



**Youth Committee**  
**September 10, 2024**  
**3:00 – 4:30pm**  
**Minutes**

**Link to Zoom Meeting**

**Phone: +1 386 347 5053**

**Meeting ID: 896 7043 6125**

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.

#### Helpful links:

- **Google drive folder** for the Youth Committee:  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nba\\_vF\\_vhpoybIRfSnAzw11UsmwYXXLz?usp=s\\_haring](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nba_vF_vhpoybIRfSnAzw11UsmwYXXLz?usp=s_haring)
- **Website page** (on EveryOne Home website) for the Youth Committee:  
<https://everyonehome.org/about/committees/youth-committee/>
- **Acronyms and Glossary:** [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/118hFMAU2IE-FqYmK8TZ9Hp40vmS1zRck9EBEbPIbwy8/edit?usp=drive\\_link](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/118hFMAU2IE-FqYmK8TZ9Hp40vmS1zRck9EBEbPIbwy8/edit?usp=drive_link)

#### Committee Purpose

The purpose of the Youth Committee will be to align goals and develop shared strategies and collaborative practices across systems, agencies, programming, and funding streams that work to prevent and end youth homelessness. The committee will act as a collaborative table bringing together transitional age youth with lived experience of homelessness, youth service providers, county and city government representatives, and other stakeholders to build a coordinated response to youth homelessness. Learn more about the Committee's purpose [here](#).

#### Meeting Purpose / Overview

The purpose of this month's meeting will be primarily for the Youth Committee members to: (1) receive reports from the Racial Equity Committee and Youth Advisory Board (YAB), (2) approve the Youth Committee Work Plan, (3) hear a presentation from Youth Spirit Artworks (YSA): Tiny House Empowerment Village (THEV), and (4) continue to discuss and review the Transition Age Youth (TAY) Engagement Opportunities chart.



**Agenda**

Agenda Item	Time
<b>1. Welcome/Introductions</b> (Kris Maun, Homebase)	3:00-3:05
<b>2. Ground Rules/Approval of Minutes</b> (Kris) a. <u>Minutes for August 13, 2024 approved.</u>	3:05-3:10
<b>3. Announcements/Public Comment</b> (Kris) a. <u>Announcements:</u> i. Community Meeting Save the Date 1. The Fall Community Meeting will be Tuesday, October 29 and Wednesday, October 30, 2024. The event will be held at the California Endowment, 2000 Franklin Street, Oakland, CA 94612. A virtual option will be available. 2. If you have any questions, please email <a href="mailto:alameda@homebaseccc.org">alameda@homebaseccc.org</a> . ii. Alameda County Fair Housing Survey 1. Alameda County is currently conducting a county-wide regional fair housing survey as part of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) as part of the upcoming five-year Consolidated Plan (2025-2029). 2. Complete Survey: <a href="https://bit.ly/acfairhousing24">https://bit.ly/acfairhousing24</a> a. Available in Chinese, Spanish, Persian, Vietnamese, and Tagalog b. Survey will close September 13, 2024 3. Alameda County is hosting a series of in-person and virtual meetings across the county to discuss the draft report findings and proposed actions. Zoom registration here: <a href="https://bit.ly/aczoom24">bit.ly/aczoom24</a> . b. <u>There were no public comments.</u>	3:10-3:15
<b>4. Racial Equity Committee Report Out</b> (Sabrina Abong, Racial Equity Liaison) a. The Racial Equity Committee (REC) is inviting the Youth Committee to the Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordinated Entry System (CES) Requirements meeting on Tuesday, December 17 <sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 2pm. All CoC members are invited to attend via Zoom. b. The REC is working on ways to center racial equity in the CoC by having Racial Equity Liaisons for each of the committees. c. In nearly every community Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) are overrepresented in homeless populations. The REC tries to	3:15-3:20

<p>address these disparities. CoCs should review local data to identify barriers that result in racial disparities and take steps to remove barriers and improve racial disparities. CoCs should apply a racial equity framework to advance fairness and justice in all that we do.</p> <p>d. The REC tracks and monitors the implementation of racial equity objectives established by other Committees.</p>	
<p><b>5. Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Report Out</b> (Tammy Nguyen and Sahra Nawabi)</p> <p>a. <u>Key Updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Ray Corona has joined the YAB Core Team.</li> <li>ii. The YAB conducted an indepent review of the Youth Housing Demonstration Project (YHDP) Joint-Component Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH) Policies. Currently finalizing protocols.</li> <li>iii. Two YAB members on the interview panel for the Youth Services Program Coordinator. They have completed the second round of interviews.</li> <li>iv. YAB members will attend a Prop 1: Behavioral Health Services Act workshop to learn about how this policy can be implemented.</li> <li>v. YAB, Beats Rhymes and Life, and Youth Spirit Artworks hosted a creative workshop in August, hoping to host another workshop.</li> <li>vi. YAB participated in Youth Spirits Artworks' 3<sup>rd</sup> healing annual clinic.</li> </ul> <p>b. <u>Upcoming Community Events:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Freedom Community Clinic and Fruitvale's Ancestral Healing Sanctuary will have summer season free offerings through September 16<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>ii. San Mateo County Pride Center will have a Community Care Package Workshop and Social on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8pm.</li> <li>iii. YAB is presenting The Important of Financial Literacy, a series of financial literacy workshops through partnership with Chase and Covenant House about saving and tips for managing money.</li> </ul>	<p>3:20-3:25</p>
<p><b>6. Approve Youth Committee Work Plan</b> (Kris)</p> <p>a. Annie Bailey moved to approve the Youth Committee Work Plan. The motion was seconded by Tammy Nguyen. The Committee members voted unanimously to approve the Youth Committee Work Plan.</p>	<p>3:25-3:30</p>

<p><b>7. Presentation on Youth Spirit Artworks (YSA): Tiny House Empowerment Village (THEV) with Q&amp;A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Karini Pereira-Bowers presented on YSA’s initiative to expand the amount of shelter beds for Transition Age Youth (TAY) and how the Youth Committee can get involved.</li> <li>b. <u>Background:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. This project is a collaboration between YSA and a pre-fabrication group called Fabric Workshop. Previously, they worked with another community center for about 1 to 2 years but the project ultimately fell through due to a lack of a long-term lease.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. <u>About Fabric Workshop and YSA:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. About Fabric Workshop: Uses mass timber sourced from forest fires in California with Cal Fire to create building. They have previously done it for Cal Fire to house firefighters, but they are creating a new iteration for YSA.</li> <li>ii. About YSA: Since 2007, YSA has been serving TAY in Alameda County. YSA serves youth who are vulnerable to or currently experiencing economic and housing challenges. YSA has shifted recently to focus on holistic engagement and healing services.</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. <u>Need for Expansion:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The current space for THEV is not sufficient. In order to provide robust and wraparound services, they must expand to have a lot of different programs and groups in the physical space.</li> <li>ii. The project with Fabric will increase the impact and create 100 more units with 2-story units almost the same size as current tiny houses.</li> </ul> </li> <li>e. <u>Current THEV and Lessons Learned:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Tiny House Empowerment Village (THEV) started in 2021.</li> <li>ii. Over the last 3 years, they have learned that the current model is cost efficient, but not the most conducive and inclusive for skills development and mental health challenges. Having your own tiny house isn’t always the best first step as folks are coming off the street. There is a lot of isolation and upkeep that folks might not be ready for right away. It can be hard to keep them clean and maintain them, resulting in lots of wear and tear to the units. It can take TAY about 2-4 months to feel safe and settled in the program.</li> <li>iii. Currently, there are 22 tiny homes. If a few are moved around, Fabric can create 23 new dorm-style units.</li> <li>iv. If TAY were in the program 6 months or less, there was a higher chance of recidivism. If TAY are in the program 6 months or more, there is a higher chance of them getting own</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>3:30-4:00</p>
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<p>apartment, decreased chance of recidivism, and a higher chance of finding housing alternatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>v. The land was recently got sold to a developer.</li> <li>vi. YSA leases the land, so the prefabricated units must be collapsable and movable.</li> <li>vii. Phase 1 of the expansion will create a community space with office and service space.</li> </ul> <p>f. <u>Question and Answer:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Ray Corona asked when YSA gathered the data about the 6-month threshold, were most of the youth participants staying 6-months, more, or less? Karini explained that now there is a lot more data. She says a small percentage of youth remain for 2 years or more, often due to mental health challenges, underutilizing services, and inability to maintain employment. The core that stays for 12 to 18 months, usually are youth who are utilizing services more so. We are Housing First, so we house people regardless of whether they are utilizing services. A short stay can mean someone had violent behavior and couldn't stay in communal living, or has severe mental health challenges, or doesn't engage in the program and chooses to leave.</li> <li>ii. Ray also asked if the model is portable and can be moved if the location needs to change. Karini answered yes.</li> <li>iii. Marisol Rodriguez-Sanchez asked about entry points for Youth Committee members to get involved. Karini said there are a number of ways, including:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fundraising,</li> <li>2. More youth engagement to explore the build and setup,</li> <li>3. More youth collaboration with designers,</li> <li>4. Advocating to the developer who recently purchased public land about the need for transitional spaces,</li> <li>5. Advocating to City Council for funds, including supporting budget creation, funding request, and budget proposal.</li> </ul> </li> <li>iv. Ray suggested creating a budget proposal for both private sector and government funding opportunities, even using fundraising platforms like GoFund Me.</li> <li>v. Karini shared that there is an upcoming opportunity to present this plan to the developer who recently purchased the land.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8. Review Transition Age Youth (TAY) Engagement Opportunities Chart</b> (Marisol Rodriguez-Sanchez)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Marisol Rodriguez-Sanchez, Sahra Nawabi, and Tammy Nguyen developed a working document for the Workgroup. They would like to</li> </ul>	<p>4:00-4:25</p>

<p>include at least two more members to continue working on the Engagement Opportunities Chart.</p> <p>b. The Workgroup has created two Google Forms to request additional information from providers, it is broken down with one for adult providers serving TAY and another for TAY-specific providers. The Committee reviewed and discussed edits to the forms, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Adding Homebase as a primary point of contact,</li> <li>ii. Specifically asking about funding sources that are used to compensate youth engagement, and</li> <li>iii. Expanding the age range from 18-24 to 18-25.</li> </ul> <p>c. Kris Maun from Homebase will assist with making edits to the Google Forms based on the Committee’s discussion.</p> <p>d. The Committee discussed the next steps to sending the Google Forms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Committee members will use the working document to volunteer or be assigned contacts to send the Google Forms. All Committee members will be asked to participate.</li> <li>ii. The goal is for the first email to be sent by Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. If there is no response, the goal is to send a follow-up email by September 27<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>iii. Kris will send a follow-up email with these next steps asking Committee members to volunteer to send the form and also participate in the workgroup.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>9. Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings (Kris)</b></p> <p>a. Discuss agenda items for upcoming meetings of the Youth Committee.</p>	<p>4:25-4:30</p>

### Committee Members Attendance

Name	Attendance
Annie Bailey	Present
Delilah Aviles	Present
Denah Nunes	Present
Marisol Rodriguez-Sanchez	Present
Sophia Hesseltine	Absent
Jennifer Castello	Absent
Ray Corona	Present
Sabrina Abong	Present
Sahra Nawabi	Present
Tammy Nguyen	Present
Tanya Carvajal	Absent



## Public Attendance

- Karini Pereira-Bowers
- Alan Guttirez

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