



**Youth Committee
October 8, 2024
3:00 – 4:30pm
Minutes**

**[Link to Zoom Meeting](#)
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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
- **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

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) review the approved Youth Committee Work Plan and next steps in moving forward, and (3) discuss and finalize the Transition Age Youth (TAY) Engagement Opportunities chart.



Agenda

Agenda Item
1. Welcome/Introductions (Kris Maun, Homebase)
2. Ground Rules/Approval of Minutes (Kris) a. Minutes for September 10 th , 2024 were approved.
3. Announcements/Public Comment (Kris) a. <u>Announcements:</u> i. Fall Community Meeting Registration 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. The registration form and agenda can be found on the EveryOne Home website . Registration closes October 18 th . ii. Reminder of meeting norms 1. Homebase is reminding all committees in the CoC to create an inclusive meeting space by eliminating the use of jargon and saying the whole name of things instead of just acronyms. Homebase staff will be proactive in reminding meeting attendees of this norm and ask people to spell out acronyms and define jargon.
4. Racial Equity Committee Report Out (Sabrina Abong, Racial Equity Liaison) a. A Racial Equity 101 training is being developed by The Racial Equity Committee (REC). b. The REC is prepping for their time on the Community Meeting agenda. c. The REC would like to come to Youth Committee on November 14 th to share about their racial equity framework. d. Sabrina Abong is scoring for the CoC Builds Workgroup, which is supporting Alameda County's application for funding in the CoC Builds Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). e. The Learning Community, anchored by the REC, is hosting a virtual screening of a 'Rising Tide' on October 15 th . The screening will be followed by a panel discussion.
5. Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Report Out (Marisol Rodriguez-Sanchez) a. <u>Key Updates:</u> i. The YAB hired a Youth Services Coordinator. They will start October 14 th .

- ii. The YAB Conducted an independent review of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Joint Component Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH Policies). The review focused on protocols and client rental contribution.
 - iii. YAB attended a “Proposition 1: Behavioral Health Services Act” workshop to learn about how the funding can be implemented in Alameda County. Attendees are learning a lot and hoping to have community feedback sessions.
 - iv. YAB retreat taking place in Lake Tahoe October 9th -10th.
 - v. 2 YAB members served on the CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Committee, one member on the Appeals Committee.
- b. Upcoming Community Events
- i. National Youth Homeless Outreach Prevention Education (HOPE) month in October, several events and activities throughout the entire month of October.
 - ii. Virtual Session 2 of Financial Literacy series, October 10th, 3-4pm.
 - iii. UC Berkeley research lab called for youth leaders and advocates to participate in study/focus groups about youth homelessness research. Applications closed October 4th.

6. Review Youth Committee Work Plan (Kris)

- a. Committee members reviewed the approved Youth Committee Work Plan to level set the progress that has been made towards the Committee’s goals and the next steps that will be taken through the end of the year.
- b. Highlights from 2024 projects so far:
 - i. Youth Committee input was adopted by the NOFO Committee for the scoring process.
 - ii. Current project: Identifying youth engagement initiatives and how those projects are funded
- c. Discussion:
 - i. Annie Bailey asked the group to share reflections about the Work Plan so far. Members shared they like the direction of the Youth Committee. Members also shared it’s helpful to pause and reflect on the progress of the year because it can feel difficult to make progress when only meeting once a month. The Transition Age Youth (TAY) Engagement Opportunities project has been especially interesting to folks, and Marisol Rodriguez-Sanchez acknowledged the project identified communication gaps within Alameda County Housing and Homelessness Services.
 - ii. Kris Maun asked the group how the speed and pace of projects was feeling for people and their capacity. Overall, the work is aligning with people’s capacity.
 - iii. Delilah Aviles noted that it can be hard to stay engaged when only meeting once a month. She suggested scheduling a workgroup or office hours space in between monthly meetings. The group agreed. Kris

Maun will work with co-chairs to schedule optional open office hours 2 weeks in between meetings.

- iv. Annie Bailey also proposed holding more Youth Committee meetings in-person for people that could attend to foster more connection.
- v. The group agreed to meet in-person for the January Youth Committee meeting. Kris Maun will work with co-chairs and Racial Equity Committee (REC) liaisons to find a central location. The group agreed to extend the January meeting from 1.5 hours to 2 hours so the January meeting will be held from 2:30pm to 4:30pm.
- vi. Ray Corona will lead the icebreaker at the January meeting.

7. Finalize Transition Age Youth (TAY) Engagement Opportunities Chart

- a. Committee members reviewed and discussed the TAY Engagement Opportunities Chart. Committee members identified what is necessary to complete the TAY Engagement Opportunities Chart.
- b. Marisol Rodriguez-Sanchez updated the group on the status of the chart and discussed the following topics:
 - i. What is necessary to complete the chart?
 - 1. The Committee hasn't gotten responses from some of the providers. It can be hard to find who to contact to even ask for information. Alameda County Housing and Homelessness Services doesn't have a consolidated general email list.
 - 2. The Committee will go through contact list of contracted providers from county but might have to go through a lot of email loops.
 - 3. An issue might be name recognition and lack of "brand awareness" issue when Youth Committee members try to reach out.
 - 4. The Committee members agreed to make another attempt to reach out to folks that will include more messaging that explains why this is important. The Committee members agreed that showing people the existing chart and the gaps in information could motivate other providers to contribute.
 - ii. Next steps to share with the Youth Advisory Board and the Racial Equity Committee.
 - 1. Sabrina Abong, the Youth Committee Racial Equity Liaison, is sharing the Youth Committee Workplan at the November 14th Racial Equity Committee (REC) meeting. They will also share the chart to show the REC the resource/information gaps and get their thoughts on how to move forward. Kris will email the Youth Committee to see who wants to support Sabrina Abong in presenting.
 - iii. The Committee members discussed how to process the project and share the information, including:
 - 1. Publishing chart under resources on EveryOne Home website,

2. Creating a little blurb explaining each tab or how to walk through the document, and
 3. Presenting it to key stakeholders.
- c. Other Discussion:
- i. Tanya Carvajal asked if there is data that other counties have showing the benefit of engaging youth voice in their programs? And how Alameda stacks up against them? Kris Maun will ask internally at Homebase to see if other communities have access to this data.
 - ii. Committee members were also asked think about some of the key takeaways about findings and the project process. Committee members are asked to send one to two takeaways to Morgan Bernados and Kris Maun before the next meeting.
- 8. Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings (Kris)**
- a. The Committee members discussed agenda items for upcoming meetings of the Youth Committee. In November, the Youth Committee agenda will include a debrief of the Community Meeting.
 - b. Marisol Rodriguez-Sanchez asked the group to spread the word about next Ending Youth Homelessness Collaborative. It'll be about youth engagement so Marisol will share the TAY Engagement Chart to hopefully get more information filled out. Tanya Carvajal offered to help set up or provide raffle items.

Committee Members Attendance

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

Public Attendance

- Ligia Briseno