Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Collaborative Committee

Meeting Date: November 18, 2022
Meeting Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
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Agenda

1. **Welcome and Introductions –** Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Committee Chair
   a. Prior to the meeting Dr. Shauntina provided the following updates:
      i. The Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board approved updates to the CoC Governance Charter to include a Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) seat be permanently assigned to the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board.
      ii. The Orange County CoC Board reviewed the Local Homeless Action Plan for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) which included a funding set-aside for youth of 15% allocation, an increase from the required 7%.

2. **Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Dashboard –** Mayra Vargas, Coordinated Entry System Staff Specialist, Office of Care Coordination
   a. Mayra Vargas presented the following updates on the TAY Dashboard for November 2022:
      i. Inflow continues to outnumber outflows month by month, and the increase of inflow has steadily increased from the previous year.
      ii. Most housing matches are currently to Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV), as this housing resource dwindles there is an anticipated decrease to outflow due to limited additional TAY housing opportunities.
      iii. There were new charts added to the Dashboard which included: Average Age of TAY Registry Participant, TAY Registry Race and Ethnicity Breakdown, TAY Average Monthly Income at Entry by Project Type, TAY Gender by Project Type, and % of TAY Active across Project Type.
   b. Dr. Shauntina noted that the Orange County CoC approved the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) integrating additional data from providers. As this process is implemented there should anticipate a huge influx on the numbers soon.

3. **California Coalition for Youth Highlights –** Dr. Shauntina Sorrells
   a. Dr. Shauntina shared that Orangewood and Covenant House California jointly hosted a Youth Advocacy Collaborative Meeting lead by the California Coalition for Youth (CCY).
   b. The CCY assists organizations advocate for youth specific programs at the legislative level. This is accomplished by helping people at the policy level be influenced to increase their support surrounding TAY efforts.
   c. Dr. Shauntina noted that working with CCY allowed her to have prepared talking points to present the CoC Board to increase HHAP support for youth set-aside.

4. **Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) Update –** Mayra Vargas
   a. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development annouled YHDP awarded communities, unfortunately the Orange County CoC did not get awarded. However, the grant application process experience was very valuable. The Office of Care Coordination (OCC) will be reviewing the application and seeking out input from technical askance providers and community stakeholders to have a stronger application in the future.
   b. Andrew Palomo, National Network for Youth (NNY), was introduced to the TAY Collaborative Committee and asked to provide an overview of the work they do.
      i. The NNY is a national organization that advocates on behalf of youth experiencing homelessness. The NNY has recently been awarded a Technical Assistance (TA) grant to help communities improve their youth homeless response system.
      ii. NNY could offer the Orange County CoC the following assistance, for free:
         1. Put together the YHDP application
         2. Offer TA with building and establishing the Youth Action Board (YAB)
         3. Provide a letter of support for the YHDP application
         4. Reviewing the YHDP application and provide additional feedback and/or suggestions
         5. Has ability to provide compensation and provide financial assistance
   c. Moving forward, Andrew Palomo will be regularly attending the TAY Collaborative Committee Meetings to aid.
   d. Andrew Palomo will be reviewing the documents that are currently developed for the YAB, and meeting with the Office of Care Coordination to determine how this partnership will look like.

5. **Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Election Process –** Mayra Vargas
   a. During the November 16, 2022, meting of the CoC Board, changes to the CoC Governance Charter were approved and started the CoC Board Election Process.
      i. Approved revisions to the CoC Governance Charter:
         1. Increase the number of members for a total of 19 seats in the CoC Board to include two additional designated seats
            a. One seat for the expertise on homeless services of Families
            b. One seat for the expertise on homelessness services of TAY
      ii. The Office of Care Coordination will host a virtual CoC Nomination and Section Process Overview session on November 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
         1. Join from meeting link: [Click here to join the meeting](#)
         2. Meeting ID: 278 646 383 781 | Passcode: Xmxfne
         3. Phone Conference ID: 318246 376#
   b. The nomination period for CoC Board expiring seats and one seat vacancy will open on Thursday, November 17, 2022, and close on December 2, 2022.
   c. To self-nominate or nominate a candidate, please email the Office of Care at CareCoordination@ocgov.com. In your email, provide the following information for the candidate being nominated:
      i. Name
      ii. Email
      iii. Phone Number
      iv. Have you altered this person you are nominating them?

    d. Candidates will be asked to complete a Candidate Interest Form to provide more information regarding the qualifications and experience, as well as their interest and engagement with the CoC.

    e. Completed Candidate Interest Form are due to the Office of Care Coordination on Friday, December 2, 2022.

6. **Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 4 Funding Recommendations –** Dr. Shauntina Sorrells

    a. Dr. Shauntina noted that she is currently looking for service providers to offer supportive services under HHAP for TAY.

    b. Dr. Shauntina also expressed interest in having a brainstorming session to discuss ideas for this funding:

        i. Safe parking sites for TAY

        ii. Help the Orange County CoC understand that options are needed

7. **Discussion**

    a. Orangewood and Santa Ana Housing Authority (SAHA) have been able to house 25 youth that were provided Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) housing choice vouchers. It was also noted that our community is one of the few that seem to have seen success with these vouchers.

8. **Next Meeting:** January 6, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.