



## San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership

### **Homeless Youth Task Force**

Tuesday, January 27, 2026 • 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools  
Roy C. Hill Bldg.  
601 N. E. St., San Bernardino 92415

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### **HOMELESS YOUTH TASK FORCE MEETING AGENDA**

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER
A. Call to Order B. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation C. Welcome and Introductions	Tyrese Crawford
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	
D. Any member of the public may address the Task Force on any matter not on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Task Force .	
<b>CONSENT CALENDAR</b>	
E. Approve Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2025 meeting.	Tyrese Crawford
<b>PRESENTATIONS (15 mins)</b>	
F. Receive an update on the Background and Context Homeless Youth Task Force	Tyrese Crawford
<b>CLOSING</b>	
Open Call for Presenters Every 4th Tuesday of the month. Please email Tyrese at <a href="mailto:Tyrese.crawford@sbcss.net">Tyrese.crawford@sbcss.net</a> or text me at (909) 331-5040.	
G. Adjournment	Tyrese Crawford
H. Next Meeting:  February 24, 2026, 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Roy C. Hill Bldg., 601 N. E. St., San Bernardino 92415 3:00 pm – 4:00pm	

*The Mission of the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership is to provide a system of care that is inclusive, well planned, coordinated and evaluated and is accessible to all who are homeless and those at-risk of becoming homeless.*

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**Minutes for San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership**  
**Homeless Youth Task Force (HYTF)**  
 February 7, 2025 – 1:00pm-3:00pm

Minutes Recorded and Transcribed by Ruben Mendoza, Office of Homeless Services

TOPIC	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Call to Order	Tyrese Crawford, Chair	The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.
HYTF Board Members Present	Tyrese Crawford, Chair	<p>The Chair recognized the HYTF membership via introductions. There was over 60 members of the public who joined the HYTF meeting in person, via Zoom and/or telephoned in.</p> <p>The following HYTF members or their alternates were present for the meeting:</p> <p>Board Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tyrese Crawford (Chair)</li> </ul> <p>Members arriving late: N/A</p> <p>Absent: N/A</p>
PUBLIC COMMENTS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Public Comment	Tyrese Crawford, Chair	<p>The Chair opened the floor to Public Comments.</p> <p>No public comments were made.</p> <p>The Chair closed Public Comment.</p>
CONSENT	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Approve Minutes of the August 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024, HYTF Meeting	Tyrese Crawford, Chair	<p>The Chair opened the consent calendar portion of the agenda.</p> <p>Jessica Alexander made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and was seconded by Holly Jimenez.</p> <p>The Chair opened the items for comments by the public.</p> <p>No public comments were made.</p>

		Vote was taken and approved by HYTF membership unanimously. The motion was approved.
DISCUSSION / INFORMATION SHARING	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Introduction to Homeless Youth Task Force	Tyrese Crawford, Chair  Ruben Mendoza, Office of Homeless Services  Gail Maddox, Inland SoCal United Way	<p>Tyrese Crawford:</p> <p>The purpose of the HYTF was highlighted by Tyrese Crawford. She stated the HYTF exists to reduce the number of youth and young adults experiencing homelessness by 3%/yr. Tyrese stated this year being one of action and placed an emphasis on housing navigation, identifying best case management practices, and adopting a collaborative, unified approach to accomplish shared goals. Tyrese proceeded to outline the proposed HYTF agenda format and addressed questions from the audience surrounding confidentiality and Brown Act compliance.</p> <p>Ruben Mendoza:</p> <p>Ruben discussed the importance of HMIS/CES integration into the overall work conducted by service providers. An emphasis was placed on data compliance to the State of California and HUD, and how this helps our community better understand, at any given moment, what is happening with our unsheltered community. Ruben proceeded to provide an anecdote about the street outreach services he conducted while serving LA County, and how those efforts can translate to the providers and service delivery efforts within San Bernardino County's CoC. Ruben presented the opportunity for providers to engage with the HMIS department within the Office of Homeless Services for HMIS training.</p> <p>Gail Maddox:</p> <p>Gail introduced herself and Inland SoCal United Way with providing a high-level overview as to how folks usually engage with 211 and the overall Coordinated Entry System. Gail outlined a hypothetical process for consumers engaging with CES to better understand how the referral system takes place. Gail stated CES is successful when all providers are disclosing their program availability within 72 hours to ISCUW, thus allowing the CES matchmaking to take place. Gail emphasized the confidentiality requirements would be uplifted by pre-identifying the individuals/entities ahead of time before the meeting is publicly held. In summary, Gail emphasized the utilization of HMIS would allow for a more efficient CES system to be delivered.</p>
Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program	Keith Benitez, Youth Advisory Board Chair  Dr. Leslie, Urban Initiatives	<p>Keith Benitez:</p> <p>Keith introduced themselves as Chair of the Youth Advisory Board (YAB) and highlighted the purpose of the YAB, which is to amplify youth voice for those experiencing homelessness. Keith highlighted a recent advocacy effort to provide the audience with an example of YAB's involvement in the community. Keith highlighted the historical context behind YAB's effort in applying to the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) and highlighted the data piece as an area for improvement. Keith further advocated for providers to do what they can in HMIS/CES so that our application can provide stronger data to demonstrate the need for more funding specific to youth and young adults. Keith spoke to data inaccuracies that hinder the ability to submit a strong YHDP application.</p> <p>Dr. Leslie:</p>

		<p>Dr. Leslie introduced herself and stated she is one of the Urban Initiatives consultants to OHS and is based in San Diego. Dr. Leslie provided examples of neighboring Counties/CoCs and their YHDP efforts before diving into her presentation. Dr. Leslie then expanded on her career and provided insight to her background, in which she outlined the demographic groups she has worked with and where she worked with those populations. Dr. Leslie shared the YHDP 'big picture', in which she emphasized the coordinated, long-term community-led program to address housing insecure youth and young adults up to the age 25. Housing and services would be defined by the community already working with this population. Dr. Leslie expanded as to how HUD calculates funding allocations, and stated it's based on the number of youths in poverty and the fair market rent for a two-bedroom. Based on HUD formula and if chosen as a YHDP community, San Bernardino County would be awarded \$3-4 million annually. Dr. Leslie further outlined the three YHDP phases, the first one being to apply as a YHDP community. If awarded, the second phase would entail a 4-month planning process with HUD TA to effectively plan for how dollars will be used/spent by the community. The third phase entails selection of the projects the community would like to be implemented. Dr. Leslie then explained how these funds would become a part of the CoC allocation and would be renewable each year. Dr. Leslie then shared a list of what's eligible for funding, and what is not eligible. Dr. Leslie then shared about the integral youth-voice item required of YHDP, and emphasized how the community must work in conjunction with youth for this application. A letter of support would be required from YAB that says the group is supportive of the YHDP application to be submitted. A similar level of support would be required of CFS. An emphasis was placed on broad and coordinated community participation was raised again. Dr. Leslie mentioned some of this coordination can take place by asset mapping available services/resources to identify the gaps/barriers for housing insecure youth. Dr. Leslie stated this may be the last year available for YHDP funding. Dr. Leslie highlighted some of the data points that HUD will review, many of which are within HMIS. Dr. Leslie highlighted tribal participation. Dr. Leslie stated HUD has yet to release the scoring information from last year's application, so we don't know where there is room for improvement.</p>
BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS	PRESENTER	
Adjournment	Tyrese Crawford, Chair	The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.
Next Meeting	Tyrese Crawford, Chair	To Be Announced