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MISSION

The mission of the SDYHC is to prevent and end youth homelessness in San Diego County by creating a multi-disciplinary, community-wide system, in alignment with San Diego’s Coordinated Community Plan (CCP), to serve youth ages 26 and under.

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Youth homelessness will decrease in San Diego County, and any housing instability faced by young people will be brief and non-recurring through our collective service efforts.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 2ND, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

A steering committee meeting of the San Diego Youth Homelessness Consortium was held on 3/2/2026 virtually. Meeting start time was 10:33 am and was presided over by Jessica Rihan.

ATTENDANCE

- Voting members present: Ashley Frez-Clark, Beth Davenport, David Baker, Gillian Leal, Haley Veniegas, Jessica Rihan, Krysta Esquival, Mauricio Torre, Melissa Haupt, Nicole Lillie, Susie Terry & Tristin Berry
- Voting members absent: None
- Proxy/Guests: Justin Lipford and Erin Esposit
- Quorum: Yes

OLD BUSINESS

- Vote: December agenda. Motion Passes

NEW BUSINESS

1	Welcome & Check In’s	All
2	Vote: February Minutes Motion: Nicole L. Second: Susie T. Abstentions: Beth Davenport, Krysta Esquival, David Baker ● Motion Passes	All
3	Vote: March Agenda Motion: Nicole L. Second: Krysta E. Abstentions: None ● Motion Passes	All
4	Collaboration for Youth Hope Month Check In ● Checked in about November’s Youth Hope Month. Committee discussed continuing annual collaboration with agencies for their	Justin Lipford and Erin Esposit

	<p>Walk & Rally events in November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justin provided Solidarity Journey dates for 2026: Nov 16th- Nov 20th Sojo Day 3 will likely be “The Green Wave” event at the County. All agencies encouraged to attend 	
5	<p>Steering Committee Monthly Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed monthly Steering Committee meeting day and time. Committee decided to switch meeting days to the 1st Wednesday of each month Structure of meeting will cover updates and check-in the first half. The second half will be time to meet with subcommittee groups 	Jessica Rihan
6	<p>Youth Voice Network Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OTTA held a community defense and safety training on February 19th. Folks were trained on what to do if ICE was in your neighborhood. Youth Health on the Line event on March 14th: Learn about upcoming Medical and how it is impacting youth. Will include gender affirming care for youth and how they can access resources OTTA annual Gala: Rooted and Resilient on March 21st Youth Will is participating in the Progressive Labor Summit; submit entries by March 13th 	Nicole Lilie and Tristin Berry
7	<p>YHRP Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> YRHRP took gaps and needs in the system to make a response plan to better support providers and youth in need of services. SDYHC will be regulating and update the YHRP regularly once released to the community. Areas that need to be updated: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identify priorities to keep and update priorities table in each section Check that interconnective pieces with YHSI is current and updated Have young people look at current feedback Next action steps identified: Include a “what do we need section Follow up action items: Committee members need to send any Data Source links they use in relation to youth experiencing homelessness to Jessica. Jessica will provide the compiled list to Erin 	David Baker & Erin Esposit
8	<p>Local Legislation and Policies Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter Seidler Way Symposium on Homelessness - Tackling Youth Homelessness meeting today. Plan to align meeting discussion with YHRP as supportive plan 	All
9	<p>Sub- Committees Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SDYHC committee members and membership group have been informed about sub-committee developments and were asked for 	Jessica Rihan

	<p>their input and feedback via a survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beth suggested 4 areas of subcommittees: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Priority Sharing Committees (Funding Opportunities) 2. Strategies and Standards Committee (YHRP & Data Topics) 3. "Consumer" Committee (Youth Participation/YAB) 4. Membership committee (Members Organizations) • Each of these 4 groups would have 2 cochairs that share with the steering committee about recommendations from the sub-committee group • Steering Committee with review 4 areas of suggested sub-committees and discuss select committee selection in April • New meeting structure around sub-committees: first hour of Steering Committee meeting will be check in's and updates. The second hour is dedicated to meeting with subcommittee. 	
10	Announcements & Wrap Up	All

ADJOURNMENT: 12:06 pm