

Committee to End Youth Homelessness Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2021 10:00 am

Attending: Gloria Reyes, Patrick Duffie, Andre Johnson, Allie Grant, Greg Markle, Melissa Mennig, Alex Maves, Anita Crews, Tyler Schueffner, Catherine Reiersen, Shannon Stevens, Alex Maves, Arree Macon (YAB), Sarah Lim, Erika (YAB), Portia Pleadwell (YAB), Roy Graham (Youth Collaboratory TA), Anita Crews (HUD desk officer)

1. Introductions
2. Co-Chair Discussion – The committee thanked Allie Grant for the leadership she provided us in the past years to get this committee up and running. Co-chair would work with the chair to set the agenda ahead of the meeting. If you are interested or have recommendation for a co-chair, please let Gloria know.
3. Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP)
 - a. CEYH role?
 - Discussed rescheduling this meeting so more youth can join the meeting. YAB has been meeting every Monday 4:30pm and is also discussing changing meeting structure and meeting time. YHDP process needs to have youth in the process. Gloria will send out a poll for afternoon times.
 - Allie received feedback that there was confusion that there were CEYH meetings, YHDP workgroup meetings, and YAB meetings.
 - The priorities this group identified all could be part of the community plan to end youth homelessness. This committee can be the core group for YHDP efforts, with some workgroups focusing on different areas.
 - What would be the decision making structure?
 - CEYH making recommendation, YAB's review and approval, HSC board involvement? YAB has a veto power for YHDP decisions. One YAB member is on the board, working on adding one more YAB member to the board.
 - Roy (TA): The system is yours to build. We are here for technical assistance. True Colors United will provide technical assistance to YAB including decision-making structures.
 - Discussion whether we should advocate for CEYH to have a designated seat at the board. YAB members are represented. Board members are encouraged to attend various committees—Catherine Reiersen and Brian Benford are members of CEYH and the board.
 - It seems to make sense that this committee makes recommendation, bring it to YAB (approval or veto), and to the board.
 - We will discuss more about governance at the next meeting. Core YHDP team needs to be smaller so it's easier to make decisions (Roy)
 - Roy also recommended considering ways to communicate effectively outside of the meeting (e.g. Slack channel).
 - We would like to see more participation from shelter providers.

- One pager to clarify goals and timeline for YHDP will be helpful → Gloria will send it out to attending members for review.

4. Next meeting: Gloria will send out a Doodle poll to reschedule a meeting.