Joint Leadership Board / HUD CoC Committee
Special Meeting
Tuesday, April 5th, 2022
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Present: C'Mone Falls (City of Oakland), Josh Jacobs (City of Berkeley), Marnelle Timson (Consumer Member), Paul Berry (Youth Action Board), Riley Wilkerson (Alameda County Housing and Community Development), Paulette Franklin (Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services), Wendy Jackson (East Oakland Community Project)

Absent: Lara Tannenbaum (City of Oakland), Tunisia Owens (Family Violence Law Center)

Leadership Board: Moe Wright (Chair), Susan Shelton (At-Large Representative), Andrea Ford (Alameda County Social Services Agency), Kerry Abbott (Colleen Chawla’s alternative, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency), Michelle Starratt (Housing and Community Development Department), Peggy McQuaid (City of Albany)

Members of the public: Antonio Pizano (Voices Youth Center), Hannah Moore (All In), Sahra Nawabi (Youth Action Board), Tammy Nguyen (Youth Action Board)

EveryOne Home Staff: Chelsea Andrews (Executive Director), Katie Barnett (Systems Planning Coordinator), Katie Haverly (Director of Research and Data Analytics), Dorcas Chang (Operations Manager), Quintin Mecke (Director of Policy and Homelessness Strategies)

Meetings are public. Alameda County residents with lived experience of homelessness are encouraged to attend. Public Comment will be taken at the beginning of each meeting and is limited to 2 minutes per person. Click here to learn more about the public participation policy.

1. Welcome (C'Mone Falls, HUD CoC Chair)
2. HUD CoC Public Comment
   a. none
3. YHDP Coordinated Community Plan (Hannah Moore / YAB)
   a. Hannah Moore (All-In) and Peer Mentors representing the Youth Action Board (YAB) presented the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Coordinated Community Plan (CCP). [The full draft of the CCP can be found in the meeting materials here.]
   i. Alameda County was awarded a $6.5 million YHDP grant from HUD. The purpose of the funding is to design and implement innovative projects that test new approaches to addressing youth homelessness. Youth must be centered in
all decision-making throughout every stage of the development and implementation of the YHDP process. The Coordinated Community Plan (CCP) outlines a statement of need, the goals for this project, and the intended use of the funding.

ii. At the end of last year, six community brainstorming sessions were held, each dedicated to the needs and experiences of a special population of youth as designated by HUD. Some of the key needs identified during that process are greater resource accessibility in unincorporated areas of the county, better coordination between service providers, and new flexible housing options for youth.

iii. Approximately 30% of the grant will be used to hire and train youth with lived experience to serve as Peer Navigators who can guide other youth through the system and help them identify relevant resources. The scope of assistance will include resume building, obtaining GEDs, and accessing federal financial aid for higher education.

iv. Approximately 50% of the grant is allocated for Joint Component Housing, which combines Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing. In this model, youth reside in site-based housing with a roommate as they learn to live independently. After 1-2 years, they transition to permanent housing with their own lease, which they eventually take over after a set period of assistance.

v. Approximately 17% of the grant is allocated for Transition Age Youth (TAY) related improvements to Coordinated Entry. This includes creating TAY access points, hiring Peer Navigators to work with Coordinated Entry specialists, and training Coordinated Entry specialists on topics like youth development.

vi. Approximately 3% of the grant will go to Alameda County’s existing HMIS to support the ongoing monitoring of these new projects.

b. Moe Wright (Leadership Board chair) asked if Peer Navigators for Coordinated Entry would be on-site staff, or if their function is intended as outreach.

i. Antonio Pizano (Voices Youth Center) answered that the intention is to use Peer Navigators primarily as a form of highly mobile outreach. Some will likely have drop-in hours at partner locations frequented by unhoused youth, but the main objective will be mobile outreach.

ii. Hannah Moore (All-In) added that some Peer Navigators will hopefully have a presence in local high schools, to assist with prevention as well as supporting individuals already in crisis.

c. Kerry Abbot (Alameda County Health Care Services Agency) commended the young people involved in creating the Coordinated Community Plan and emphasized the
ownership and responsibility the Youth Action Board Peer Mentors have taken during every stage of the YHDP planning and development process.

d. Paul Berry (Youth Action Board) motioned to approve the YHDP CCP substantially in the format submitted.
   i. Riley Wilkerson seconded.
      1. C’Mone - Yes
      2. Marnelle - Yes
      3. Paulette - Yes
      4. Josh - Yes
      5. Paul - Yes
      6. Riley - Yes
      7. Wendy – Yes
         a. Motion passed.

4. **HUD CoC Committee Upcoming Events**
   a. Next meeting – April 25th 1:00pm- 3:30pm