



Youth Action Board Charter Effective

Overview

The Louisiana Balance of State Continuum of Care (LA BOSCO) Youth Action Board (YAB) exists to enable youth with lived experience of homelessness to be meaningfully involved in how the LA BOSCO delivers housing and services to youth experiencing homelessness.

Structure

The YAB and its activities are structured as follows.

Within the CoC

The YAB is an officially recognized working group of the LA BOSCO; it has the same authorities and responsibilities granted to all working groups in the LA BOSCO Governance Charter.

Membership

The YAB is composed of 3-8 members between the ages of 16 and 24. At least 2/3 of the YAB's membership must have lived experience of homelessness.

CoC Staff, the Youth Provider Working Group, and YAB members will collaborate in the recruitment process to ensure that the YAB's membership is representative of youth experiencing homelessness in the community.

The Youth Provider Working Group will appoint a staff liaison to the YAB.

Leadership

The YAB Chair, Co-chair, and Secretary are elected by a simple majority vote of its members.

The Co-chair will serve as Chair in case of their absence, and will assist with the duties of the chair.

The Secretary will be responsible for taking meeting minutes and providing summaries to YAB members after the meeting.

Leadership positions may serve a term of up to 24 months and be re-elected any number of times.

Authorities and Responsibilities

The YAB has the following authorities and responsibilities:

- The YAB is the first entity to review, request changes to, and recommend or deny for consideration any LA BOSCOG policy change that primarily impacts youth experiencing homelessness. Any committee, subcommittee, or working group considering a change that substantively impacts youth is required to solicit and consider input from the YAB.
- On at least an annual basis, the YAB is consulted by the Louisiana Housing Corporation (acting as the LA BOSCOG's Collaborative Applicant) to determine what level of data or reporting that the YAB requires to effectively carry out its mission
- The YAB's Chair or their designee is invited to attend and provide information for the annual CoC Program project scoring process
- YAB approval is required for any application for funding the LA BOSCOG submits to the Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP)

In addition to the above, the YAB has the same authority given to all committees in the LA BOSCOG Governance Charter, including the ability to propose new policies, policy changes, and actions.

Meetings

The YAB meets monthly, with additional meetings set as needed by the Chair. The YAB meets either in person or remotely depending on the needs of its members.

At least 2/3 of the YAB must participate in order to vote on an item.

Incentives for Participation

The following incentives for participation are offered to all YAB members:

- All travel costs to YAB meetings are reimbursed
- Time spent on YAB business is paid in 15 minute increments at a rate of: \$20/hour for YAB Leadership (Chair, Co-chair, Secretary); \$15/hour for other YAB Members.
 - These payments are available only to YAB members who are not otherwise paid for time spent on YAB business;
 - These payments must be approved in advance and in writing by the Louisiana Housing Corporation

All payments under this Charter are disbursed by the Louisiana Housing Corporation and funded by a CoC Program- or YHDP-funded Planning Grant or other eligible source.

Signature

For this document to take effect, it must bear the signature of either the Board Chair or the Board Co Chair.



Youth Action Board Chair



LA BOSCO Board Chair