

# Underserved Youth Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022

**Time:** 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

**Location:** Virtual

## Minutes

**Attendance:** Kathrine Williams, Beth Holger, Sierra Leone Samuels, Christopher Davis, Morgan Wylie, and Valerie Estrada

### **Housing Data with Diverted Youth:**

An update was given on housing data collected for youth that are referred to diversion. The numbers provided, regarding housing stability for justice involved youth who go through diversion, seemed to be extremely low as well as the number of diversion programs collecting this data. There was discussion regarding whether the committee should focus on this area, and it was determined that it may be difficult for the committee to get diversion programs to collect this data.

### **Data training for JP:**

Juvenile probation is currently going through CSTS refreshers. Part of the refreshers will include collecting data around housing and various ways to capture the information, such as how to ask the question(s) to young people to get an accurate answer.

### **YHDP Letter Review:**

The committee has been discussing other avenues to secure a housing navigator to help address additional barriers justice involved youth may have when trying to secure shelter/stable housing/treatment center. The committee will advocate for a pilot juvenile justice housing navigator, which will be a full-time position for a year with an evaluation completed at the end to determine if it's beneficial to continue with a juvenile justice housing navigator. A meeting with Jen Best will be scheduled to advocate for a juvenile justice housing navigator. It was recommended that a young person, a representative from juvenile probation, a tri-chair and a representative from Hennepin County housing area be present at the meeting. Beth will schedule

Question was asked if HMIS (housing state database system) captures how many young people are also involved with the juvenile justice system. Morgan will investigate and give an update at the next meeting.

**Charter Review:**

The committee began reviewing the Underserved Youth charter and was able to get through the decision-making process of the charter. The charter will be updated with recommendations/revisions and forwarded to the committee for further review. Goal is to have the charter finalized by the Underserved Youth committee at the November meeting.