

DATE: November 19, 2025
TO: Youth Committee
FROM: LaTosha Stockholm, Administrator
RE: **Youth Committee Ad Hoc Working Groups**

BACKGROUND

Funding through Measure X has been awarded to organizations selected to deliver programming and services for youth ages 12–18 in Districts 3, 4, and 5, including a youth center site operator in District 4. This investment will establish three new Youth Centers across Contra Costa County, each offering a comprehensive range of services that support academic achievement, workforce readiness, leadership development, sports and fitness, mental health, and personal enrichment. By integrating recreation and wellness opportunities with educational and career development programming, the centers will promote both the physical and emotional well-being of youth.

These centers will serve to expand equitable access to integrated youth services and strengthen local partnerships supporting young people’s overall well-being and long-term success.

CURRENT SITUATION

The rollout of new Measure X-funded Youth Centers will occur over the next several months, with individual service providers beginning operations on a staggered timeline. Each center will serve as a local hub connecting youth to education, employment, wellness, and recreation resources.

As programs move from planning to implementation, there is a growing need for a structured forum to monitor progress, surface challenges, and promote alignment across centers to ensure equitable and effective service delivery countywide.

The creation of an Ad Hoc or Working Group would provide a collaborative mechanism for early-stage feedback and continuous learning as these centers begin to operate.

DISCUSSION

The establishment of a Youth Centers Ad Hoc/Working Group would create a focused forum for Board members and key partners to engage in regular review, dialogue, and strategic planning related to youth center operations and outcomes.

This group could function in an advisory and exploratory capacity, providing feedback and/or recommendations on issues such as:

1. Implementation Support:

- Review progress on center openings, staffing, and community engagement milestones.
- Identify barriers or challenges in program rollout and recommend responsive strategies.
- 2. Performance and Outcomes Monitoring:
 - Develop and refine metrics for evaluating youth engagement, participation, and service outcomes.
 - Review quarterly performance data and provide feedback on program effectiveness.
- 3. Stakeholder and Community Engagement:
 - Support strategies to engage youth voice in program design and evaluation.
 - Recommend opportunities for partnerships with schools, employers, and community organizations.
- 4. Sustainability and Continuous Improvement:
 - Explore long-term funding opportunities or program enhancements based on early outcomes.
 - Identify promising practices to inform future policy and investment decisions.

Membership and Structure

The Ad Hoc/Working Group could be composed of:

- Members of the Workforce Development Board's Youth Committee
- EHSD and WDBCCC staff representatives.
- Optional: youth participant advisors to ensure inclusion of lived experience.

The group would convene an interval to be determined by the Ad Hoc workgroup and staff for the first 12 months of implementation and present progress updates and recommendations to the Youth Committee.

NEXT STEPS

If the Board is supportive, staff will:

1. Draft a formal description of the group's purpose, scope, and membership.
2. Identify staff liaisons and propose a meeting schedule.
3. Return to the Youth Committee for approval of the Ad Hoc/Working Group charter at a future meeting.

For any questions, please contact LaTosha Stockholm, Administrator, Measure X Youth Centers Project Manager at 925-655-3816 or email at lstockholm@ehsd.cccounty.us