sample info is attached; full color brochure also available from DCS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> how to access what the funds can be spent on when funds are available 	<p>Audience 3 Teens in Foster Care</p>

Prevention will be meeting at 3:45 on Aug. 24 at McGary Middle School to accommodate school schedules.

Services reported an update on the drop-in center plan which is scheduled for the Hillcrest Washington Youth Home board of directors in October 2009.

Data updated/comments on:

- HB 1165 legislation re: data from Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority using HMIS (Hoosier Management Information System). The Point-in-Time data (Jan. 29, 2009) revealed one under 18 year old as listed as head of household in Vanderburgh County (count was adversely affected by our ice storm). Based on all 13 regions, KC Norwalk found 19 unaccompanied youth (under 18 years old) sheltered in the entire state. We do not believe Marion and St. Joseph Counties were included in this count.
- Question was asked to find out from Evansville Housing Authority the number of people under the age of 23 seeking housing.
- The EVSC data presented at the June meeting was provided along with explanations on how the data were collected.
- The Evansville Rescue Mission and United Caring Shelter are seeing an increase in the number of 18 to 23 year olds in the shelters.

Legislation –

- Do we need to think about asking the state legislature to consider any additional legislation or updating in Spring 2010?
- HB1165 -- The Indiana Department of Education has continued the Office/Coordination for Education of Homeless Youth. The coordinator's name is Christina Endres and she has been in this position since 2001.
- There are only 19 McKinney Vento grants in Indiana in 2009/10 with EVSC receiving one of those grants. And many more school districts apply but do not receive funding through McKinney Vento federal money. Transportation funds are through the state money and they are limited as well. All school districts are asked to designate a homeless liaison but some school districts representatives are not listed on the Web site, www.doe.in.gov/alted
- HB 1290 regarding foster care services being extended to 21 years old with DCS reporting only 2 young adults in the state participating in the extended services. We need to follow up with Illinois to find out how many years did it take for a large number of foster care young adults to stay in extended services.

Next Meeting: Sept. 28

11:30-1:00--Lunch & Learn at Ivy Tech, Rm. 107 (Bower Suhrlenheich Conference Center); with Eric Howard, Outreach, Inc., Indy – co-sponsored by Indiana Youth Institute & Hillcrest Washington Youth Home Please invite your friends!

1:30 to 2:30 pm. -- Question & answer session for HYC members with Eric

Resources: National Alliance to End Homelessness research focused on housing for homeless youth:

www.endhomelessness.org/content/general/detail/2471

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Smith