



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

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\\_vhpybIRfSnAzw11UsmwYXXLz?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nba_vF_vhpybIRfSnAzw11UsmwYXXLz?usp=sharing)
- **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/1I8hFMAU2IE-FqYmK8TZ9Hp40vmS1zRck9EBEbPIbwy8/edit?usp=drive\\_link](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1I8hFMAU2IE-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) discuss and finalize the Transition Age Youth (TAY) Engagement Opportunities chart, and (3) review the Youth Committee Workplan progress.



Agenda

<b>Agenda Item</b>
<p><b>1. Welcome/Introductions</b> (Kris Maun, Homebase)</p>
<p><b>2. Ground Rules/Approval of Minutes</b> (Kris)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Minutes from November 12<sup>th</sup> approved.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Announcements/Public Comment</b> (Kris)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Kris: The CoC Standards, Compliance, and Funding (SCF) Committee is working to update the performance measures used to rank providers and projects in the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Funding Competition. A time-limited workgroup will be formed to review and update the performance measures. The SCF Committee is seeking one representative from the Youth Committee to participate. If you are interested, please contact <a href="mailto:jose@homebaseccc.org">jose@homebaseccc.org</a> or <a href="mailto:matthieu@homebaseccc.org">matthieu@homebaseccc.org</a>.</li> <li>b. Marisol Rodriguez-Sanchez: YAB is opening its applications! Application deadline is January 3, 2025 at 5pm PST. Link to apply: <a href="https://forms.gle/p955NYTc2vz3M3Jw5">https://forms.gle/p955NYTc2vz3M3Jw5</a> . Hope to have new members onboarded by end of January.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Racial Equity Committee Sharing</b> (Sabrina Abong, Racial Equity Liaison)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No new updates! Racial Equity Workgroup and Racial Equity Committee meetings in December were canceled.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Sharing</b> (Marisol Rodriguez-Sanchez, Alameda County Health Housing and Homeless Services (H+H))</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. YAB application is open! <a href="https://forms.gle/p955NYTc2vz3M3Jw5">https://forms.gle/p955NYTc2vz3M3Jw5</a></li> <li>b. YAB is giving feedback on some policies and program manuals in the county</li> <li>c. January: YHDP 2-Day Symposium with HUD TA providers. Will hold trainings.</li> <li>d. If anyone ever wants to be on the weekly announcements from YAB, let Marisol know, and you can see all the moving pieces of the YAB</li> <li>e. YAB is working on a quarterly newsletter! Communications team transitions, so a summer/fall newsletter is coming out end of December. Thinking of reimagining the YAB Newsletter and will hold space for Youth Committee updates.</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Finalize Transition Age Youth (TAY) Engagement Opportunities Chart</b> (Marisol Rodriguez-Sanchez)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Committee members will report out on the final steps that have been taken to complete the TAY Engagement Opportunities Chart (e.g.</li> </ul>

presenting to the YAB, presenting to the Racial Equity Committee). Committee members will discuss the next steps to have a finished document by the end of the year.

- b. Marisol update from YAB and Ending Youth Homelessness Convening, could also share at monthly Alameda County youth and young adult case conference. Will send to that email group to get more feedback.
- c. Sabrina was unable to share with the Racial Equity Committee in November, so she will share it in January.
- d. Delilah: Thinks it has maybe reached a plateau in terms of responses and there are youth in the community that would benefit from having the chart finished.
- e. Committee decided to have the final chart hosted on the EveryOne Home website.
- f. Marisol: Can we upload it as comment-only? That way it can be a living document but still has some version control.
- g. Kris presented two publishing options: Link to a Google Drive folder and Google Sheet so people can submit comments OR publish PDF and direct people to an email where they can submit corrections.
  - i. Morgan and Kris will look at the spreadsheet to see if it can be even turned into a PDF. If not, then we will put it on the website as a Google Sheet with comment only. Will report back to committee in January with recommendations.
- h. The Committee can continue to input updates to the spreadsheet while Morgan and Kris test how the sheet can be formatted for the website.

## **7. Review Youth Committee's Work Plan and Progress**

- a. Committee members reviewed their Work Plan and the progress that has been made, as well as notes from past brainstorming sessions that have supported the development of the Work Plan. Committee members also began brainstorming action items for next year's Work Plan, including publishing the TAY Engagement Opportunities Chart and developing recommendations for engaging with youth.
- b. Kris shared the progress of each of the three milestones: Memo to Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Workgroup, Overview of Youth Engagement Strategies, Policy Recommendations for Youth Engagement. The Committee then used Mentimeter to reflect and set goals for 2025.
- c. Question 1: Share words about how you felt about Youth Committee in 2024.
  - i. Sahra: Shared that the Youth Committee has felt impactful, educational, and slow. The memo to the NOFO Workgroup and meeting with Kate Bristol felt very impactful. Being the only youth in the space highlighted gaps. Educational because got to give presentations on Youth Housing Demonstration Projects (YHDP) and YAB. Slow because wish could meet more than once a

- month, feels like YAB does most of the work in the background and wishes there was more partnership.
- ii. Delilah: Proud of progress made and the impact. Also said little disconnected, especially as part of Youth Spirit Artworks but not part of YAB, feels like there is a disconnect between all the spaces. Some spaces only YAB is invited to which creates barriers to partnership. Not sure what spaces of the YAB she is invited to or able to access. Slow as well; doesn't feel like once a month is enough to feel embedded in the work.
    - 1. Kris: Offer to resurface the idea of office hours in January.
    - 2. Delilah: Also need more clarity from YAB about how workload is decided and delegated.
    - 3. Sahra explained that YAB members on the Youth Committee have been acting as a workgroup to the CoC, Marisol is the coordinator and can share more information. Sahra also clarified that if someone is sent an invitation to a YAB event or is told about a YAB event in a newsletter, it is open to that person. Sahra also recommended that YAB could implement a better process for engaging the entire community by sharing more meeting information and sharing items from the Youth Committee meetings in follow-up meetings.
    - 4. Sabrina and Sahra encouraged Delilah to apply for open YAB seats! Thinks people are mostly able to join the YAB space and in general it's an open-door policy.
  - iii. Sabrina: Powerful, humbled, grateful. Loved collaborating with Homebase, build YHDP and RBA frameworks, participate in 2024 Community Meetings. Feels grateful to have her voice being heard.
- d. For Question 2, Committee members present unanimously agreed they still want to continue with the 2024 Work Plan Goal to develop policy recommendations for youth engagement.
- e. Question 3: What is your top priority for 2025?
- i. Delilah: More focus on mental health, substance use, harm reduction. Seeing discrepancies between best practices and frameworks that are deficiency-based. As a service-provider and scholar, thinks more training is needed in various areas. Second priority was monitoring systems and provider-level performances and if their models are aligning to youth measures of success, not just program measures of success.
  - ii. Sahra: Develop policy and recommendations for youth specific funding, such as youth set-aside in California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)'s Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Grant (HHAP). There are some city partners where we don't know how/if they are using

HHAP funding. Need to focus on situations like a Hayward shelter being years late to opening.

1. Kris: Suggested also getting training on HHAP!
- iii. Annie: Monitor system and provider level performance is first priority. Doesn't feel like she has a good sense as to what the response system for homeless youth is doing and how well it's working. Suggested the Youth Committee can learn more and that can feed into shaping policy and making recommendations.
  1. Kris: Suggested this as an opportunity to get an update from the SCF Committee on youth-provider performance and update from the YAB Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Team.
  2. Sahra shared 4 ways the YAB has built out the youth homelessness response system: Joint Component Rapid Rehousing, Peer Navigation Portal, TAY Specific Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and a TAY specific coordinated entry point. But also shared there's been a gap in focus on TAY Coordinated Entry access points. Should also talk about the focus group data that came from the YHDP funded programs. Overall, there needs to be more communication and collaboration between YAB and CoC.
  3. Kris: Would also love to invite the SCF workgroup for visibility when those presentations happen in the Youth Committee.
- f. Question 4: What are some things you want to see the Youth Committee do in 2025?
  - i. System performance and measurements, data analysis, sliding into policy and program recommendations
  - ii. I would like to hear more youth-driven presentation
    1. Kris and Delilah discussed the idea of youth who are directly impacted informing trainings for service providers, potentially help lead them if they want to.
  - iii. Support YAB
  - iv. Effective coordination among the Youth Committee and YAB working group in terms of tasks/project delegation
  - v. Comms strategy
  - vi. Learning how we integrate the YHDP CQI team into the YC space.
  - vii. Learning more about the YHDP funded projects data, what's working and what's not.
  - viii. A graphic representation of the youth homelessness response system (programs, supportive services, YS orgs), like a youth-specific system map
  - ix. Meet twice a month



**8. Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings (Kris)**

- a. Discuss agenda items for upcoming meetings of the Youth Committee.
- b. The next Youth Committee Meeting will take place in-person on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- c. Agenda items include:
  - i. Warm up with Ray Corona
  - ii. Update on Memo to NOFO Workgroup with Kate Bristol
  - iii. Brainstorming Youth Committee Workplan for 2025
- d. Kris will ask the County if there could be a transportation stipend for this meeting.
- e. Kris also proposed extending the meeting times to 2 hours ongoing so that there is more time to warm-up and connect. The Committee can discuss further at the January meeting.

**Committee Member 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	Absent
Sabrina Abong	Present
Sahra Nawabi	Present
Tammy Nguyen	Absent
Tanya Carvajal	Absent

**Public Attendance**



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- Carmel Ewig
- Amanda McKinney