

YOUTH Committee Charter

A Committee Charter defines the work, purpose, and other details of each Committee of the MCOC and the MCOC Board of Directors.

What is the Name of this Committee?

Homeless Youth Provider Group

What is the Purpose of this Committee?

This Homeless Youth Provider Group exists to:

1. Build awareness of best practices for serving homeless and at risk of homeless youth, and disseminate that information to provider agencies.
2. Creating opportunities for youth voice to be present and/or represented in policies and decisions regarding systems, services and programs that directly impact their lives.
3. Advocate for policies that improve access to resources for homeless and at risk of homeless youth.
4. Create opportunities for coordination of services between state agencies and youth serving organizations.
5. To serve as an expert resource on youth homelessness to the MCoC, SWHC and Maine State Agencies.
6. Stay abreast of current national initiatives aimed at ending and preventing youth homelessness and advocate on a statewide level for the pursuit of resources to end and prevent youth homelessness in Maine.

Who is/are the Chair/ Co-Chairs?

Chris Bicknell

Who are the members of this Committee?

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What is the Scope of Work that this Committee is to accomplish?

We work to ensure that there is a system of services in place for youth who are identified as homeless or at risk of homelessness that follows best practices and meets federal and state standards of care. We work to improve communication between provider agencies and coordinate care across the state so that youth have access to shelter, outreach and transitional living services.

What Research and/or Resources will be needed to inform and accomplish this work?

PIT count evaluation & deduplication of Addendum & McKinney Vento count.

What time frames are of importance for this group to be effective?

How often will this Committee communicate with the MCOC and/or the COC Board of Directors?

Bi Monthly

What information is to be shared/reported by the Committee?

Any action items generated by the group, policy recommendations, funding opportunities, guidance on inclusion of youth voice into policy decision-making, best practices for youth serving programs and HUD mandated procedures.