

**ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE  
TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING**

Friday, July 11, 2025

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Location:**  
Orangewood Foundation  
1575 17th St, Santa Ana, CA 92705  
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**Committee Chair:** Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Orangewood Foundation

**MINUTES**

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**Welcome and Introductions** – Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Chair

Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

**Public Comments** – Members of the public may address the Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Collaborative Committee on items listed within this agenda or matters not appearing on the agenda so long as the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the TAY Collaborative Committee. Public comments will be limited to three minutes. If there are more than five public speakers, this time will be reduced to two minutes. Members of the public utilizing interpreter services will be given double the amount of time to provide public comment.

To address the TAY Collaborative Committee during the Public Comment period, members of the public are to complete a Request to Address the Committee form prior to the beginning of each agenda item and submit it to Continuum of Care (CoC) staff. Staff will call your name in the order received. Members of the public may also submit public comment by emailing [CareCoordination@ocgov.com](mailto:CareCoordination@ocgov.com). All comments submitted via email at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting will be distributed to the TAY Collaborative Committee members and all comments will be added to the administrative records of the

meeting. Please include “Transitional Aged Youth Collaborative Committee Meeting Comment” in the email subject line.

## **BUSINESS CALENDAR**

### **1. Provider Announcements – Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Chair**

- a. Providers and members of the public are invited to share announcements and feedback related to youth homelessness.

#### TAY Collaborative Committee Comments:

- Bill Singleton shared that Covenant House is a large program with a diverse group of participants and a significant waiting list. Currently, there are approximately 500 individuals on the waitlist, though the number actively seeking housing is likely lower due to ongoing transitions. Individuals are still calling, applying, and being added to the list emphasizing the high demand and urgent need for housing, particularly around the transition date for the Rapid Rehousing program. Chair
- Dr. Tiffany Mitchell shared that Orangewood Foundation is partnering with Illumination Foundation on a project featuring 14 units for intergenerational housing for TAY and senior participants. This is the first project of its kind for the organization, with devolvement expected to be completed by the end of the year with move ins anticipated by January 1, 2026.
- A member of the collaborative committee from Orange County Social Services has been working directly with youth and efforts are currently underway to streamline the programs coordination with Orangewood and to improve overall collaboration between the two entities.

### **2. Ethical Storytelling Presentation– Marina Garcia, Donor Relations Manager, Orangewood Foundation**

Marina Garcia provided an overview of Orangewood Foundation’s efforts to implement ethical storytelling practices, emphasizing the shifting narrative deficit to a strength-based approach that centers authenticity, consent, and empowerment. Ethical storytelling ensures participant understand how their stories will be used and could revoke consent. Marina Garcia provided examples of how Orangewood Foundation began making small shifts in marketing, donor engagement and presentation to better protect privacy and promote positive, accurate representation. Additionally, noting the importance of supportive tools, strong story structure, and language that highlights growth rather than struggle, with the goal of building a respectful, community-wide approach to storytelling.

#### TAY Collaborative Committee Comments:

- An individual from Orange County Social Services stated they have noticed a lack of formal training opportunities around ethical storytelling and appreciated the experience and expressed interest in bringing the information back to their organization.
- Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell reflected on the organization’s ongoing journey to adopt trauma-informed proacted highlighting the recent shift in language, moving from “youth” to “participants” as an example to promote sensitive, respectful engagement. Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell also emphasized the important of training new staff and evolving language to reflect a more person-centered approach.
- Bill Singleton spoke about the past practices of bringing youth to donor events to be the face of the cause, noting the unintended harm and potential re-traumatization that had. Bill Singleton praised the shift toward ethical storytelling and emphasized the powerful role that language plays in creating more respectful and empowering narratives.

### **3. TAY Coordinated Entry System (CES) Dashboard – Daniel Garcia, CES Administrator, Office of Care Coordination**

Daniel Garcia reported on the many metrics used to track TAY clients within the system as they can appear in both the families and individuals CES. Daniel Garcia highlighted that one hundred and ninety-five (195) individual listed as “other” likely include participants who lost contact with the system after three (3) months.

TAY Collaborative Committee Comments:

- Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell raised a question regarding the definition of “at risk” status, specifically, where individuals who lost housing and are staying in motels or couch surfing are considered as risk, and what services are available to help those listed as “at risk”. Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell encouraged the collaborative to explore ways to better address the needs of at-risk youth and suggested the dashboard include data on the city of origin to better help identify where most young people are entering into the system. Dr. Tiffany Mitchell also mentioned the idea of a TAY-specific CES, asking what the need would be to establish it and ensure more housing opportunities are available and directly matched to TAY participants.
- Shelby Feliciano-Sabala asked if the 73 individuals not in the community queue could be assumed to be “at-risk”.

**4. CoC Strategic Plan – Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Chair**

Dr. Tiffany Mitchell provided background context on the comprehensive CoC Strategic Plan, emphasizing the role of the committee chairs, while acknowledging that the plans has been condensed to seven (7) priorities for the first year of implementation. Further stating that although no concrete actions have been assigned, a smaller ad hoc group might be formed for the purpose to support with moving the priorities along.

TAY Collaborative Committee Comments:

- Shelby asked for an update on the Youth Advisory Board (YAB), noting excitement that it has reportedly been approved.
- Dr. Tiffany Mitchell confirmed that the contract was awarded to Orange County United Way (OCUW) to support with funding and launching the YAB.

**5. CoC Update – Felicia Boehringer, Interim CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination**

Felicia Boehringer provided updated on the upcoming federal funding impact to youth experiencing homelessness, highlighting the key changes. Felicia Boehringer provided updates on the transition of OC Outreach and Engagement (OC O&E), CES Instagram and upcoming CoC Meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, September 4, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., at the Orangewood Foundation Conference Room, located at 1575 17th St, Santa Ana, CA 92705