Youth Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

September 24th, 2019

5PM-7PM

In attendance: (Adults) Kristina Bechtel; Kim Cable; Jim Bagniewski; Amber Kaio; Fue Yang (Youth) Jazmin P; Belle (Christina) H; Paige L

* Meeting started with introductions, eating pizza, and playing trivia game
* Kristi provides explanation of HUD, BOS, and CCEH and how these things work together to create housing resources for the homeless community
* Discussed attendees experience with homelessness – two out of the three have income but are unable to find apartments to rent
* Discussed barriers to secure housing
  + lack of rental history
  + staying on friend’s couch or in a hotel/motel so not considered homeless
  + parents are known as problem tenants, so youth are being denied housing based on their family’s history
  + lack of or poor credit history
  + having pets (cat not registered as emotional support)
  + first time rental
  + age – considered too young
  + on housing authority list, but no income so still waiting
  + having children with no daycare makes it difficult to work enough hours to be able to afford rent and the upkeep of an apartment
  + no trust in The Salvation Army because of theft and drug use
  + adults ruining it for everyone else because of their drug and alcohol use
* Discussed what would have been helpful when homeless
  + Landlords who are open to working with young adults with no rental history
  + Being able to feel safe in homeless shelters
  + Reprioritizing housing list and providing other resources so youth are not having to compete with homeless adults who have much higher barriers than they do because they have been homeless longer
* Discussed Point-in-Time – all 3 agreed to participate in January
* Scheduled next meeting for December 18th from 5PM-7PM (Christmas Party)