



MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

between **The San Diego Youth Homelessness Consortium (SDYHC)**
and

The SDYHC is a collaborative entity designed to increase the effectiveness of the service delivery system in San Diego County for youth experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. We will accomplish this through the sharing of resources, coordination of efforts and advocacy around the following efforts:

- Informing and advancing the creation and maintenance of a youth-focused coordinated continuum of services.
- Build capacity around the network of providers.
- Coordinating knowledge and leveraging resources through collaboration.
- Amplifying and integrating youth voices.
- Increasing youth-focused housing options with a bridge to adulthood (stability, self-sufficiency, wellness, etc.).
- Creating a network of preventative supportive services for youth at risk of experiencing homelessness.

The values of the SDYHC include integrity, respect, innovation, inclusion, and collaboration.

- **Integrity:** We demonstrate honesty, transparency, and fairness in everything we do as a Consortium.
- **Respect:** We treat each other with mutual consideration and sensitivity, recognizing the importance of diversity and inclusion.
- **Innovation:** We seek new approaches, capitalize on opportunities and amplify the impact of initiatives
- **Inclusion:** We commit that all systems will be inclusive, in that all programs and services will be accessible and responsive to youth, parents, and caregivers with varying abilities and cultural, race, color, language, socio-economic, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and religious backgrounds.
- **Collaboration:** We work together through our Values to accomplish our Mission, Vision and Purpose.

Membership

Membership is comprised of young people with lived experience, service providers, advocates, public systems, private systems, and key stakeholders and influencers in the field of youth homelessness who support the Consortium's vision, mission and values and designate a consistent staff person to represent them at SDYHC meetings. SDYHC members provide oversight and leadership to Consortium, ensuring alignment of Consortium with its overall Strategic Plan. Membership in the SDYHC carries both obligations and benefits.

Benefits

- Receive free membership
- Work together to improve outcomes for youth experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness
- Name and link to your website of member organizations posted on the SDYHC website
- Use of the SDYHC logo as approved by the Steering Committee
- Participate in collective assessment of community need in relation to programs and services to help build relationships and find new partners
- Garner community support for new initiatives that your organization may wish to move forward
- Work Collaboratively to advocate for services

- Create synergy of actions and continuity of service
- Influence programming across the region

Obligations

- Adherence to the mission, vision, purpose, values outlined in the SDYHC Charter.
- Active participation in achieving the 2020 priorities and strategies of the SDYH outlined in the Charter.
- The commitment of a senior staff person to prepare for and attend four SDYHC general membership meetings per year.
- Active participation in priority setting, policy development, initiatives and activities by member organizations
- Represent the SDYHC perspective and speak with one voice on issues of importance to the whole
- Be willing to make decisions about pending policy and action needed quickly and soundly
- Members will communicate and collaborate with transparency and integrity to maximize the impact of funding opportunities
- Maintain a safe and welcoming environment for underserved communities such as the LGBTQ population and persons of color.
- The SDYHC strongly encourages all member agencies to follow the Authentic Youth Engagement Guidelines found on the SDYHC website.

Term & Termination

This agreement is to remain in effect from the date it is signed and until either party gives written notice of an intent to withdraw from the SDYH or when a new document is signed.

Organization Representative Name & Title

Organization Representative Signature

Date

SDYHC Steering Committee Signature

Date