

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE | MARCH 7, 2017

MEETING AGENDA

3:30-4:30 P.M.

Room 120, CHIP, 1100 W. 42nd St., Indianapolis, IN 46208

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM

The providers were given an update on the homeless youth surveys process. Agencies will be receiving an email to “order” the number of surveys they want and the number of gift cards they need. Every youth who takes the paper surveys will get a \$5 gift card from Kroger.

The schools are also being solicited.

The group reviewed the plans to end youth homelessness.

Indianapolis adopted a plan for youth homelessness last year, but the plan needs to be updated and changed. USICH has already created a draft of criteria and benchmarks for ending homelessness among youth. The group reviewed the criteria and benchmarks and discussed how they might be implemented or work in our community.

The main concerns from the group are:

- 1) Insufficient housing to serve youth currently, almost impossible to get a PSH unit and not enough RRH
- 2) Youth accessing traditional services is sometimes limited because of concerns related to how shelter is offered, cannot go in if not married or LGBTQ are uncomfortable
- 3) Shelters are not all in HMIS, how do we know where people are?
- 4) Doubled-up is not considered homeless, youth don't think of themselves as “homeless” and may not want to be labeled that way

The meeting ended at 4:30 PM