

Transitional Aged Youth Collaborative Committee

Meeting Date: July 8, 2022

Meeting Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Shauntina Sorrells

2. Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Dashboard – Mayra Vargas, Coordinated Entry System (CES) Staff Specialist

- a. Mayra Vargas shared the following details of the TAY Dashboard:
 - i. There was a significant increase in inflow, 63% for June 2022 from a previous 20% during the May 2022.
 - ii. To date, the TAY population is averaging approximately 11 to 12 permanent housing placements per month.
 - iii. TAY that are currently matched to a housing opportunity have an average a length of homelessness of 17 months.
 - iv. Targeting the lengths of homelessness has helped to decrease the overall average lengths of homelessness for TAY. This has resulted in a decreased from 15 months to 9 months.
- b. Questions and Public Comments
 - i. Lourdes Chavez from OC Social Services Agency asked if the dataset included youth that were currently living in transitional housing.
 1. It was clarified that the dataset included youth in transitional housing and also recognized that not all TAY experiencing homelessness are being represented in the TAY Dashboard. It is one of the goals of the TAY Collaborative Committee to include data from other sources, outside from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
 - ii. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells mentioned that having partners coordinate with TAY CES providers will also help establish a more robust understanding of where youth are currently experiencing homelessness and accessing services. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells also shared that with the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board support there is the possibility of having aggregate data being combined with HMIS data to help with reporting. This would also allow for a more competitive applications for grants.

3. HMIS Data Training for TAY Providers – Mayra Vargas, CES Staff Specialist

- a. Training will cover the following topics:
 - i. Project Start
 - ii. Approximate Date Homelessness Started
 - iii. Current Living Situation
 - iv. Verification of Documents
- b. Mayra Vargas shared that a Doodle Poll will be sent to those in attendance to schedule the HMIS Training. Although this training will be for TAY service provider of the TAY Collaborative Committee, it will cover HMIS data elements that pertain to all CES components.
- c. The goal of the training will be to improve the data quality within HMIS, get case managers to better understand the needs of their clients and have the data within the CES enrollment to reflect those needs.

4. Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) Application Review – Dr. Shauntina Sorrells

- a. Members of the committee requested to have time to read through the entire YHDP application before sharing any thoughts. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells agreed to give members some time to review the material and regroup the first week of August.
- b. The Office of Care Coordination requested extra attention to the areas that focus on collaboration between stakeholders as well as the proposed processes for the Youth Action Board (YAB).
- c. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells proposed bringing in a youth with lived experience to participate in this committee, as a co-chair, and have them assist with building the YAB framework.
- d. Members that voiced interest in participating in this discussion were Elida Sanchez, Justine Palmore, and Ami Rowland.

5. Youth Action Board Updates – Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations

- a. Zulima Lundy shared that the Request for Proposal (RFP) to select a third-party provider to support with the compensation of the YAB will also be tasked with supporting members of the YAB. Due to the Office of Care Coordination transition to County Executive Office (CEO) the RFP was delayed; however, the goal is to have it be issued by the end of July. Once a provider is selected, the next steps of YAB planning and implementation can take place.

6. Discussion

- a. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells informed the committee that the California Youth Connection (CYC) will be reopening the Orange County Chapter. This organization assists youth, including those in foster care, to review policies that would directly impact the foster care system; noting that all groups are youth lead.
- b. A member of the committee asked if minors would need a permission slip or authorization to participate in this committee or the YAB.
 - i. Zulima Lundy committed to checking to see if any guidance currently exists pertaining to this.
- c. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells discussed having a TAY Housing Best Practices Ad Hoc to help inform the Orange County CoC what works best for this population. This will support in documenting practices that providers are currently utilizing or ideas that partners would like to be practiced across service providers in the delivery of TAY services. The goal is to create the same standard of care across providers. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells noted that best practices by project type will

be brought to the Orange County CoC Board for approval and incorporated into the contract requirements for projects funded by the Orange County CoC.

- i. It was suggested that each housing project type have an entire month dedicated to its discussion with weekly meetings for service providers to discuss best practices. It was also suggested that youth who have lived within these housing projects be invited as part of a focus group to share their own experiences and feedback.
 - ii. Members of the committee that expressed interest in being part of this Ad Hoc included Justine Palmore, Ami Rowland, Emilie Dang, and Jessica Johnson
 - iii. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells will share a proposed meeting schedule with the committee members to begin the planning process.
- d. Members of this committee expressed an interest in having an internal resources list with the names of the providers that are in attendance to encourage collaboration between partners.

7. Next Meeting: September 9, 2022, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.