

Youth Task Force

YHDP Planning

October 17th, 2019

Introductions

Hello!

Erie and Niagara Counties are here
today!

Goals for Today

- ▶ Recap of TA meeting Oct. 2nd

Planning the Planning:

- ▶ Approving a decision making model and governance structure for the YHDP
- ▶ Creating a Vision statement for the YTF and YHDP

Contents of the Plan:

- ▶ Review USICH criteria and benchmarks for ending youth homelessness and YTF goals

Youth Task Force Timeline

October: Finalize governance and decision making structure, and create vision statement for YHDP

November: Draft objectives and action steps based on approved goals

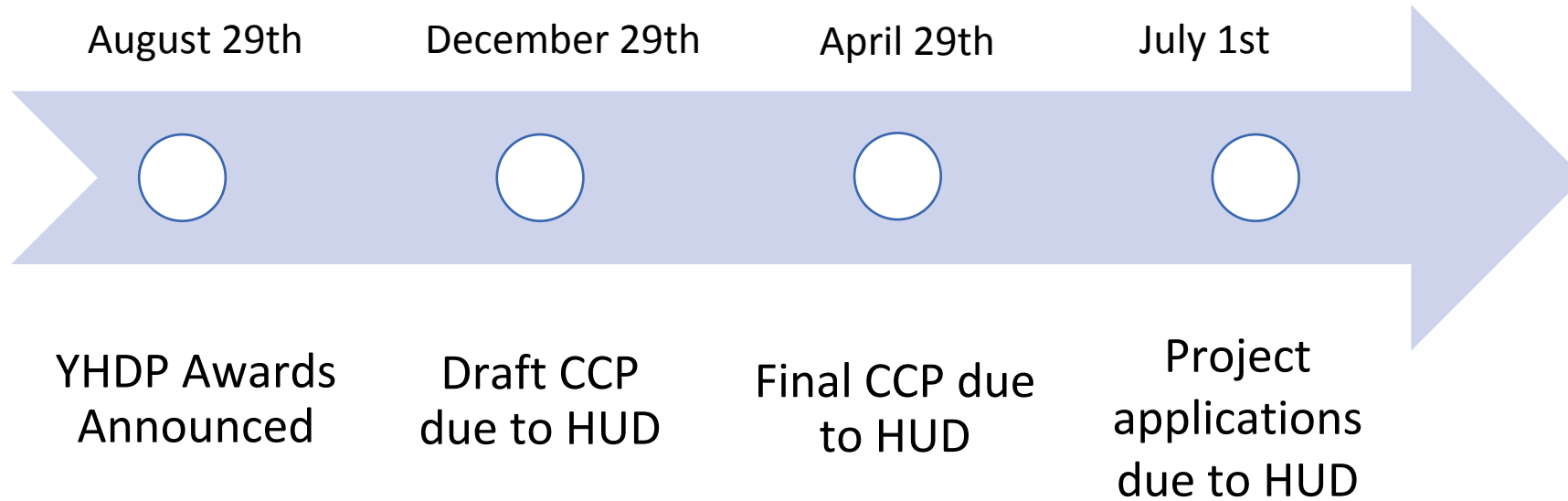
December: Review potential project types

December 29th: First draft of plan due (do not fret - we have until April to finish the plan!)

Coordinated Community Plan (CCP) Requirements

- ▶ A statement of need
- ▶ A list of partners and a description of their involvement
- ▶ **A shared vision, list of goals, objectives, and actions steps with accountability**
- ▶ A list of all new YHDP projects, including, but not limited to, those to be funded by HUD
- ▶ **A governance structure for implementation, including an organizational chart and decision-making process**
- ▶ A plan for continuous quality improvement
- ▶ A signature page (Signed by the Continuum of Care, Local Government, child welfare agency, and Youth Action Board)

YHDP Timeline



Who can we serve with YHDP funds?

Unaccompanied Youth ages 11 - 24 years old who are:

- ▶ Category 1: Literally homeless
 - ▶ Note: YYA in TH are Cat 1
- ▶ Category 2: At risk of homelessness (14 days)
- ▶ Category 3: Homeless under other federal definitions (Dept of Ed, RHY, etc)
 - ▶ Note: You need HUD's approval to serve this category. Once approved, you can serve up to 10% without a waiver.
- ▶ Category 4: Fleeing or attempting to flee DV

What types of projects can we fund with YHDP?

1. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
2. Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
3. Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing Joint Component (TH-RRH)
4. Transitional Housing (TH)
5. Supportive Services Only (SSO)
 - ▶ Includes coordinated entry projects
6. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Erie Youth Task Force ideas developed in 2017-2018:

1. 24/7 drop in center / coordinated entry hub
2. LGBTQ specific shelter
3. Coordinated outreach
4. Benefit linkage assistance

Innovation is KEY!

YHDP Decision Making Structures

It's Planning Time!

What we discuss in the next few sections will be included in the Coordinated Community Plan (CCP) to be published on our's and HUD's websites. When we make a decision as a group and/or brainstorm, we will write it down and it will eventually become the CCP.

Coordinated Community Plan Requirements

- ▶ A governance structure, including an organizational chart outlining the governance structure
- ▶ **Two parts: identifies a decision-making process that includes how decisions regarding YHDP funds are made and by whom**
- ▶ The process is inclusive of a broad range of partners:
 - ▶ Youth Action Board (YAB)
 - ▶ CoC Collaborative Applicant and YHDP Lead Agency
 - ▶ Child Welfare
 - ▶ Local Government
 - ▶ Youth Providers
 - ▶ Homelessness Assistance Providers
 - ▶ Education
 - ▶ Justice
 - ▶ Workforce

HUD's Expectations of Governance and Decision Making

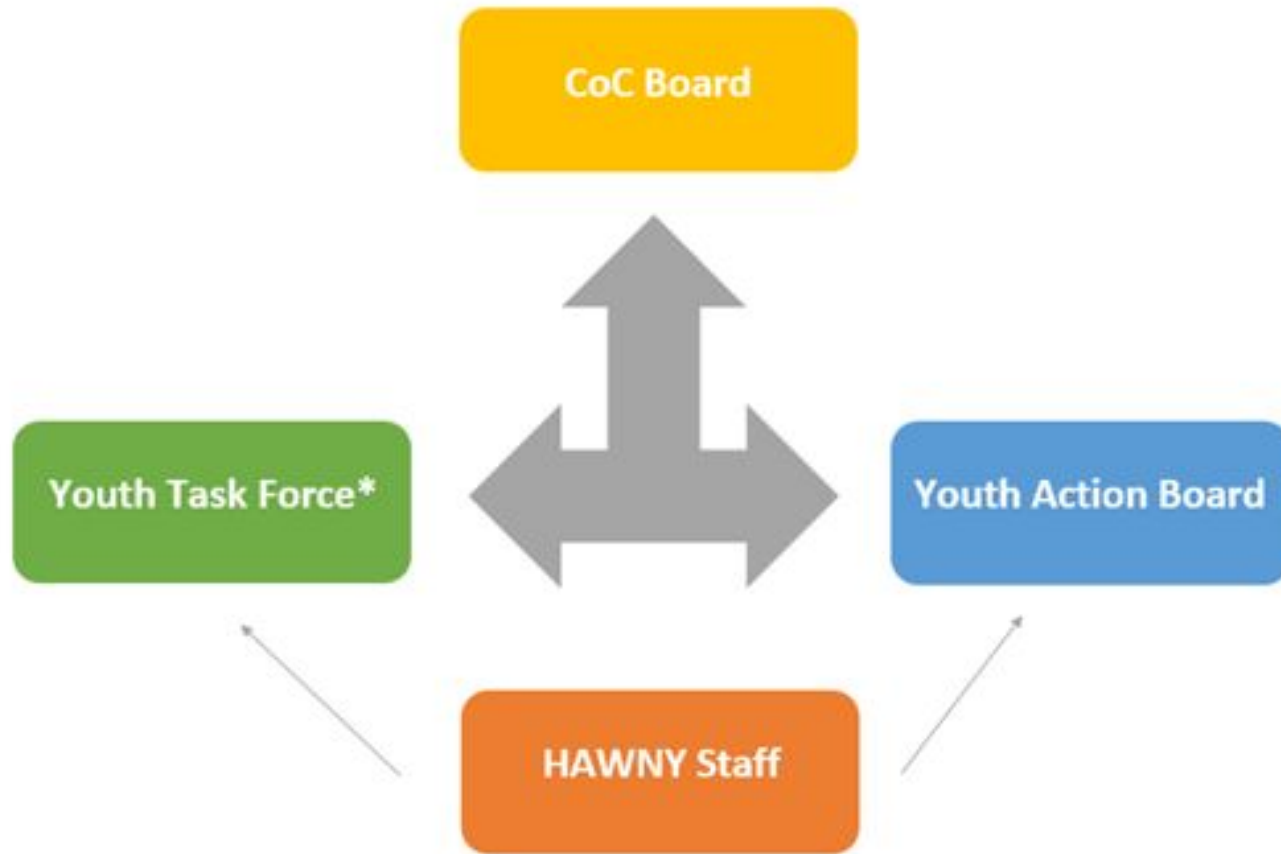
- ▶ The process is respectful of the differing systems each partner represents and the goals and resources of those systems
- ▶ The process is clear and transparent to the partners and public
- ▶ There is a clear process for resolving disagreements
- ▶ The process is subject to feedback and continual improvement

Remember, youth must have decision making power in all parts of YHDP, including the creation of the CCP and the selection and design of YHDP projects

Youth Action Board (YAB) Role in YHDP Governance

- ▶ HUD requires the creation of a Youth Action Board, consisting of youth and young adults with lived experiences of housing instability and homelessness
- ▶ No community can submit their CCP or project applications without the approval of the YAB
- ▶ The YAB should have equal and respected voice at all decision making tables and at each level of the YHDP governance structure. *Think about YAB roles within the larger CoC governance structure!*
- ▶ *There are currently two committed YAB members - we are still recruiting!! No YHDP without YAB!*

Proposed Org Chart - Decision Making and Idea Sharing



Needs to approve the CCP:

1. CoC Board
2. YAB
3. DSS
4. Local Gov

* Youth Action Board members will also sit on Youth Task Force

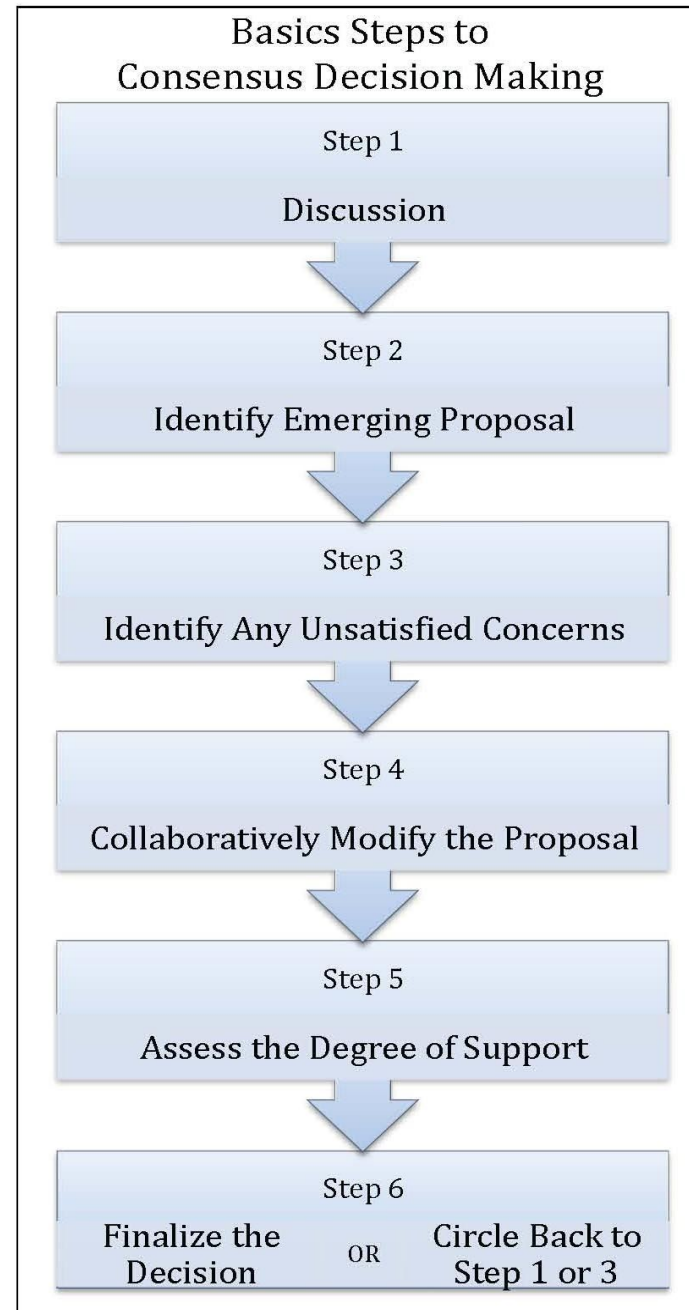
Making Decisions

- Youth Action Board and Youth Task Force work together with HAWNY to generate ideas and agree on the contents of the Coordinated Community Plan.
- CoC Board approves decisions made by the YAB and YTF.
- **The plan must be approved and signed by:**
 - **CoC Board**
 - **Youth Action Board**
 - **Local government**
 - **Departments of Social Services**

How Decisions Are Made within Youth Task Force and YAB

- ▶ Historically, our community has made decisions through *consensus decision making*
- ▶ Other options the group would like to consider?

Do we agree to make decisions within the YTF and YAB by way of consensus?



Developing a Vision Statement for our Coordinated Community Plan

How will we know when our CCP is working?

What will the community look like?

How will youth experience services?

How will the CCP continually improve and adapt?

YAB vision: “Be Counted! Youth Action Board exists to create a safe space for youth with lived experience of homelessness to create innovative solutions to end youth homelessness. Be Counted! YAB values opportunity, positivity, success, and greatness and believes that through embracing these values, all youth will be empowered to cultivate a prosperous and thriving community. The road to positivity and greatness is full of roadblocks, but with the right opportunities, every youth has a chance at success.”

Youth Task Force Vision Statement

“The goal of the YTF is to end Youth Homelessness in WNY by the year 2020 by providing the resources they need, especially a safe place to sleep.”

Example YHDP CCP Vision Statements

Snohomish County CCP: *“Thriving Youth and Young Adults, Thriving Community - Our vision is to prevent and end homelessness for all YYA in Snohomish County. Through the CCP we aim to create an innovative homeless housing response system that is designed and supported by YYA with lived experience. Through strong collaboration and community partnerships we will ensure every YYA has safe, affordable housing.”*

Columbus and Franklin County CCP: *“Our vision is that all youth have a safe place to call home...our goal is to achieve and sustain an effective end to homelessness among unaccompanied youth and parenting youth. We know we are successful when all youth have immediate and easy access to the supports they need to prevent homelessness or, if needed, have immediate and easy access to crisis housing and services to ensure that homeless episodes are rare, brief, and one time.”*

Small group activity - your input matters

1. Each group come up with a few ideas or buzz words for the vision statement.
2. Choose the one your group likes best to present to the larger group.
3. Doesn't have to be fancy!

Protect

Empowerment

Recognize TAY with support

Inclusion

Acknowledgement

Striving toward safe healthy adulthood

Resiliency

Caring adults

Reliability

Value

Pregnant and parenting

Creating resources

Filling the gap

Stability

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What is our vision?

Erie and Niagara Counties have a vision...

Creating a Coordinated Community Plan - Goals, Objectives, Action Steps (November)

Tasks for us (will continue to discuss in YTF and YAB meetings):

- 1) Look at current data, see if we have any new data, and agree on service and system gaps our community needs to address (November TA meeting).
- 2) From these gaps, agree on objectives and action steps to fix the problem (November TA meeting).
- 3) Keep in mind the United State Interagency Council on Homelessness Criteria and Benchmarks for ending youth homelessness.

NEXT MEETINGS

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- Every Wednesday at 12:30PM at Homeless Alliance - Youth Action Board general interest meeting
- Friday, October 25th 4:30 PM at Homeless Alliance - Youth Action Board member meeting
- Monday, November 18th, TA meet with YAB at 3:30 PM
- Tuesday, November 19th 9 AM to 1PM at 1522 Main Street Niagara Falls - Large group TA meeting - Youth Task Force