



Oakland, Berkeley/Alameda County CoC

Youth Committee

**Youth Committee
April 8, 2025
2:30 – 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=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/1l8hFMAU2IE-FqYmK8TZ9Hp40vmS1zRck9EBEbPIbwy8/edit?usp=drive_link

Committee Purpose

The purpose of the Youth Committee is 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 acts 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 was primarily for the Youth Committee members to: (1) discuss and provide feedback to the Leadership Board for the Leadership Board Retreat, (2) discuss and determine how the Youth Committee will participate in the Committee Fair at the upcoming Community Meeting, and (3) discuss and plan the next steps for the Transition Age Youth (TAY) Engagement Chart, including the communications strategy for the full chart and the development of the resource guide.



Minutes

Agenda Item
<p>1) Welcome and Warm-Up Activity (Annie Bailey, Co-Chair)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Annie Bailey led the group through a warm-up activity. b) Tammy will lead the activity during the May meeting.
<p>2) Ground Rules/Approval of March 11, 2025 Minutes (Youth Committee Co-Chairs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) March 11th: 2025 minutes approved.
<p>3) Announcements/Public Comment (Kris Maun, Homebase)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Register Now: Community Meeting May 6, Cal Endowment, virtual option <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Registration Form: https://forms.gle/UBKzi1r1yTiz1sTA9, deadline 4/25 ii) Agenda: https://everyonehome.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Agenda_EveryOne-Home-Spring-2025-Community-Meeting-.pdf iii) Lunch provided in person, compensation for Committee members with lived experience of homelessness (no transportation stipend) iv) Events will include a Committee Table Fair, time for networking and table discussion, a workshop on narrative change, and updates on the CoC as a whole from our Leadership Board co-chairs. b) During the Community Meeting we will also have a time to honor leaders in our community. If you would like to nominate someone for the Wendy Jackson CoC Service Awards, please fill out this form. For more information about this awards ceremony, see the FAQ document here. c) The Harvard Kennedy School Government Performance Lab (GPL) invites you to join our Data-Driven Decision-Making Training series. These trainings are virtual and open to anyone working in and around homelessness prevention and response work in Alameda County. The intended audience is those new to data. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Please register for the training here: bit.ly/gpltraining. ii) Communicate with Data I Friday, April 11 at 10 am - 12 noon: Bring all your learnings from previous sessions together and focus on how to present data to support action-oriented meetings and conversations. d) No public comment.
<p>4) Evidence-Based Solutions Committee Report Out (Sabrina Abong, Evidence-Based Solutions Committee Liaison)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Announcements:



- i) Invitation to Learning Community: April 15th, 12:00pm – 1:30pm, The April session will be focused on self and collective care.
- ii) Homebase has been collecting feedback on the Acronym Glossary. Please submit any feedback this week to be incorporated for the May Community Meeting.
- b) Update on name change: In order to strengthen and reaffirm our commitment to data-driven analysis and outcomes, and to do our due diligence in safeguarding our community, we are now called the Evidence-Based Solutions Committee. We remain committed to the work we have been doing. This decision came after many sessions or hard conversations and thoughtful deliberation. The Leadership Board also voted to confirm the new name and the final approval will happen at the Community Meeting on May 6th. The ESC workgroup will remain closed to recorded active participants and voting members and our Committee meeting minutes will be de-identified from here until the foreseeable future.

5) Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Report Out (Praya, YAB, and Tammy Nguyen, co-chair)

- a) For the full slide deck, [click here](#).
- b) Key updates:
 - i) YAB attended the Youth Empowerment Summit with California Coalition for Youth (CalYouth) in early March.
 - ii) Data Subcommittee conducted two Coordinated Entry Focus Groups for YHDP. Currently reviewing emerging themes. A second focus group will take place on April 30th.
 - iii) Onboarded three new YAB members
 - iv) YAB is also providing feedback in April for the Peer Navigation Policy and Procedure manual.
 - v) YAB Winter newsletter was published in March, thank you to the Communications Subcommittee.
- c) Other events and opportunities:
 - i) Youth Congressional Liaison Application – Reconnecting Youth Campaign. Virtual 30-hour program with trainings and assignments. Compensation and bonuses available. Deadline to apply is April 14th.
 - ii) SchoolHouse Connection is a national nonprofit working to end the cycle of homelessness through education. They are offering a scholarship program for youth and young adults who have experienced homelessness to complete their postsecondary education. Applications are due [here](#) by June 2nd, 2025.
 - iii) The Oakland LGBTQ Community Center and Town Youth Club are hosting spoken word poetry every 3rd Tuesday from 4-6pm for youth ages 16-26. Contact tochi.youngwomenfree@gmail.com to learn more.



6) Committee Feedback on Continuum of Care and Leadership Board (Annie Bailey, Co-Chair)

- a) At the request of the Leadership Board, the Youth Committees discussed their experiences being part of the Continuum of Care and interacting with the Leadership Board. [The Committee utilized a Menti Board to help facilitate the discussion.](#)
- b) Discussion:
 - i) For feedback for the Board, the Youth Committee generally identified wanting more cohesion and collaboration, more opportunities to connect with the Board outside of their regular meetings, more one on one mentorship, shared Slack or different chat platform instead of email
 - ii) The Committee also discussed that they haven't been getting requests from the Board for work or participation recently. Asking what is the process for getting reeled into work. Also would love to see the CoC look at funding diversification and more housing options.

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7) Plan for Community Meeting Committee Table Fair (Annie Bailey, Co-Chair, Morgan Bernados, Homebase)

- a) Volunteers for tabling: Ray Corona maybe, Annie Bailey
- b) [The Committee approved the one-page handout for the fair.](#)
- c) Other ideas:
 - i) Display the Transition Age Youth (TAY) Engagement Chart on a laptop
 - ii) Offer swag or some prizes, maybe candy or care packages
 - iii) Flyer for Ending Youth Homelessness Collaborative
 - iv) Data on youth homelessness – Point in Time (PIT) Count, McKinney Vento data, news articles
 - v) Activity testing knowledge about Youth Committee, match question and answer
 - vi) Connect with Youth Spirit Artworks about some of the creative work they have
 - vii) Story wall or vision board about positive youth engagement
 - viii) Tammy top choices: Game and sharing data
- d) Morgan and Kris will take a look at all ideas and make a checklist of next steps and start assigning folks to next steps.

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8) Update on Transition Age Youth (TAY) Engagement Chart and Next Steps (Tammy Nguyen, Co-Chair)

- a) Following the March workgroup, Tammy will provide an update on the Full Chart, the TAY Housing Resource Guide and the Engagement/Advisory Board Infographic.
- b) For resource guide: Morgan/Homebase will collaborate with Youth Advisory Board Communications team for working on the resource guide
- c) The group also discussed the communications strategy and added a few more outlets and formats for the full chart and the resource guide.



d) More next steps will take place at the Youth Committee workgroup.

9) Closing

- a) Committee members are welcome to send agenda ideas to alameda@homebaseccc.org.
- b) The Youth Committee Workgroup will meet on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 from 2pm to 3pm.
- c) The next meeting of the Youth Committee will be Tuesday, May 13th, 2025 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm.

Attendance:

Committee Members:

Name	Attendance
Annie Bailey	Present
Dellilah Aviles	Absent
Denah Nunes	Absent
Marisol Rodriguez-Sanchez	Present
Ray Corona	Present
Sabrina Abong	Present
Sahra Nawabi	Absent
Tammy Nguyen	Present
Tanya Carvajal	Absent

Public Attendance:

- Morgan Bernados, Homebase
- Kris Maun, Homebase
- Andy Duong
- Praya, Youth Advisory Board
- Amanda Miller McKinney, Alameda County
- Alisa Thorsen