

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

Thursday, March 5, 2026

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 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 11:05 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.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. Provider Announcements – Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Chair

Committee Discussion:

- Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell facilitated introductions and provider announcements, and shared that the Orangewood resource center will be opening for the third Saturday of every month from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to allow access to drop-in services such as showers and laundry.
- Kristine Peters introduced Orange County United Way's Whatever It Takes Youth program for individuals aged 12-24 and informed providers that they are looking to expand partnerships with service providers.
- Marina Garcia shared that Orange County United Way's Youth Advisory Board will be opening recruitment shortly.
- Erin Grierson was introduced as the Orangewood Director of Drop-In Services.
- Jydrianna Colon-Kinlecheenie shared that Orangewood is accepting referrals for transitional-aged youth in need of housing support.
- Helen Stiver shared EverFree's Freedom Lifemap, a web-based assessment tool, that is being used by non-profits providing direct services to encourage independence and personal choice with their clients.
- Rhiannon Garcia shared that the Multi-Ethnic Collaborative of Community Agencies of Orange County is working on youth leadership opportunities on their advisory councils, which will focus on addressing trauma and substance use disorder.
- Bill Singleton shared information on Covenant House's 20-bed low-barrier emergency shelter, which serves transitional-aged youth.
- Daniel Garcia shared a recent redesign of the Coordinated Entry System data dashboards.

2. Youth Action Board (YAB) Development – Marina Garcia, Lived Experience Partnership Manager, United to End Homelessness, Orange County United Way

Marina Garcia provided background on the YAB, including the anticipated timeline. Marina Garcia discussed the project plan, meeting with TAY providers, and initial recruitment efforts. Marina highlighted that Orange County United Way was able to identify 26 potential recruits through involvement with Orangewood's Come and Be Counted site for the 2026 Orange County Point In Time Count. Marina Garcia shared that the next steps involve meeting with a consultant for technical support on developing the YAB governance and finalizing recruitment materials, with the goal of the YAB being active by the end of April.

Committee Discussion:

- Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell asked how many people will be on the Youth Action Board, and for clarification on the compensation structure. Dr. Tiffany Mitchell suggested electing a vice chair for the TAY Collaborative Committee from the YAB.

3. 2026 Orange County Point in Time Count: TAY Come and Be Counted Locations – Felicia Boehringer, Interim CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

Felicia Boehringer provided background on the 2026 Orange County Point In Time (PIT) Count, including the Come and Be Counted sites for transitional aged youth (TAY). Felicia Boehringer discussed the first time use of the Outreach and Engagement hotline as a tool for TAY to be able to call in, provide their location, and outreach workers meet them where they are to complete the PIT Count survey. Felicia

Boehringer encouraged TAY providers to share feedback and insight based on their experiences with the Come and Be Counted sites.

Committee Discussion:

- Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell discussed how Orangewood used their site as a resource fair to help draw in young people. Over 100 TAY showed up to the event, and while not all of them fit the criteria to be counted, all were experiencing housing insecurity. Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell noted the disparity in approaches between sites and that having a more universal approach to the event could help draw in people to be counted. Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell shared that Orangewood used their own assessments, focusing on supportive services and personal experiences with housing insecurity, along with the PIT Count survey, to provide additional insight into the subpopulation. Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell shared that this approach allowed them to connect with many young people whose homelessness does not align with how communities typically count homelessness.
- Erin Grierson shared that the Orangewood assessment was a good way to determine who would be eligible to be counted in the PIT Count, and that the conversational tone allowed for more sharing of information. Erin Grierson noted that the presence of additional free services allowed humanity and joy to develop more natural connections.

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

Daniel Garcia reviewed the TAY data dashboard for January 2026, including exits to permanent housing by type, and cities with more than 10 enrollments on the TAY registry. Daniel Garcia discussed the numbers of those enrolled based on status, including at-risk, unsheltered, and sheltered. Daniel Garcia highlighted the annual numbers of permanent housing exits for 2025.

Committee Discussion:

- Bill Singleton asked how permanent housing exits were defined.
- Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell asked which organizations are enrolling people onto the TAY registry and expressed interest in engaging those organizations in collaboration. Dr. Tiffany Mitchell asked for demographic data on the TAY population enrolled in the Coordinated Entry System.

5. CoC Updates – Jasmin Miranda, Interim CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

Jasmin Miranda provided CoC updates, including the 2026 PIT data, which is estimated to be released late spring, recent and upcoming Same Day Solutions Fair events, upcoming meetings, and the new National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE) implementation deadline. Jasmin Miranda shared that the Orange County CoC submitted the CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) application on February 6 and included 3 expansion projects due to one project being reallocated. Felicia Boehringer highlighted the inclusion of instructions to HUD relating to the CoC Program NOFO in the Congressional appropriations act, the CoC Program NOFO remaining in litigation, and the potential impact on YHDP projects due to changes in HUD's policies. Jasmin Miranda also shared information on how to view the draft 3-Year Behavioral Health Integrated Plan and the ongoing public comment period.

Committee Discussion:

- Chair Dr. Tiffany Mitchell encouraged those in attendance to reach out to their own networks to encourage them to attend TAY Collaborative Committee meetings and discussed the Freedom Lifemap and Youth Whatever It Takes program as potential topics for the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 7, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Orangewood Foundation, located at 1575 17th St, Santa Ana, CA 92705.