**Staff:** James and Kasper

**Participants:** 8 YAC members

**Vision**: All people in Polk County will have a safe, supportive, and stable place to call home.

**Mission**: The Youth Action Council’s mission is to empower and motivate our community to be the change by ending the stigma and stereotypes associated with homelessness, connecting at-risk youth with resources, and promoting compassion within our community.

**DART –** April 23rd a public hearing with the board of commissioners. 3 minutes maximum. Four volunteered to speak (date moved to May 7)

Multiple members of YAC said they were interested in speaking. While many use it to get to their jobs they also had multiple points of feedback.

* On the North side of Des Moines, buses often don’t run on a consistent schedule and are very late, which makes getting places on time difficult.
* Lack of weekend and night hours to get to and from work.
* Many YAC need a bus pass that is cheaper than OTT as this is still difficult to afford.
* Some have been or have seen people be denied rides because they are carrying too many things. Carrying things is a liability and there is fear that if they carry too much they will be denied.
* Want better consistency across bus drivers

**Hershey Grant update**

YAC was updated that they had received the Hershey Grant for the service project.

**Quotes for Website**

“YAC empowers youth for a better tomorrow”, “YAC gave me the opportunity to tell my story and have people listen and relate”, “YAC makes me feel seen and heard”

**Resource guide for service project –** Top 5 useful resources. To be addressed next meeting

**Presentation Review –** YAC will meet April 12th at 6pm to practice the presentation

**YHDP** – April 10th 10-12

**Youth Service Networking event –** April 22, 3-5 pm, Full Circle Recovery

**April 23rd assignments**

Next YAC General Meeting: April 23rd 5:15-6:15 pm. Anawim will be present to solicit feedback on their YHOP program.