

Ad Hoc Youth Committee

Feb. 7, 2014

9:00-10:00am

DSS Room 358

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Luke Hickman, Laurel Weir, Jennifer Kirn, Anita Shower, Nicole Holst, Jessica Thomas, Bill Watt, Rebecca Turner, Janna Nichols
2. **Review Minutes 1/16/14** – Laurel Weir clarified the LGBTQ category and stated that the “Q” is for anyone who doesn’t identify as straight or gay or does not belong to any of the groups for LGBT. Janna Nichols stated a clarification and said the Lucia Del Mar school district’s meal program is via donation only and is subject to whatever people drop off.
3. **Review surveys: Youth 11-25, Youth 18-25, Providers, Survey Monkey** – Rebecca Turner said she consulted Carissa Phelps who said that she would change Question #11 to read “believe” instead of “afraid” and any other questions that use that language.

Jessica Thomas said there is a question that is only on Survey Monkey “live in a house of a safe adult I do not know for a long time” and asked Luke where it came from. She asked it be taken out.

Jessica Thomas asked for input on the titles for the Survey Money URLs. She suggested “SLO Youth Survey”, “SLO Adult Survey”, and “SLO Provider Survey”. She announced that the surveys are then ready to go.

The group then reviewed the flyer provided by Jennifer Kirn. Jessica Thomas asked that the wording be changed to “individuals under age 25”. Nicole Holst suggested switching the headline and first line of the paragraph so that the headline reads, “Are you struggling to find a safe place to sleep or stay”.

Bill Watt asked to set a goal for amount of surveys completed by April. Jessica Thomas suggested 100 total. Bill Watt also suggested doing follow-up calls to the different locations administering the survey.

Rebecca Turner said she has 60 sponsors. Jessica Thomas said that McDonalds was decided on as the best place to acquire gift cards.

Rebecca Turner also suggested using Mountainbrook Church as another location, and have volunteers there willing to collect data. Carissa Phelps is willing to help train these volunteers or be there with them herself. Luke Hickman also said they have volunteers in each city who can be equipped to go out and collect data. He is willing to be the contact person and suggested adding his name and contact info on the flyer. Laurel Weir said she thinks this would work as

long as other services and resources are mentioned and special attention is paid to which of these the youth being surveyed is asking for.

Jessica Thomas asked if they should track surveys by city. The group suggested adding "In what city are you taking this survey?"

Laurel Weir suggested adding a question, "Have you ever been in foster care?, and if yes, were you in foster care at or after the age of 15 ½?".

Jennifer Kirn said she would add "Location:" to the top of the survey.

4. Additional survey question from Mountainbrook Church, regarding human trafficking

Rebecca Thomas stated that there is a direct link between unaccompanied youth and human sex trafficking. Luke Hickman said that there is a lot of Federal funding available for this population, but they need data to identify how many youth in our County have fallen into this category.

5. Review survey locations

Jennifer Kirn agreed to take charge of distributing surveys in South County. Bill Watt said he could handle Atascadero and Dan could handle Paso. Janna Nichols said she could connect Mountainbrook to a Church she knows in South County to gain volunteers in that area.

Jennifer Kirn said they often find young people near the Creek on Lower Higuera and near the One-Stop on Broad Street. Laurel Weir stated that Lisa Ray should be given flyers as well.

6. Schedule Next Meeting

The group agreed to meet right before the Full HSOC meeting at the Vet's Hall at 11:45am.