ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 4, 2025 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location:

Orangewood Foundation 1575 17th St, Santa Ana, CA 92705 Click here for parking information.

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Committee Chair: Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Orangewood Foundation

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Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Chair

Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell called the meeting to order at 11:06 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@ceo.oc.gov. 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.

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Comments:

• Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell led introductions for those in attendance.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. Provider Announcements – Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Chair

Comments:

- Anthony Trejo with Homeless Intervention Services of Orange County (HIS-OC) shared that HIS
 OC's program will be expanding to increase beds, and the referral process will be through calling
 the front office in Placentia. HIS OC is hosting a car show on October 18, 2025, and is currently
 looking for providers interested in having booths at the event.
- Becks Heyhoe-Khalil provided updates on recent advocacy work being done by Orange County United Way (OCUW) and announced that OCUW is looking for volunteers for a public advocacy event taking place on November 15, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.
- 2. Programming of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Funding for Youth

 Felicia Boehringer, Interim CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination and HHAP Program Ad Hoc

 Membership

Felicia Boehringer provided background on HHAP Program funding, eligible use categories, and the remaining budgets for youth set-aside from HHAP Round 5. Felicia Boehringer discussed the work of the HHAP Program ad hoc and the desire for feedback from TAY providers on what services and programs that would be most needed by the subpopulation, while highlighting the remaining budgets available in eligible use categories beyond the youth set-aside which TAY providers could apply for in future Request for Proposals (RFPs).

Comments:

- Becks Heyhoe-Khalil asked about what programs and services CoC funding has been used for in
 the past, examples of eligible expenses under the operating subsidies interim housing youth setaside, and a comparison of the number of emergency shelter beds to transitional housing beds
 identify existing gaps which may be solved by future funding opportunities. Becks Heyhoe-Khalil
 encouraged TAY providers to apply to the RFP outside of youth set-aside if they have eligible
 projects/programs, discussed a desire for a larger budget to be allocated to the RRH youth setaside, and emphasized the importance of low barrier and housing first services to account for
 potential shifts in federal dollars.
- Bill Singleton asked about the number of people the CoC is looking to serve with the youth setaside budget, highlighted how the need for longer services with programs such as rapid rehousing would result in lower numbers of total people served, and emphasized the importance of continuity of care/aftercare to reduce high recidivism rates amongst TAY.
- Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell suggested looking at the effectiveness of currently funded programs before considering shifting funding to new programs and asked how budget modifications would delay the decision-making process for funding allocations. Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell said that there is not an effective method to assess transitional housing available to TAY as many opportunities are not on HMIS, suggested funding only one project per eligible category to allow for more thorough funding, and highlighted the need for prevention and shelter diversion programs specific to TAY.

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- Shelby Feliciano-Sabala highlighted youth as a unique subpopulation which require more longterm support and funding to ensure success and asked if the youth set-aside could be increased above the current 10% allocation. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala emphasized the collaborative nature of TAY services and the importance of including opportunities for collaboration into RFPs.
- Michelle Yang asked which projects currently receive HHAP funding, suggested utilizing Family Solutions Collaborative to assess needs for emergency shelter beds compared to transitional housing beds.
- Anthony Trejo discussed the importance of teaching life skills to ensure TAY have long term success.
- 3. Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Vouchers: Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA) Updates January Johnson, Housing Manager and Rebecca Ricketts, Section Chief, OCHA

January Johnson discussed the Housing Choice Voucher program and special housing programs such as Family Unification Program (FUP) and Foster Youth to Independence (FYI). January Johnson discussed the similarities and differences between FUP and FYI programs, as well as the most common barriers, outcome trends, and most recent updates.

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

Daniel Garcia reviewed the TAY CES dashboard and data on the number of TAY on HMIS experiencing chronic homelessness, enrolled in CES, and exited to permanent housing. Daniel Garcia discussed updates on CES working with partners to provide new opportunities directly to the TAY registry.

Comments:

 Becks Heyhoe-Khalil asked if the TAY CES dashboard captured data on foster youth and suggested this be explored to help connect households with available FYI/FUP vouchers.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 6, 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

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