

Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Collaborative Committee

Meeting Date: January 14, 2022

Meeting Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Zulima Lundy, Continuum of Care Manager, welcomed Dr. Shauntina Sorrells as the newly appointed co-chair for the TAY Collaborative Committee.
- b. Staff from the Children’s Health Orange County (CHOC) Hospital introduced themselves as new participants of the TAY Collaborative Committee.

2. 2022 Point in Time (PIT Count)

a. 2021 PIT Update

- i. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has provided guidance that the PIT will not be cancelled or postponed but will allow for some communities that have been impacted by COVID-19 cases to reschedule the PIT. HUD has approved for the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) to conduct the PIT to the last 10 days of February.
- ii. This next month will be focused on volunteer recruitment and informing the community about the importance of the PIT data that is collected, including how the state and federal agencies allocate funding based on the information that is gathered.

b. Update on Survey Questions

- i. Polly Williams from Covenant House California provided an update on the focus groups that were held to received feedback on the nine (9) youth-focused questions to be incorporated in the 2022 PIT. These youth-focused questions had previously been reviewed by the TAY Ad Hoc .
- ii. The TAY that participated in the focus group provided the following feedback:
 1. The question pertaining to the reasons why the TAY may have become homeless was noted as not being single answer question as there may have been due to a multiple of factors. The focus group did not want to trigger anyone with this question either and encouraged eliminating this question.
 2. The focus group suggested adding an answer option of “other” to also be included in the sexuality question.
 3. The focus group also felt that asking a question on educational history was important to assist the CoC in determining whether there is a gap in services for TAY who are currently attending school.
 4. The focus group felt that asking about the connection to services was important as it provided an opportunity for further connection to occur as youth navigated the Homeless Service System.

5. The focus group was also in support of including the parenting question and the history of foster care question.
 6. Lastly, the focus group advised that the surveyors ask the TAY what their pronouns are prior to beginning the survey.
 - c. TAY Count Leads
 - i. Polly Williams shared that Covenant House California has identified eight youth guides and a few other volunteers that are interested in assisting with the count as well.
 - d. Ongoing planning
 - i. Testing information
 1. As part of the COVID-19 safety protocols, all volunteers participating in the 2022 PIT will need to provide proof of vaccination, which will be having both doses having been received within 6 months or having gotten the single dose within the last 2 months. If they have not gotten the booster and have surpassed this timeline, volunteers will need to provide a negative PCR test within 48 hours of the day of the count.
 - e. Questions
 - i. Justine Palmore from StandUp for Kids asked if there was any way to allow for more TAY access points to serve as come and be counted sites for the PIT or allowing for TAY to call in to a center to be surveyed over the phone.
 1. Orangewood stated that they have connected with a few local colleges, but due to COVID-19 they do not want students to go on campus. In the future this idea could be revisited, but for this count it is not an option.
 2. Zulima Lundy noted that PIT surveys are not to be conducted over the phone, even with COVID-19 safety protocols, as this is a significant change in methodology.
 3. Stephanie Schnieder mentioned that they are working to find ways that allows TAY to get connected to a PIT deployment center.
3. Data Overview
 - a. Mayra Vargas, Coordinated Entry System Staff Specialist, provided an overview of the data dashboard highlighting how TAY experiencing are accessing homeless services and participating in the Coordinated Entry System.
 - b. The dashboard will be emailed to all TAY Collaborative Committee attendees after the meeting.
4. Youth Action Board
 - a. Updates
 - i. The Office of Care Coordination is working on drafting a job description for the Youth Action Board (YAB Committee). The goal is for the job description aim to provide a better understanding about the time commitment, role and responsibilities that will be expected of participants. Once the draft is ready, youth providers will have an opportunity to provide additional feedback.
5. Next Meeting: **March 11, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.**