

Outreach Access and Coordination Committee

Minutes
October 11, 2023
2:00pm – 4:00pm

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.

Agenda

<p>1) Welcome / Introductions (Colleen Budenholzer)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2:00 – 2:05pm</p>
<p>2) Approval of minutes, September 13th, 2023 (Colleen Budenholzer)</p> <p><i>No roll call vote is needed, corrections not already received by Homebase will be noted and minutes changed accordingly.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2:05 – 2:10pm</p>
<p>3) OAC Committee Public Comment (Colleen Budenholzer)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>No public comment made.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2:10pm – 2:15pm</p>
<p>4) Urgent Items (Kim Natarajan)</p> <p>a. Ongoing training series information for new committee members: <input type="checkbox"/> If you were unable to attend the trainings, you can find the recordings on the Homebase Youtube channel. https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVogEzc6iZwzesg7NhWgUPVXVHn-kAx5p</p> <p>b. Community meetings will be held October 26th, 8:30am-4:00pm at the California Endowment building in Oakland. Information to register was sent out via the EveryOne Home Listserv. Meetings are open to the public.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2:15pm – 2:20pm</p>
<p>5) Homeless System Updates (All)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2:20pm – 2:25pm</p>

<p>6) Discussion Items (Kim Natarajan)</p> <p>a. Continued Co-chair nominations process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Please email Kim and Katricia (kim@homebaseccc.org, katricia@homebaseccc.org) with your nominations for committee co-chairs. You can nominate yourself or others!□ We plan to vote for co-chair(s) at the November 8th meeting. <p>b. Racial Equity Liaisons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">□ 1-3 names will be sent by OAC to the Racial Equity Workgroup for consideration, and 1 will be chosen as a voting member of the Racial Equity Committee (the others can be regular non-voting members as well).□ Please email Kim and Katricia (kim@homebaseccc.org, katricia@homebaseccc.org) if you are interested in this role.□ We plan to vote for Racial Equity Liaisons at the November 8th meeting. <p>c. Unsheltered Strategies Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">□ We reviewed unsheltered information, goals, and strategies from the following sources (please see summary below this table):<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Coordinated Entry <u>Policies and Procedures</u>ii. Housing Problem Solving <u>Policies</u>iii. <u>Home Together Plan</u>iv. <u>Home Together Plan - Year 1 Update</u>v. <u>Regional Action Plan</u>vi. <u>Centering Racial Equity Report</u>vii. <u>Youth Action Plan</u>viii. CoC Unsheltered Special NOFO (SNOFO) application materialsix. City of Berkeley Encampment Resolution Fund (ERF) application materialsx. City of Oakland Encampment Resolution Fund (ERF) application materials□ Please see the slides shared with the meeting materials for details.□ Regional Coordinators from <u>ACHCH</u> have an outreach coordination system in place and are willing to present their knowledge to OAC in November or at the next available agenda space. <p>d. Group discussion was had about the encampment prioritization request from Berkeley.</p>	<p>2:25pm – 3:15pm</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Berkeley will present this request to the Leadership Board meeting on October 19th, 2023 (2pm-4:30pm). You can join that meeting here: https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/j/81074562957 e. Group discussion was had about whether to create a sub-group that specifically focuses on unsheltered homelessness. <input type="checkbox"/> We will revisit this at the November 8th meeting. The group would like to continue learning more about unsheltered homelessness in general together as a large group before making a decision to create a subgroup. <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Potential Voting Items for November 8th meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Committee co-chair(s). o Committee Racial Equity Liaisons. o Whether to create a sub-group specifically focused on unsheltered homelessness. o Whether to approve the Berkeley encampment prioritization request. <input type="checkbox"/> Gather information on the utilization rate of shelter beds. <input type="checkbox"/> Pull the list of assessment questions for Coordinated Entry for the group to understand what those questions are. <input type="checkbox"/> Plan for follow-up presentations from the County and the Regional Coordinators on unsheltered goals and strategies, coordination, and progress. 	
<p>7) Coordinated Entry 2.0 Updates / EHV Updates (Colleen Budenholzer)</p> <p>We ran out of time for this agenda item.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Continued Discussion of CE Evaluation Recommendations</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tracking Outcomes <input type="checkbox"/> Regular CE updates 	<p>3:15pm – 3:45pm</p>
<p>8) Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Upcoming Agenda Items <p>Next meeting: November 8, 2023</p> <p>Community meeting: October 26, 2023</p>	<p>3:45pm – 4:00pm</p>

Summary of Policies and Plans Review

- CES Policy Review
 - The process to access Coordinated Entry and receive a match to a project has multiple phases from outreach to housing problem solving conversation, full housing assessment, prioritization, and match. While unsheltered status is not currently an explicit factor in prioritization decisions, the community assessment questions do include factors that could be tied to the impact of unsheltered status. There are five groups of factors considered in scoring:
 - It is important to note that by both PIT count metrics and CE access metrics the majority of people experiencing homelessness in the CoC are unsheltered. 73% of those counted in the 2022 PIT were unsheltered. A prioritization factor explicitly tied to unsheltered status alone would affect a large group of people awaiting matches, therefore diluting the impact of the change.
- Home Together Plan Review
 - The main goal from Home Together Plan which connects to unsheltered homelessness is Goal 2. This goal calls for increased access points to CE in targeted geographic areas including encampments, additional crisis response support for unsheltered folks, and increased development of emergency shelter or interim housing
 - Year 1 progress updates show strong progress in adding interim housing and subpopulation specific access points. We anticipate further progress in the upcoming Year 2 report, which will include some of the recently funded unsheltered projects noted below.
- Other Key Plans and Reports
 - The Regional Action Plan calls for a 1-2-4 approach to unsheltered homelessness that takes into account the need to approach the problem from multiple angles. They recommend for every 1 interim housing unit we also would need 2 permanent housing subsidies and 4 prevention subsidies to make an impact on unsheltered homelessness.
 - The Centering Racial Equity Report asks for an unsheltered approach that focuses on lowering barriers to access resources, adding quality of life services, and exploring ways to move unsheltered persons directly from street to permanent housing, skipping past the traditional stop in shelter.
 - The Youth Action Plan focuses on the use of YHDP funding, and while it does not name unsheltered homelessness specifically, it does call for a review of

CE practices to ensure they are well suited to youth specific needs. This review should include impact on unsheltered youth homelessness.

- Recently funded Unsheltered Projects
 - The Unsheltered SNOFO includes 5 funded projects which include PH, RRH, and Services additions. Some of the projects are population specific, particularly for seniors or those with health vulnerabilities.
 - Two Cities, Berkeley and Oakland, have received multiple rounds of Encampment Resolution Fund dollars from Cal ICH. These ERF projects add targeted resources for individual encampments, including outreach workers, non-congregate emergency shelter, and interim housing. These resources are not connected to the typical CE prioritization system and are reserved for residents of the specified encampments only. In addition to the dedicated resources, residents of the encampment also remain eligible for CE matches following the standard prioritization system.

Parking Lot

- OAC Workplan: To be continued at October Community Meeting
- Frontline Staff Supports: To be considered during workplan update
- Tracking CE Outcomes: To be discussed in detail when System Impact Committee opens