

McKinney Vento & Educational Liaisons Work Group Meeting

9:30-11 AM

January 10, 2018

1100 W 42nd St, Dining Room

Welcome & Introductions

In attendance: Tracy Beer, Trent Borom, Erin Brown, Crystal Haslett, Fatima Johnson, Tonya Monnier, Louis Norris, James Taylor, Debbie Douthitt, Nicole George, Kelly Anderson, Caleb Sutton, Rachael Sample and Amy Gibson

Presentation from PowerOn – Andre Pochon, Heather Wilk, Chris Wood, Ellie Ebessette (PowerOn and Straight but Not Narrow)

- Organization from Los Angeles, CA that refurbishes cell phones, computers and other tech devices and offers the items to LGBTQ youth (up to age 24) who are homeless. PowerOn is currently working with 5 cities around the country.
- Founder is originally from Indiana and wants to partner with LGBTQ centers or agencies working with LGBTQ youth in Indiana.
- PowerOn prefers to partner with 501c3 entities, but are open to working with other agencies if the need it present. Application process is online at <https://www.poweronlgbt.org/>.
- Additional information will be sent from PowerOn and disbursed upon receipt.

Point in Time Discussion

Caleb Sutton (CHIP)

- Review of the Point in Time (PIT) Count and 2018 date given. If anyone is interested in volunteering for the PIT, a mandatory meeting will be held on 1/22/18 at 6pm at CHIP.
- Liaisons were informed an Excel template will data points will be sent in the next week for the PIT.

Review of Action Plan

- What policies would we like to influence?
 - Advocate for more access to shelter for youth and youth choice beds.
 - Transportation and the barriers surrounding budgets due to legislative changes with ESSA. Foster care youth now must be provided transportation in addition to homeless youth. Legislation states this should be a collaborative effort for the best interest of the student, however, the check sheet currently in place is not allowing

for a collaboration for the best interest. It was suggested more than an annual meeting with DOE/DCS/etc.

- Advocate for less separation of parents from youth when entering shelter due to the age of the youth.
- System for real time shelter availability. CHIP advised of Shelter Coordination, which began this week and suggested a presentation at the February McKinney-Vento meeting.

Information provided in regards to the McKinney Vento training scheduled for 3/19/18 by the Department of Education.

- Fliers will be sent via email.

Youth Homelessness Planning

- Information provided about upcoming meetings, which will occur over the next few weeks.
 - January 19, 2018 – 9:30a-12:30p. This will be a continued conversation with Abt Associates regarding system modeling. The discussion will focus on housing and housing providers. Everyone is welcome to attend but the emphasis will be housing.
 - January 29, 2018 – 9:30a-12:30p. This will be a follow-up with Abt Associates and review the initial inventory recommendations for the community. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
 - February 1, 2018 – 9a-1p. Youth Planning meeting with Hedges & Associates relating directly to Blueprint 3.0. Invitations will be sent directly from Hedges & Associates.

This next McKinney Vento meeting will be February 14, 2018 – 9:30am-11:00am at CHIP.