



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

Youth Homelessness Committee
Wednesday, August 10, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Meeting Online

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Amber Benedict, Youth For Change
- Brittiney Norman, Torres Shelter
- Dena Kapsalis, PUSD
- Emily Bateman, 6th St. Center for Youth
- Marina Fox CSUC PATH Scholars
- Mallory Penzotti, Youth For Change
- Marin Hambley, Stonewall Center
- Elisa Rawlinson, Butte County
- Sarah Frohock, BC Behavioral Health

First Chairperson: Josh Indar, BCOE School Ties **Second Chairperson:** Emily Bateman, Y4C 6th Street

AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order | Name |
| 2. Introductions & Program Updates | All |
| 3. Approval of Minutes - ACTION | All |
| 4. Youth PIT Count | |
| 5. November Activities | |
| a. Proclamations | |
| b. Chico Vigil | |
| c. Oroville Vigil | |
| d. 5K Run | |
| e. Art Show/CD Release | |
| 6. Discussion: YAC Update | All |
| a. C&R Art Box nearly done | |
| b. September Arts Workshops at 1078 | |
| c. Hike Report | |
| d. Adding YAC Alumni to membership | |
| e. Fundraising and donations | |
| 7. Speakers/programs to invite for presentations | All |
| 8. Next Meeting: September; 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Meet online | |
| 9. Adjourn | |



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May 11, 2022

12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

Butte County Employment and Social Services

Virtual Zoom

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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Emily Pereria, 6th St. Center for Youth
Elisa Rawlinson, Butte County

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OTHER ATTENDEES:

Kayla Davis, DESS Housing & Homeless
Jamie McLaughlin, CUSD
Patricia Ascevedo, True North Housing Alliance
Catt Ashby, True North Housing Alliance
Isabel Alaniz-Alvarado, DESS Housing & Homeless
Kaitlyn-Storm Sherrill, DESS Housing & Homeless
Bogette Covarrubias, BCOE

RECORDING:

Erin Spasbo, DESS H&H

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Committee Member, Josh Indar BCOE School Ties at 12:32PM.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS:** All – Jamie McLaughlin, CUSD as a Foster Home liaison: has a graduating senior. Patricia Ascevedo, a True North Housing Alliance case manager: Catt is the new youth case manager. Catt Ashby, of True North Housing Alliance introduced herself as the new transitional aged youth and domestic violence case manager: they have under 10 youth in the program right now. Isabel Alaniz-Alvarado, DESS H&H: at least 1 Housing Navigator will be at the Jesus Center pallet shelter on a weekly

basis, 9 – 12 PM, on Wednesdays. Emily Pereira, 6th Street Youth for Change: water is back they can use showers and do laundry with help from Stonewall and Haven for Help. Erin Spasbo, DESS H&H, will be doing the minutes for all CoC committee meetings from now on. Elisa Rawlinson, DESS H&H: just submitted the PIT and HIC numbers to HUD. At the next CoC Meeting (May 16, 2022) HUD should be going to be going over those numbers. The HMIS/CES committee approved some changes in the Coordinated Entry System (CE) such as changing the priority point system, so that we're prioritizing highest needs/highest barriers, rather than sub populations (which has been happening). This will bring us in line with HUD guidelines/requirements. We also have approved community queues and will be re-doing our assessment. We are moving away from using the VI-SPDAT assessment because there are issues with equity. What's happening is everyone at the top of our CE list is: chronically homeless, a household with children, and unaccompanied homeless youth (18 – 24). Then we are going to be re-vamping our assessment of what makes a high barrier, or a high need. Following that we are going to be putting into effect community queues. There will be 4 queues, 1: the main CE list, 2: individuals that qualify for permanent supportive housing, 3: individuals that qualify for transitional housing and 4: for individuals who are interested in shared housing.

Question: J. Indar asked: any sense of how the new CE System will help young people get into housing?

Answer: E. Rawlinson: By changing the priority point system this should equalize individuals CE scores as well as utilizing the community queues, so that when youth specific programs become available they can be referred into those programs. The DESS housing navigators will be making sure the clients know what each housing program is, making sure clients meet basic qualifications, have the right documentation, things that maybe DESS already has, that can be difficult for youth to get a hold of such as birth certificates and ID's. What we've learned from homeless youth is that many of them have already been in the Social Services system, so sometimes these documents are already in their caseloads. We are trying to make sure the youth does not fall through the cracks. Anticipation is that and a referral system will fall into place by the first quarter of 2023.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION:** The minutes for last month were not turned in. They are going to check with Marin Hambley, at Stonewall.

4. **NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES:** November is National Runaway and Homeless Youth Month, there are events to the youth involved, last year they did a book launch that was well received. Example activities: a prom or dance, Safeline's toolkit, a candle light vigil and wear green day, light the night where the buildings light up green, an art show at MONKA, petal press, making tee shirts – fundraising that is youth led. One in Chico and one in Oroville. Coffee sleeves with a QR code that will provide the events, need to be made with the YAC or 6th Street logo. Theme or slogan: such as Hansel and Gretel or Alice in Wonderland, with homelessness intertwined. Photography: without showing faces, show images of how our homeless youth actually appear, do a project with 6th Street. They would like to try and get some digital cameras donated, or see if the youth want to use their phones. If they do photography they need to have some sort of consent form or supervision so there aren't any issues with inappropriate images. By next month they need to: run the photo voice by YAC, have a flyer to recruit youth by next meeting, and

have students that want to do the petal press by next month. J. McLaughlin, CUSD is offering her office for the photography editing.

5. DISCUSSION – YAC – UPDATE:

a. Community Garden – there was no update on this.

b. Art Projects – YAC is getting together with Chico News and Review, there are 2 youth leaders on this project.

c. Fundraising and Donations -- They are looking for ways to fund raise, which was touched on earlier. Full moon walk, with C.A.R.D. June 13th, was stated but it would be mid-June on a Wednesday. J. McLaughlin brought up the observatory in Upper Park, it is free usually Thursday and Friday nights in the summer.

d. MOUs/partnership with other community orgs – Still in contract with the transitional housing, trying to work with MOU that works with all parties. Trying to partner up with True North.

6. SPEAKERS/PROGRAMS TO INVITE FOR PRESENTATIONS: If you have items or ideas for the agenda, please send them to Josh Indar at: jindar@bcoe.org.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT MEETING: J. McLaughlin stated that she was coming up with a cell phone plan for youth at the High School level for unaccompanied homeless youth, hopefully by the beginning of next year they will start with 5 youth in preferably transitional housing. She wants to incorporate pre-programmed community resources, such as YAC or 6th Street, places where they can get food and clothing. If you do not want your program included, let her know. Two staff in the Youth for Change recently trained in Love 146, looking at getting some groups going at Torres or Boys and Girls Club the training is 5 days, but can be done in 3. It is for human trafficking prevention and early identification program, strength based and seeking safety type of education. J. Indar stated that California mandated this type of training in schools, but there hasn't been much follow through – this might be a good way to push the training, by stating that this is the law, to schools, etc.

The next BCRHY Youth Homelessness Meeting will be on Wednesday June 8, 2022; 12:30 – 1:30PM. Meet virtually.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 P.M.



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Michael Wright, DESS H&H
Pahua Thao, DESS H&H

RECORDING:

Erin Spasbo, DESS H&H

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Committee Member, Emily Pereria from 6th St. Youth for Change at 12:31 PM.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS:** All- everyone present introduced themselves.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION:** The minutes from May were not sent out to the group, they will wait until next month to approve the minutes.

4. **ERINN B – LOVE 146:** E. Bromley is now a facilitator for a program called Love 146 that provides education and the prevention of child trafficking and exploitation. She gave a brief overview of the training she received and can now bring into schools, juvenile facilities and programs like 6th Street. The curriculum is interactive and broken down into 5 sessions, about 1 hour each where they teach youth how to protect themselves from human trafficking/exploitation through information, critical thinking and skill development while inspiring youth to make safe choices and utilize healthy support systems. Some of the following concepts are gone over in the sessions: defining terms, identifying personal and peer vulnerabilities, perceptions of norms, defining consent(s), how traffickers and exploiters recruit, signs of red flags for groomers and recruiters and online safety. It is an interactive and engaging program for the youth while teaching them how to keep themselves safe. At the end they are given a resource guide, which gives them options for housing and help if they are experiencing domestic violence, it gives them an idea of where to go if/when certain situations happen.

Question:

When, where and how are these training sessions available?

Answer:

E. Bromley, call Youth for Change and ask for Erin Bromley. From there you will set up days and times that work for both parties.

Question:

E. Pereira stated that they have modified Love 146 to be available for care givers and parents, so that they can be informed, is that something that you would be able to do?

Answer:

E. Bromley said that, yes they can do groups for care givers. They can also shorten the time period of the sessions as well.

5. NOVEMBER EVENTS:

- a. **CANDLE LIGHT VIGIL:** E. Pereria wanted to check in with the group about having a vigil in Chico *and* Oroville, do they want it the same night or different nights? Usually it is done on “Light the Night,” a national day. M. Penzotti wanted add that last year an idea was brought up to give each person participating in the vigil a candle to hold and stand 6 feet apart going up Main Street in Chico.
- b. **YAC PROJECT:** No one was available to speak on behalf YAC. E. Pereria commented that we need to check-in with YAC to see what they are interested in facilitating. Our group will start meeting twice a month to prepare for the November activities.
- c. **GREEN LIGHT CAMPAIGN:** Wanting to get more agencies involved this year. For agencies that are unable to use lights, they want to come up with a small poster that you can put for example at your desk. Scan the QR code poster, in the windows of places that are green.

- d. **TEE SHIRTS:** It came to the conclusion that they would like to do tee shirts again. They would like to have a new design this year and will reach out to some youth who have an idea for the design. If there are multiple ideas, this group or YAC will vote on it.

6. **PROGRAM UPDATES:** Stonewall is doing Chico Pride this month, there is a comedy show, a queer arts show featuring a BIPOC exhibit at MONKA, a pop-up festival at Stonewall, Pride picnic at the park as well as other events throughout the month. These are all youth friendly. Youth specific events include trivia night at Stoble Coffee, Thursday June 16 and teen dance at the Women’s center on Thursday June 23. All of events with dates and times are available at: www.stonewallchico.com > Events > Chico Pride > Chico Pride Events.

Youth for Change, H.E.A.R.T. outreach will be at most of the Pride events, such as the teen dance and Juneteenth. The outreach team put flyers at hotels in Chico to let people know what H.E.A.R.T. is, what resources they can access through the program. The outreach team connected with Haven of Help on Wheels, they will be at Comanche every Monday 10:30 – 3PM. E. Bromley stated that H.E.A.R.T. is going to be increasing their social media to inform people when they will be in Oroville, Gridley and Paradise which should be consistent days and hours per week, TBD.

Cooling Centers, Stonewall is trying to have a cooling center, TBD – usually when it is extremely hot (100+). K. Davis noted that one of the most requested services in the PIT survey was cooling centers. 2-1-1 was referenced as an information source on these centers.

M. Penzotti stated that she has received a lot of positive feedback from the youth on the Pallet Shelter. They feel clean, safe and are grateful for air conditioning. Once things become a little more settled at the shelter, they are hoping to do more outreach from Youth for Change.

K. Davis from DESS H&H wanted to let the group know that there is construction at the DESS office in Oroville. The office will be open to the public as a Navigation Center, where people would be able to make appointments and complete applications, they are hoping for a much more hands on approach. The location is 205 Mira Loma Dr. Suite #50 Oroville, CA. The opening date is still TBD.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT MEETING:

The next BCRHY Youth Homelessness Meeting will be on Wednesday July 13, 2022; 12:30 – 1:30PM. Meet virtually.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 P.M.

YAC CALENDAR SUMMER/FALL 2022

August

8/10: BCRHYTF meeting, 12:30PM

8/11: YAC meeting (Terrariums?), 3-5 PM

8/18: YAC meeting (Terrariums?) 3-5 PM

8/25: YAC meeting (Terrariums?) 3-5 PM

September

9/1: YAC meeting 3-5 PM

9/7-9: Arts Camp at 1078 Gallery

9/7: Visual Art 4-6 PM

9/8: Zines 4-6 PM

9/9: Music 4-6 PM, Exhibition 7-9 PM

9/14: BCRHYTF meeting 12:30 PM

9/15: YAC meeting 3-5 PM

9/22: YAC meeting 3-5 PM

9/29: YAC meeting 3-5 PM

October

10/6: YAC meeting 3-5 PM

10/12: BCRHYTF meeting 12:30 PM

10/13: YAC meeting 3-5 PM

10/20: YAC meeting 3-5 PM

10/27: YAC meeting 3-5 PM

November

11/3: YAC meeting 3-5 PM (Candlelight Vigil?)

11/5: 5K Run, Bidwell Park, 10 AM – 1 PM

11/9: BCRHYTF meeting 12:30 PM

11/10: YAC meeting 3-5 PM (Candlelight Vigil?)

11/17: CD Release/Art Expo 6-9 PM Location TBA