Orange County Continuum of Care Transitional Aged Youth Collaborative Committee Governance Charter

At the meeting dated October 23, 2019, the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board approved the creation of the Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Collaborative Committee. TAY Collaborative Committee was created to coordinate services, enhance collaboration and recommend best practices for TAY experiencing homelessness in Orange County. This includes recommending policies, procedures and sharing input on improving the quality and types of services provided. The TAY Collaborative will consist of TAY service provider and representatives in the CoC's efforts to end youth homelessness in Orange County.

1. Name

The technical name of is the Transitional Aged Youth Collaborative Committee hereinafter referred to as the "TAY Collaborative".

2. Purpose

The TAY Collaborative will function as an advisory group to the CoC Board and will support the CoC Board in recommending policy, establishing best practices, and providing feedback to create a youth homeless response system to prevent and end youth homelessness. The TAY Collaborative will ensure housing interventions for Orange County's youth address stable housing, permanent connections, education, employment, and well-being so Orange County's most vulnerable youth and young adults can enjoy a healthy transition to adulthood.

3. Responsibilities

The TAY Collaborative is key to enhancing collaboration and recommending policy that provides equitable and effective services to youth between the ages of 16 to 24 experiencing homelessness. The TAY Collaborative is responsible for the following functions:

- a. Recommend best practices and policy related to preventing and ending youth homelessness
- b. Utilize data to evaluate gaps in youth homelessness response system to support the development of new policy
- c. Develop a shared understanding of evidence-informed practices to address youth homelessness, current Orange County and national resources, and what interventions increase positive outcomes
- d. Support system mapping efforts to better integrate services targeted to youth to create an effective youth homelessness response system in Orange County
- e. Develop a method to effectively coordinate services and enhance collaboration among youth service providers
- f. Ensuring housing interventions for youth address stable housing, permanent connections, education, employment, and well-being.
- g. Supporting the planning and implementation efforts of the Point in Time (PIT) Count, especially TAY-focused efforts
- h. Support the creation and ongoing work of the Youth Action Board (YAB).

4. Recommendations

Matters referred to the Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee by the TAY Collaborative shall be placed on the calendar for consideration and action at the first meeting of the PPS Committee after such reference. If there is an issue of importance to the TAY Collaborative, the TAY Collaborative may submit recommendations to the CoC Board for their consideration in coordination with the Collaborative applicant. The CoC Board may adopt, amend, or reject the recommendations of the Committee

5. Membership

The TAY Collaborative shall be chaired by an elected CoC Board member, ensuring continuity and alignment with the CoC Board. The Chair of the TAY Collaborative may select a Vice Chair to assist in the planning of the TAY Collaborative and provide subject matter expertise working with youth and operating youth service programs. Additional membership shall be comprised of CoC General Members, including service providers, youth providers, representatives from the K-12 school district, representatives from local colleges, and McKinney Vento Liaisons.

6. Meeting Schedule

Regular meetings will be held on a bi-monthly basis on the odd months of the year. Meetings will be held at a time of day agreed upon by members as most convenient.

7. Voting

A majority vote of those members present and voting is required to take any action. Each CoC General Member will be entitled to one vote; no proxy votes will be accepted.

8. Conflict of Interest

Membership of the TAY Collaborative shall abstain from voting on any issue in which they may be personally vested to avoid a conflict of interest in accordance with County, State and Federal laws, regulations and ordinances and shall refrain from engaging in any behavior that conflicts with the best interest of CoC.