

Memphis Youth Advisory Board

Monthly Newsletter

(June - July 2026 Edition)



June Activities

This entire month has been spent preparing for our first YAB meeting since beginning restructuring earlier this year. These past few months have been hectic, with us starting from the ground up and recruiting new members onto our YAB committee. Our focus has been shifted to a more organized, committee based approach to a Youth Advisory Board, with our membership also beginning to prioritize onboarding YHDP participants and those with lived experience. Some other changes we began to implement are:

1. Turning our Youth Action Board into the Youth Advisory Board
2. Rewriting our Bylaws
3. Creating a newsletter and calendar
4. Engaging in youth-centered focus groups for input
5. Creating a scheduled meeting frequency
6. Changing our logo
7. Making membership now a year long commitment, with members having to reapply after each cycle
8. Having year long projects as a part of membership
9. Revamping our orientation materials
10. Changing from 5 cohort members to 2-3. With the addition of a dedicated YAB coordinator.

In addition, we have also expanded our Leadership Cohort to include another member. We began a two round interview process and finally decided on a new candidate, which will be fully onboarded by the end of this month. Our other focus has also been preparing for our next conference in Washington, D.C. This will be for the National Alliance to End Homelessness, and we will be accompanied by the Statewide YAB as well. Our projected start date is July 20th, and we are very excited to begin this new cycle as a YAB, with plenty of conferences and projects along the way.

July Calendar

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YAB

CALENDAR

Events:

★ YAB Meetings

● CoC Meetings

⬠ Due Dates

▲ Conferences



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	Healthcare Committee & National YAB Connection Space 2 ●	3	4
			NAEH CONFERENCE			
5	6	7	8 ▲	9 ▲	10 ▲	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	1 st YAB Meeting					
19	20 ★	21	22	23	24	25
	Send Newsletter for approval		Youth Committee			
26	27 ⬠	28	29 ●	30	31	



Youth/Community Spotlight

For our first edition of “Youth/Community Spotlight”, we have decided to highlight our own youth cohort member: **Vicki LaVaeu!** Vicki (they/him) is a Memphis native that currently attends the University of Memphis as a 3rd year Psychology student, with a double minor in Women/Gender studies and German. They began their journey with the Memphis YAB in March last year as a member of the board, quickly adapting to its’ structure in order to become a leadership cohort member. Vicki has cemented himself as a vital centre to the structure of the Memphis Youth Advisory Board. With their compassion, intellect, and ability to ask the right questions, the committee has been able to accomplish several goals over the past year. From rebuilding to symposium presentations, their leadership capabilities have led the YAB to a bright future. When they are not working at CAFTH, they teach sex education across Memphis and function as a vice president for the UofM chapter of Planned Parenthood Genaction. Vicki also is a member of the Community Services Agency of Memphis and is a student member of the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT).

A big big thank you!

We will spend this time to thank you all, our loving community, for supporting us throughout this time of restructuring and change. We would not have been able to do this without you. Thanks for reading our first edition of our newsletter. If you are interested in being in next month’s community spotlight, email a headshot and description to vicki@cafth.org.