

Notes from the YMF Stakeholder Meeting Brainstorming Session

June 25, 2008

2-4 p.m.

\$ for the RHYA

- Youth Services Network Survey
- Examine HHMN plans to determine \$ need (Paul Snyder)
- Central MN 14 county plan has helpful figures (Matthew Ayers would know more)- Rural focus for youth based on HUD \$
- Political reality= Big Deficit (Regina Garza)
- Work with Other housing lobbyists/HHS Lobbyists (Monica Nilsson)
- We should ask for what we need (Michael Dahl)
- See appropriation as an investment

RHYA Priorities

- List cultural competency as a priority (Susan Phillips)
 - As focused on specific underserved group(s)
- Lack of awareness on availability of funds especially for cultural groups (Bauz, API Ombudsperson)
- Should we include permanent supportive housing? (Monica Nilsson)
- Emergency assistance funding (Julia Welle Ayers- feedback from Morning meeting)
- Survey Monkey to help us decide details? (John Moline)

What is a Win?- RHYA

- Turn Out- Process
- Lobby Day

Ready to Launch

- Criminal Statute to (L) prostitution
- Youth Comments*
- JOBS!
- Pursue initiatives left from last session (MA and Opt back in)
- Commission to End Poverty- Use as a tool to offer suggestions
- Right to Contract/Emancipation
- Driving/Transportation
 - Waive Liability for social workers or foster parents
 - Car insurance- state funded
 - Need to proceed with hope
 - Rural/Urban conflict

Organizing

- Mobile Team to attend Hearings
- Leverage foundation community

Organizing Feedback- Youth Moving Forward

- Connect the dots: (ex: Youth Summit)
- TPT Release (L) w/conference (= Opportunity)
 - Good tool for community engagement
- Fall (Oct/Sept) Day Long Youth Hearing (Sen. Moua)
- MCH Candidate forums (August)
- Konopka Youth Initiative
- Connect to Faith Communities
- Plymouth Congregational- Fall Candidate forums
- Standard (YMF) fact sheet
- Metro Urban Indian American Day
- RNC = Opportunity
- Mpls Youth Congress in Fall
- Voter Reg. During Convention
- Call in days to legislative heroes
- MCH Conference (October)
- Statewide conference call w/ legislative leaders
- MySpace/Facebook
- Youth Stipends for leadership
- Use list serve to communicate with key Legislators in timely ways
- Make sure constituents know track record of legislator & target message during meetings
- Online Petitions?

Organizing Calendar Post its Not recorded Above

- Teens Alone interested in Advocacy 101 training with Youth Advisory Board
- Laura Kadwell putting on a forum for Homelessness during the RNC (Matthew Ayres might be willing to work with us to put youth on the agenda?)
- Texting with youth
- Homeless Youth GOTV efforts

Introductory Discussion of trends/primary concerns of all in attendance:

- youth aging out go immediately to homeless shelters
- W Metro shelter/supportive housing needs
- Trans/queer youth need greater attention/outreach
- Reaching out to shelters
- GREAT service funding NEEDS
- Transitioning out of incarceration
- Rural challenges: employment, transportation
- Important to incorporate youth voice
- Attention to \$\$ for drop in, to support the whole continuum, to cultural competency
- MN law on levels of responsibility for youth transitioning out of care
- Key – youth relationship development with adults
- Service funding
- Key for providers to connect with one another

- We need to see long term/successful future for the organization to serve more youth
- GRH income requirements
- Huge increase in youth accessing the Face to Face drop in center
- Senator Moua is starting a youth/children's caucus with a goal of overcoming the various silos that relate to youth and to improve outcomes
- The Judiciary committee will seek to host a hearing on youth jurisdiction
- Not enough SELF funds; competitive grants difficult to obtain
- Culturally appropriate services
- Family engagement