



**Youth Committee
June 10, 2025
2:30 – 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
- **Website page** (on EveryOne Home website) for the Youth Committee: <https://everyonehome.org/about/committees/youth-committee/>
- **Acronyms and Glossary:** <https://everyonehome.org/main/continuum-of-care/coc-member-resources/>

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 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 was to: (1) receive reports from the Evidence-Based Solutions Committee and Youth Advisory Board (YAB), (2) finalize next steps for the Housing Resource Guide, (3) finalize the Transition Age Youth (TAY) Engagement Chart communications assignments, and (4) discuss how to move forward with a system analysis based on the information collected, (5) discuss ideas for improving CoC structure.



Agenda

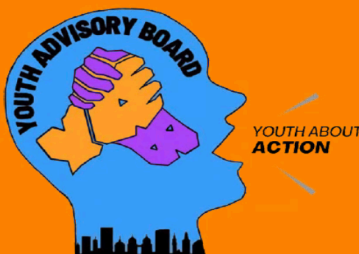
Agenda Item
<p>1) Welcome and Warm-Up Activity (Tammy Nguyen, Co-Chair)</p> <p>a) Tammy led the group through a warm-up activity.</p>
<p>2) Ground Rules/Approval of May 13th, 2025 Minutes (Youth Committee Co-Chairs)</p> <p>a) Minutes from May 13th were approved.</p>
<p>3) Announcements/Public Comment (Kris Maun, Homebase)</p> <p>a) No public comment.</p> <p>b) Homebase Announcement:</p> <p>i) The <u>Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention (HSHP) Committee</u> is inviting people who have received homelessness prevention services to share their experiences in a survey. The HSHP Committee is developing a chart/guide of Homelessness Prevention Programs in Alameda County. The Prevention Program Chart will be used to inform the community about current homelessness prevention initiatives and advocate for funding for targeted homelessness prevention services. To help create the chart, the HSHP Committee is conducting a survey of people who have received homelessness prevention services to learn:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(1) What prevention programs provided services, (2) What prevention services were provided, (3) Whether the services prevented them from entering homelessness, and (4) How the prevention program services were marketed to them.</p> <p>ii) To help the Committee complete the Prevention Program Chart, we are asking people with homelessness prevention experiences to complete this <u>Prevention Program Participant Google Form</u>.</p> <p>iii) Some members asked what definition of “prevention” the Committee is utilizing. Kris shared the Committee is understanding prevention broadly for the purposes of the survey and people can check off multiple boxes in the surveys.</p>
<p>4) Evidence-Based Solutions Committee Report Out (Sabrina Abong, Evidence-Based Solutions Committee Liaison)</p>

- a) Sabrina shared the Evidence-Based Solutions Committee is updating the Racial Equity Framework, one member is moving to East Coast and Committee is planning to come together in July in-person.

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

- a) Slides shared from the YAB Report Out:

Alameda County's Youth Advisory Board (YAB)



YOUTH ABOUT ACTION

The YAB was initiated by the YHDP and is a leadership body of youth and young adults ages 18-28 who advise the county's Youth Homeless Response System on the best policies, practices and systems change recommendations to meet the true and unique needs of youth experiencing homelessness and housing instability

https://homelessness.acgov.org/youth-board_page

June 2025 Key Updates:

- **Data Subcommittee conducted two TAY Coordinated Entry (CE) Focus Groups for YHDP.**
 - *Next step: Currently scheduling one-on-one interviews with youth who accessed CE at Covenant House but do not stay there.*
 - *If you know any youth who received assessment at the TAY CE Access Point, please help us share the link to schedule an interview: <https://forms.gle/oXtfLoeMcTYqCbo67>*



- **YAB provided feedback for Peer Navigation Policy and Procedures manual.**
- **This month, we're focusing on rebuilding, restoring and reconnecting with ourselves and each other.**



Oakland Juneteenth Celebration

Date: Saturday, June 21st
Location: Net to West Oakland Youth Center/Saint Mary's Clinic in the WEST! (From 32nd and Market to San Pablo)
Time: 9:30am - 6:30pm

YAB "Retention, Recruitment, and Outreach" Subcommittee will be tabling.

Beats, Rhymes and Life Creative Writing Workshop:

Date: June 26th
Time: 2:00 - 4:30pm
Location: Covenant House

BRL will facilitate a creative writing workshop where participants will have the opportunity to explore topics impacting them as young people and have the opportunity to write and record!

During an upcoming meeting RRO will share more information about topics/themes for the workshop.





Health Care for the Homeless Presents :
Summer Solstice Celebration
of the Strength and Resilience
of People Experiencing Homelessness
We will be honoring our 2025 RAD Heroes



Art by :DAWG

When: Wednesday June 18th 2025
Time: Noon - 1:30 PM
Where: Berkeley Hope Center
2012 Berkeley Way

Join us for lunch, live music, and a raffle

Sponsored by:
Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless, Consumer/Community Advisory Board,
Alameda Health System Foundation

Hosted by: Insight Housing

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- b) The Committee also received an update on the Ending Youth Homelessness Collaborative that took place on June 4th. Some elements of the event included: Training from Bay Area Legal Aid training, discussions on youth data and PIT data, and a YAB art project. One observation was re-entry and criminal legal system representatives were not as present as other sectors.
- Alaina Bompiedi (California Air Resources Board): Who usually attends the Ending Youth Homelessness collaborative?
 - Amanda McKinney (Alameda County Health, Housing and Homelessness): Primarily youth service providers but open to public and open to anyone interested. Had McKinney-Vento liaisons and workforce development and behavioral health. Also had a presentation from Berkeley Youth and Allies Against

Homelessness (YAHH) who are working with Alameda County on the 2026 Point-in-Time Count. Supervisor Marquez and staff from Supervisor Haubert were also present.

6) Next steps for Resource Guide (Morgan Bernados, Homebase)

- a) Following conversations from the May meeting, the Committee moved forward on recruiting volunteers to complete the Youth Housing Resource Guide.
- b) Marisol Rodriguez-Sanchez shared that YAB can support with a coordinated entry infographic for the guide, but not sure if will be done until end of summer.
- c) Next steps: Morgan will reach out to volunteers from last meeting to set up a plan for designing and completing the resource guide.

7) Final reminder about TAY Engagement Guide Communications Plan (Kris Maun, Homebase)

- a) As the Committee brings this phase of the TAY Engagement Guide project to a close, Homebase provided one final reminder on Committee members' roles in the Communications Strategy and Rollout.
- b) Kris shared the final plan and communication drafts. Implementation next steps will be carried out by Morgan and Kris for EveryOne Home. Kris and Morgan will work with Tammy and Marisol to implement next steps for YAB.

8) Analyzing System Gaps and Opportunities (Tammy Nguyen, co-chair)

- a) Upon the completion of the TAY Engagement Guide, the Committee moved forward with a discussion on how to analyze the data collected and the process of collecting the data to determine system gaps and opportunities. Tammy also encouraged folks to keep adding resources to the guide.
- b) Questions for reflection and discussion:
 - Which sectors have the most/least youth-specific resources? Where are we noticing large gaps?
 - What services are we missing?
 - Which sectors have the most/least youth engagement efforts?
 - What type of youth engagement effort is being used the most?
 - What recommendations can we deduce from this? Which areas do we need to increase focus on youth engagement?
- c) Tammy: Noticed workforce and employment development has a lot of youth engagement tactics such as internships and youth employment. One tab had very little youth engagement efforts, re-entry and criminal justice.
- d) Sujey Ruiz (Native American Health Center): Noticed food resources was low, contained 3 different categories for environmental as well. Has noticed gap in food resources in past work as well.

- i) Tammy noted there were no youth engagement initiatives in that category either.
- e) Amanda shared there are some resources that aren't on the guide, especially some youth housing resource and a disability service. Will run the behavioral health section by the County.
- f) Alaina: Asking about what youth engagement means, there are some efforts that feel like the engagement is for the benefit of the organization, like a focus group or survey, versus engagement that benefits the youth, like a support group. Asking for clarity on what engagement means in this context.
 - i) Tammy: The engagement effort is supposed to focus on informing the organization
 - ii) Alaina: Does support group fit then as an item under engagement? Specifically under LGBTQIA?
 - iii) Marisol: The initial intention with the YAB for this project was to understand other advisory boards and how organizations get feedback from youth, who is paying youth for their feedback, and how is that getting funded? It was intended to inform how other organizations can also use funding for getting youth feedback.
- g) Amanda: Thought it might be good to break out housing type, such as permanent supportive housing (PSH) versus transitional housing and different types of housing.
- h) After the group discussed the general gap in re-entry services for both youth and adults, Tammy asked, has there been any CoC funding for re-entry or criminal justice work?
 - i) Kris: We can look at the list of CoC recipients and see, but not sure.
 - ii) Amanda: There is some work to start a forensic access point, but its not youth specific. Would want to connect with the County on that work. Its for people leaving the jail who might need homeless services.
- i) Serena Clayton (Alameda Health System): I don't want to assume that just because they aren't a lot on the list that there's a gap, would want to look at other data sources. How else can we see where the other gaps are in the system?
 - i) Amanda: At least from housing side, we can look at HMIS data.

9) Conversation about CoC Structure and Governance (Morgan Bernados, Homebase)

- a) Per the request of the Leadership Board and discussions with the Youth Committee co-chairs, the Committee discussed ideas to streamline CoC Committee structure and processes. The ideas generated in this conversation will be brought to the Board on June 18th, but no final vote will be taken about changes to the CoC at that time.
- b) Discussion:
 - a. Suje: Are there spaces where Committees get to talk to one another or collaborate on projects together?
 - i. Kris: The challenge is that there are so many committees, so its hard to bring everyone together. Homebase serves as a liaison to

- identify cross committee collaboration when it comes together. Mostly need to rely on Community Meetings and Homebase staff facilitating that connection because of the sheer size of the CoC.
- ii. Sujey: Thinking about how the ESC does report backs and wish there were space for report outs from other committees, even every 2-3 months.
 - iii. Sabrina: I like that, a round table!
 - iv. Tammy: Appreciates the thought, and would also help members know about the other work going on and if there should be youth involvement.
- b. Serena: Even though new to the space, feeling disconnected from the bigger picture. What I'm looking for doesn't need to be a face to face with the other committees but would love a bigger picture and workplan and metrics that connect it all.
- c. Tammy: What does effective work or progress look like to committee members? What did you expect to get from this space?
- i. Sujey: I've worked with communities similar to this, very aligned with what expected. Big entities and organizations are very similar where it's hard to make space for communicating with each other. Like that Kris said we could streamline in order to make that space. Lots of different ways to facilitate that connection, and also finds a lot of value in hearing what people are working on from actual people.
- d. Tammy shared that Annie and herself are supposed to go to Leadership Board meetings more ongoing and report back, it can be hard to make those meetings.
- i. Serena: Feels like it has to be on the Board members to communicate with the committees about what their priorities are, we should know more about what they're doing so that we can all report back and engage with it, it can be a shared responsibility to have folks go to the Board meetings when Tammy and Annie cannot.
- e. Sabrina also shared there is more room for other ESC liaisons and Sujey volunteered.
- f. The Committee members present felt the current meeting time and commitment for the Youth Committee was reasonable and sustainable. There was an idea that perhaps having them in the evening would make them more accessible for service providers or others who cannot take the time out of their jobs to attend.
- g. Tammy: When we first started the Youth Committee, the NOFO Committee was coming to us more and engaging us more and we had 3 months of work. That was the model process for how we can engage with the CoC.
- h. Morgan asked if the current structure feels like its siloing youth voice.
- i. Serena: Does feel like this is where the youth voice fits, but also does seem like it is siloed, seems like it would be a shame to keep



	<p>all this young people energy and capacity not being utilized on other committees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Tammy, Sujey, and Serena also talked about how it can be hard for a young person to show up into other adult spaces, and the Committee times could be a barrier for youth because of school and other Commitments. iii. Amanda echoed that its important youth are not just at the table but have real decision-making power. Serena agreed and also added that is a consideration for any volunteer showing up in these spaces, not just youth. <p>c) The Leadership Board is meeting on June 18th to further discuss potential changes to the CoC structure and determine next steps.</p>
10) Closing	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Committee members are welcome to send agenda ideas to alameda@homebaseccc.org. b) The Youth Committee will take July off and reconvene in-person (location TBD) on August 12th.

Attendance

Committee Members:

Name	Attendance
Annie Bailey	Absent
Delilah Aviles	Absent
Denah Nunes	Absent
Marisol Rodriguez-Sanchez	Present
Ray Corona	Absent
Sabrina Abong	Present
Sahra Nawabi	Absent
Tammy Nguyen	Present
Tanya Carvajal	Absent
Sujey Ruiz	Present
Serena Clayton	Present



Alania Bompiedi	Present
Michael Garcia-Picazo	Absent

Public Attendance:

- Morgan Bernados, Homebase
- Kris Maun, Homebase
- Amanda McKinney, Alameda County Health, Housing and Homelessness