

**ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE
TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE**

Thursday, March 6, 2025

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location:

**Orangewood Foundation
1575 17th St, Santa Ana, CA 92705
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Committee Chair: Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Orangewood Foundation

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Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Chair

Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

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. Members of the public utilizing interpreter services will be given double the amount of time to provide public comment.

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 CareCoordination@ocgov.com. 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.

Comments:

- Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell led introductions for those in attendance.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. TAY Collaborative Committee Vision Setting – Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Chair

Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell provided an overview of the purpose of the TAY Collaborative Committee, as outlined in the Governance Charter, and led a vision-setting discussion, requesting members to share feedback and ideas regarding the purpose and role of the TAY Collaborative Committee in addressing needs of young people experiencing housing instability and homelessness in Orange County. Additionally, Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell inquired about preferred meeting style and format and what the committee seeks to prioritize in 2025.

Comments:

- A committee member highlighted a significant challenge, stating that individuals who transition to permanent housing struggle to sustain housing due to a lack of mental health and substance use resources. While youth may find housing, they often do not have the tools or support to manage it, especially without private insurance or access to necessary resources. The committee member expressed a desire to advocate for bridging this gap, ensuring that people can manage housing sustainably and break the continuous cycle of instability.
- Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell emphasized the need for more transitional and bridge housing options for youth. Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell expressed hope that future Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funding could expand beyond shelter-focused support to address other housing needs. Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell noted the importance of creating a larger continuum of housing for youth, ensuring that each provider's role in the continuum of care is clearly identified and encouraging further collaboration between providers. Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell suggested forming an ad hoc that can meet more frequently to further build out the vision for the TAY Collaborative Committee. Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell summarized next steps, including compiling a resource guide for TAY, working with the Office of Care Coordination to review the 2024 list of identified providers and entities to invite to the committee meetings, and considering the best form of communication for those who are participating in the TAY Collaborative Committee.
- Anthony Trejo, HIS-OC, discussed the challenges in coordinating services for transitional aged youth amongst agencies. Anthony Trejo highlighted the importance of collaboration between organizations, noting that outreach teams in Orange County can experience high turnover, leading to a lack of communication and knowledge about available services. Anthony Trejo proposed creating a resource guide with direct contacts for TAY programs and hosting networking meetings to improve collaboration. Anthony Trejo emphasized the need for stronger communication and education about different programs and their offerings to better serve TAY in the community, and suggested helping youth explore shared housing options to accommodate for high rent prices.
- Hector Vasquez, Social Services Agency, raised the idea of developing a collaborative, one-stop service for the TAY population in Orange County to improve communication between agencies. Hector Vasquez asked whether such a system had been implemented before and suggested discussing it further. Hector Vasquez also inquired about how stakeholders for TAY are identified and whether there is a lead County agency coordinating TAY services or a comprehensive list of services and housing providers available serving TAY, referencing 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC). Hector Vasquez emphasized the importance of knowing which providers serve TAY populations, citing work with Orangewood, Waymakers, and Young Lives Redeemed, which offer shelter and

transitional housing but are not contracted with the County. Hector Vasquez proposed creating a resource list to streamline referrals and improve collaboration among providers.

- Tiffany Brooks, Families Forward, highlighted the challenges TAY face in accessing permanent supportive housing, often missing crucial services like mental health and substance use support. Tiffany Brooks emphasized the need for a system to capture youth when they are ready to work and succeed in housing, using a harm reduction approach. Tiffany Brooks also pointed out the lack of shelters for youth in Orange County and suggested exploring a host home model as an alternative. Tiffany Brooks advocated for accessible drop-in centers, like those in Los Angeles, and better public transportation, while stressing the importance of active system management and ensuring resources are fully utilized.
- Bill Singleton, Covenant House, emphasized the need to increase meeting attendance to include more individuals in the discussion, and noted the challenges TAY youth face in transitioning to stable housing. Bill Singleton highlighted the need for additional mental health services, and more partners providing direct, acute care for youth who need a higher level of support. Bill Singleton pointed out the difficulty in finding stable housing for youth and helping young people transition to independence within limited-term programs. Bill Singleton stressed the need for further coordination amongst providers and more transitional housing options for youth.

2. CoC Strategic Plan – Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination and Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Chair

Felicia Boehringer provided an overview of the CoC Strategic Plan. Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell shared that much of the work being done through the TAY Collaborative Committee aligns with the CoC Strategic Plan, particularly Strategic Aim 4. Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell suggested taking manageable steps, with the hope that an ad hoc committee could be formed by the end of May 2025 to focus on both the TAY Collaborative Committee vision and review and feedback towards the CoC Strategic Plan. The ad hoc can present their findings back to the group for discussion, and the Strategies and Actions of the CoC Strategic Plan will remain flexible, allowing for refinement or removal of language as needed.

Comments:

- A committee member inquired whether the ad hoc should represent different organizations, noting that this information will be important for recruitment.
- A committee member asked when the ad hoc membership would need to be finalized, noting a desire to gauge interest within their organization.

3. CoC Update – Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

Felicia Boehringer provided a brief overview of the CoC. Felicia Boehringer provided updates regarding recent federal legislation, including opportunities for advocacy, and provided some additional resources for up-to-date accurate information. Additionally, Felicia Boehringer provided updates on the removal of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Notice of Funding Opportunity from Grants.gov and shared the HHAP Program Round 5 Award Announcement and HHAP Round 6 funding allocation announcement. Felicia Boehringer provided an update on the Same Day Solutions Fair and shared information about upcoming CoC Board and Committee meetings.

4. Provider Announcements – Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Chair

Dr. Tiffany Mitchell invited providers to share announcements and encouraged members to bring young people that may be interested in attending future meetings.

Comments:

- Bill Singleton requested clarification on timing of the ad hoc and noted that a position has been added to focus on outreach efforts to individuals on the waiting list at Covenant House.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 1, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., at the Orangewood Foundation Conference Room, located at 1575 17th St, Santa Ana, CA 92705