ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE

Friday, July 12, 2024 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Orangewood Foundation 1575 17th St, Santa Ana, CA 92705

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Committee Chair: Ami Rowland, Covenant House California

MINUTES

Welcome and Introductions – Ami Rowland, Chair

Public Comments – Members of the public may address the Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Collaborative Committee on items listed within this agenda or matters not appearing on the agenda so long as the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the TAY Collaborative Committee. Public comments will be limited to three minutes. If there are more than five public speakers, this time will be reduced to two minutes.

To address the TAY Collaborative Committee during the Public Comment period, members of the public are to complete a Request to Address the Committee form prior to the beginning of each agenda item and submit it to Continuum of Care (CoC) staff. Staff will call your name in the order received.

Members of the public may also submit public comment by emailing <u>CareCoordination@ocgov.com</u>. All comments submitted via email at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting will be distributed to the TAY Collaborative Committee members and all comments will be added to the administrative records of the meeting. Please include "Transitional Aged Youth Collaborative Committee Meeting Comment" in the email subject line.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

- 1. Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Overview Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination
 - a. Discussion related to the prioritization of a Coordinated Community Plan (CCP)

Sarah Jones presented on the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Sarah Jones highlighted the YHDP U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program specific goals and objectives, eligible program participants, changes from previous NOFO, and the YHDP application components.

- 2. Orange County Youth Action Board Planning Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination and Ami Rowland, Chair
 - a. Approve establishment of a Youth Action Board to be recommended to the CoC Board for approval.

Sarah Jones presented on the CoC's plan to establish a Youth Action Board (YAB). The YHDP project funding requires Project Applicants to have a YAB and gain approval through a letter of support. HUD will award up to 20 points to applicants who demonstrate active engagement with potential YAB members and ensure diverse representation. There is a current recommendation to establish a YAB to be approved by the CoC Board for full integration under the Orange County CoC.

Comments:

- Shelby Feliciano-Sabala inquired about the entity responsible for facilitating the YAB and ensuring ethical standards and support for the participating youth.
- Dr. Tiffany Mitchell emphasized the need for a designated person to oversee the youth involved in the YAB. Dr. Tiffany Mitchell stressed the significance of the compensation structure in motivating young individuals to participate. Dr. Tiffany Mitchell highlighted the need for additional support in the form of travel compensation for YAB members.
- Becks Heyhoe-Khalil provided information of the CoC Board and how the Lived Experience Advisory Committee has operated as an advisory body to the Board.
- **3. 2024 Point in Time Count and Housing Inventory Count Data** Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination and Ami Rowland, Chair

Sarah Jones provided an overview of the 2024 Point in Time (PIT) Count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data. The County of Orange, in partnership with the Orange County CoC, conducted the sheltered count on January 22, 2024, and the unsheltered count process from January 23 to January 25, 2024. The 2024 PIT Count identified a total of 308 Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) between the ages of 18 and 24, reflecting a 31.06% increase from the 2022 count. The 2024 HIC report for Orange County's CoC reported a total of 9,812 beds, a decrease of 189 from 2023, with 138 beds specifically allocated to youth, comprising 1.40% of all project beds. Orange County United Way, as the HMIS Lead, emphasized the need for 255 more youth beds to align with the 2024 PIT Population.

Ami Rowland facilitated discussion on the 2024 PIT Count and HIC report.

<u>Comments:</u>

- Dr. Tiffany Mitchell inquired whether the bed inventory percentage encompasses only shelter beds or if it also covers Transitional and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds, and noted it would be helpful to discuss how to capture the inventory of all TAY beds for agencies not in HMIS.
- Becks Heyhoe-Khalil requested that the list of TAY-serving agencies be circulated to identify which agencies are not reflected in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC).
- 4. CoC Update Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

Felicia Boehringer presented on the following CoC Updates:

- **Upcoming Meetings** Upcoming CoC meetings were detailed in the presentation.
- Service Provider Forum Content Recommendations The CoC is seeking input for topics or training to be covered in the upcoming Service Provider Forum meetings. The CoC also welcomes recommendations for potential trainers or presenters and invite key stakeholders to share their suggestions via SurveyMonkey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7C5CHP7
- Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 6 In the final budget deal of the FY2024-25 Governor's Budget, HHAP Round 6 has been included, providing \$1 billion in one-time assistance to local governments to address the homelessness crisis. This funding comes with increased accountability measures, including a reimagined accountability unit to monitor HHAP plans and ensure cooperation between various groups. The Office of Care Coordination will provide ongoing updates as needed.

Comments:

• Becks Heyhoe-Khalil highlighted the significance of HHAP 6, due to its dedicated focus on youth.

Next Meeting: Friday, September 13, 2024