

**LEADERSHIP BOARD OAKLAND, BERKELEY/ALAMEDA COUNTY**  
**COC**

**Leadership Board**  
**Thursday, October 19, 2023**  
**2:00-4:30pm**  
**Minutes**

Meetings are public. Alameda County residents with lived experience of homelessness are encouraged to attend. Public Comment will be taken at the beginning of each meeting and is limited to 2 minutes per person. Click [here](#) to learn more about the public participation policy.

Attendance

**Committee Members**

Andrea Ford	Alameda County Social Services Agency	Present
Brenda Wadsworth	Roots/Community Member	Present
Christine Ma	Advocacy and/or citizen	Present
C'Mone Falls	City of Oakland	Present
Darin Lounds	Housing Consortium of the East Bay	Present
Deidre Wan	Community Member	Present
Doug Biggs	Alameda Point Collaborative	Present
Josh Thurman	City of Livermore	Present
Julian Leiserson	Abode	Present
Kate Hart	SAVE	Present
Laurie Flores	City of Fremont	Present
Liz Varela	Building Futures	Present
Michelle Starratt	Alameda County HCD	Present
Shatae Jones	Alameda Alliance	Present
Moe Wright	Community Member	Present
Ms. Shelley Gonzalez	Community Member	Present
Nic Ming	Community Member	Present
Paul Berry	Community Member	Present
Ray Bonilla	META	Present
Suzanne Warner	Office of Homeless Care and Coordination Director	Present
Tunisia Owens	Family Violence Law Center	Present
Vivian Wan	Abode	Present

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Adrienne Chambers	Alameda County Probation	(absent)
Dr. Lisa Warhuus	City of Berkeley	(absent)
Elena Lepe	El Puente Comunitario	(absent)
Estelle Clemons	City of Oakland	(absent)
Frank Rogers	Community Member	(absent)
John Jones III	Community Member	(absent)
Kerry Abbott	Office of Homeless Care and Coordination Director	(absent)
Shelly Haynes	City of Livermore	(absent)
Paulette Franklin	Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services	(absent)
Tracey Nails Bells	A Diamond in the Rough	(absent)

### Public

Amy Cole-Bloom	City of Hayward
Anna Fellers	Community Member
Andrea Zeppa	Health Care for the Homeless
Arlecia Durades	Community Member
Emily Weinstein	City of Oakland Interim Director Housing and Community Development
Jackie Gardner	Simtech Solutions Inc.
Jonathan Russell	BACS
Josh Jacobs	City of Berkeley
Joyce Probst MacAlpine	Abt Associates.
Kara Carnahan	Community Member
Kate Bristol	Consulting
Kelly Hoffman	Community Member
Lizbeth Reveles	Insight Housing
Lucy Kasdin	Community Member
Lynette Ward	Community Member
Matt Simmonds	Simtech Solutions Inc.
Patrick Anderson	Community Member/ Emerging Leader - Lived Experience
Peter Rady	City of Berkeley
Phil Clark	ACHCH
Phil Warner	Community Member
Stacey Burmaster	Community Member
Thanita Adams	Community Member

### Staff

Amanda Wehrman	Homebase
Esther Wich	Homebase

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Jose Lucio	Homebase
Katricia Stewart	Homebase
Kim Natarajan	Homebase
Tania Morales	Homebase

### Action Items

Meeting	Responsible Party	Action Item	Status

### Agenda and Minutes

<p><b>1. Welcome and Introductions (C'Mone Falls)</b></p>	2:00 – 2:05pm
<p><b>2. Leadership Board Public Comment (C'Mone Falls)</b></p> <p>a. No comments.</p>	2:05 – 2:10pm
<p><b>3. Approval of minutes, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 (C'Mone Falls)</b></p> <p>a. No roll call vote was needed. No corrections or edits were received. The minutes stand as submitted.</p>	2:10 – 2:15pm
<p><b>4. Homeless System Updates (All)</b></p> <p>a. There were no major updates to be announced.</p>	2:15 – 2:20pm
<p><b>5. Leadership Board Updates (C'Mone Falls)</b></p> <p>a. C'Mone Falls reminded everyone that the Community meeting will be on October 26<sup>th</sup>. This is an open event for the community and anyone who is not a CoC member can become a member by attending the meeting. The registration for the meeting was shared in the chat.</p> <p>b. Kim Natarajan shared that the EveryOne Home's website is undergoing major updates with new pages and content.</p>	2:20 – 2:30pm
<p><b>6. Committee Seating (Moe Wright)</b></p> <p>a. The following committees continue to add new members to be approved by the Board: CoC Standards, Compliance and Funding Committee, Housing Capacity Committee, Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention Committee, System Impact Committee, and Youth Committee.</p> <p>b. Committees highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All Committees are almost stood up for this season.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Seats for the City representation has improved but some committees still have a few remaining seats to fill.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All new members are welcome to attend the Community</li> </ul>	2:30 – 2:45pm

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- meeting. There will be a session for recognition and the names will be announced.
- For the Housing Stability committee, there was an extra seat for representation purposes (Kelly Hoffman – City of Oakland).
  - All committees have reached their goal in terms of meeting of number of lived experience of homelessness and BIPOC seats.
- c. Below is the official list of the new committee members that was approved on the October 2023 Leadership Board call today:

## All New Committee Members Today

CoC Standards, Compliance and Funding	Housing Capacity Committee	Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention
Carolyn Sharp	Arlecia Durades	Kelly Hoffman
Gregory Garrett		
Annette Sanders		
Mark Fisher		
Susan Snell		

System Impact Committee	Youth Committee
Fiani Johnson	Chrissie Love
Jason Espinoza	Tammy Nguyen
David Amaral	Sascha Atkins-Loria
	Jennifer Pardo

**Action Item I**

- i. C’Mone Falls made a motion to approve the new members to be part the committees above.  
 Seconded by: Michelle Starratt  
*Discussion:* None
- ii. Roll Call Vote:  
 AYES: Brenda Wadsworth, Christine Ma, C’Mone Falls, Darin Lounds, Deidre Wan, Doug Biggs, Josh Thurman, Julian Leiserson, Laurie Flores, Liz Varela, Michelle Starratt, Shatae Jones, Moe Wright, Shelley Gonzalez, Paul Berry, Ray Bonilla.  
 NOES: None  
 ABSTAINS: Andrea Ford, Kate Hart.
- iii. Motion passes with 16 yes votes.

**7. City of Berkeley Prioritization Pilot Request (Peter Radu)**

- a. Kim Natarajan gave a quick introduction of what this pilot request means and provided a timeline of interactions with the request made by the Outreach Access and Coordination Committee. The Memo of the Pilot Approach to Prioritizing Residents of the Harrison Street Encampments in Berkeley was shared in the chat. Peter Radu, Neighborhood Services

2:45 – 3:10pm

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Manager of the Homeless Division, City of Berkeley, introduced himself and presented informational slides that covered the mission, the main recommendation — which is to explicitly prioritize, on a pilot basis, the PSH-eligible residents of the 8th and Harrison Encampment for all new upcoming permanent supportive housing vacancies in the CoC — resident CES assessment score graph, resident disabling conditions, resident racial background, resident gender, a screenshot of the memorandums, a statement about the urgency of this requests given the considerable fire and life safety hazards at the encampment, and the final proclamation of prioritizing the residents of this encampment due to its vulnerability in the County. Peter outlined that the team has performed close to 100 operations in the first two years which has included cleaning and interventions and has led to zero criminal citations with fewer than five custodial arrests. Additionally, Peter mentioned the types of strategies the City has done in order to remove barriers to move people get housed more quickly. In 2021, the Council adopted the regional action plan with the goal to reduce street homelessness in Berkeley by 75%. There was time left for questions and open conversation. The following are some of the highlighted opinions or statements from the discussion:

- Many of those who spoke against the proposal were concerned about fairness. Targeting resources to a certain geographic area would deprioritize resources away from other parts of the county, and inherently the populations current CES practices are designed to uplift. There was discussion that IF geographic targeting were to be done, a way to fairly choose where to target would need to be established. Some believed that would need to be created before a pilot could run, some believed running a pilot would be informative when creating a larger selection policy later. HMIS data was suggested as a way to develop broader policies objectively.
- Many people in the room noted that the current assessment score does not use criteria for environmental health and safety hazards, nor other similar encampment related vulnerabilities.
  - There was not agreement on the level of review/update needed.
  - Some suggested a review just to uncover encampment or health/safety criteria to add.
  - Some wanted a full review with potential for more criteria beyond health/safety/encampment concerns. Extra areas of interest mentioned:
    - Adjusting the medical vulnerability criteria to include mobility issues
    - Fair housing factors when targeting a

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<p>geographic area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Other suggestions from active outreach/assessment/frontline staff and PWLE familiar with current impacts of the criteria</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ In general, OAC would be the committee responsible to lead a re-evaluation of CES assessment criteria. The last time there was a full review and update was 2021.</li><li>□ Berkeley emphasized the proposal can serve as a “learn by doing” approach and there may be many things to learn from this process before setting long-term county wide policy, some of which might be:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ What criteria common to encampment residents to incorporate into the CE assessment process to create a vulnerability score</li><li>○ What criteria could be used to prioritize one encampment over another when choosing where/when/how to target CES resources</li><li>○ How to logistically implement a targeting of CES resources in an all-hands-on-deck City/County partnership approach</li></ul></li><li>□ In general, the topic of encampment resolution was noted to be politically charged, with strong community opinions.</li></ul> <p>Suzanne Warner stated that OHCC will like to partner with cities and CoC to address encampment resolution to figure out how to work together. The County of Alameda is also working on a response plan to bring to the Board and the cities to get feedback as much as possible and incorporate it into the response plan.</p> <p>An official statement from OHCC was shared:</p> <p>“OHCC, as the Management Entity, has recommended that Berkeley and Coordinated Entry teams continue working together to place people from this encampment into housing according to their place in the housing queue so as to avoid disadvantaging highly vulnerable people in other jurisdictions, in shelter, and in other unsheltered settings.</p> <p>Further, we recommend keeping current CE policies as adopted by the CoC in place as we work with HUD TA to evaluate system changes needed to roll out the Unsheltered NOFO special housing resources and as we engage in our community-wide planning for the required HHAP 5 regional MOU's.”</p>	
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<p><i>Action Item I</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Moe Wright made a motion to re-direct this action item to the OAC Committee in the November meeting and bring the recommendation back to the Leadership Board next month.                  Seconded by: C'Mone Falls  <i>Discussion:</i> C;Mone Falls suggested adding a planning session in the OAC Committee to review the options to help support people transitioning out of encampments involuntarily. A timeline was not given for completing these planning discussions. Final language of the motion:  <i>Motion to direct OAC to hear the Berkeley Request at their Nov meeting and bring a recommendation to LB by the Nov LB meeting. And, to request OAC to review options in general for encampment response.</i></li> <li>ii. <u>Roll Call Vote:</u>                  AYES: Brenda Wadsworth, Christine Ma, C'Mone Falls, Darin Lounds, Deidre Wan, Doug Biggs, Josh Thurman, Kate Hart, Suzanne Warner, Laurie Flores, Liz Varela, Shatae Jones, Moe Wright, Shelley Gonzalez, Paul Berry, Ray Bonitta, Vivian Wan.                  NOES: Tunisia Owens                  ABSTAINS: Julian Leiserson</li> <li>iii. Motion passes with 17 yes votes.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8. Community Meeting Items Preview (Moe Wright)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Moe Wright provided information about the Fall membership meeting that will take place at the Community meeting on Thursdays, October 26 from 8:30am – 4:30pm at the Endowment Building. The agenda was shared. Details of the Governance charter and final Policies and Procedures revisions was also shared.</li> </ul>	3:10 – 3:30pm
<p><b>9. Racial Equity Committee Report Out (Kim Natarajan)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Kim Natarajan thanked everyone who attended the Centering Racial Equity Training held on October 12<sup>th</sup>. About 40 people attended. The recordings are available online at the Homebase Youtube channel <a href="#">here</a>. There will also be a further training on Anti-Racism for seated committee members on October 25<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	3:30 – 3:40pm
<p><b>10. PIT 2024 Process Report (Matt Simmonds and Jackie Gardner, Simtech Solutions)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Kim Natarajan shared that the PIT Planning team is meeting on the third Tuesdays of the month and Simtech Solutions Inc. has been contracted to conduct the PIT Count for 2024.</li> <li>b. Matt Simmonds and Jackie Gardner, Simtech, gave a presentation about the background, milestones timeline,</li> </ul>	3:40pm – 4:10pm

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<p>volunteer portal, information about the jurisdictional lead role responsibilities, sign up registration, and next steps. People were encouraged to spread the word out to get local input and to find a good number of volunteers. The deadline to find jurisdictional leads is at the end of October. Compensation for volunteers is still being decided. People who need support with registration can email Simtech at <a href="mailto:pit@simtechsolutions.com">pit@simtechsolutions.com</a>. Matt confirmed that GPS and raw data set can be available for use per the CoC’s request. A live demo of how data will be represented was shown. The PIT planning team will make the final decision as what the final PIT survey questions will be.</p> <p>To sign up to volunteer for the PIT please go to this link:  <a href="https://alameda24.pointintime.info">https://alameda24.pointintime.info</a></p>	
<p><b>11. Workplan Update from the Board Chair</b> (C’Mone Falls)  a. C’Mone Falls shared the Leadership Board workplan status with action plans for the rest of 2023.</p>	4:10 – 4:25pm
<p><b>12. Closing</b> (Kim Natarajan)  <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion on upcoming agenda items for next meeting:  a. The next Leadership Board Meeting is November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 2-4:30 PM.  b. PIT Update  c. OAC report back</p>	4:25 – 4:30pm