



# Homeless Youth Task Force

STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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# Who is the HYTF- Shelly

- ▶ Youth-serving organizations in the entire homelessness continuum (housing, mental health, supportive services, workforce)
- ▶ Learned to collaborate vs. compete.
- ▶ “Official” mental health respite services providers (WYS & LGBT Center)
  - ▶ Every service provider providing MHS in some fashion
  - ▶ One time funds, such as PEI, cripple service provision while on-going funds like Respite help to maintain staff, make PD available, build trust with youth
  - ▶ When funds are made available, (e.g. 8%) minimal amount is for youth programs

# (Shared) Data Matters - Melissa

- ▶ Shared data between providers fosters collaboration and efficiency
  - ▶ Shared data systems
- ▶ Coordinated Entry Case Conferencing
  - ▶ Assessment Tool
- ▶ PIT Count event
- ▶ 100 Day Challenge

# System Gaps- Shelly

- ▶ Low youth inventory:
  - ▶ YHN/The Stay
  - ▶ Co-occurring substance use disorder/mental health remediation
- ▶ Housing opportunities not connected to MH services:
  - ▶ Room & board
  - ▶ Vouchers
  - ▶ PSH
- ▶ Crisis-response
  - ▶ Alternatives to policing for 51/50 calls by providers
- ▶ “Adulting” impacts housing retention
  - ▶ Accountability/trauma-induction

# Opportunities- Robynne

- ▶ Professional development

- ▶ High quality behavioral health trauma therapy
- ▶ Career pathways- ↑retention/↓turnover

- ▶ Clinical Supervision

- ▶ Provider network to provide support
- ▶ “Golden ticket” into treatment centers

- ▶ YHN as a model

- ▶ Outreach
- ▶ Easy engagement

