

LEADERSHIP BOARD OAKLAND, BERKELEY/ALAMEDA COUNTY
COC

Leadership Board
Thursday, March 21, 2024
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.

Attendance

Committee Members

Andrea Ford	Alameda County Social Services Agency	Present
Annie Bailey	City of Fremont	Present
Brenda Wadsworth	Community Member	Present
C'Mone Falls	City of Oakland	Present
Christine Ma	Advocacy and/or citizen	Present
Deidre Wan	Community Member	Present
Doug Biggs	Alameda Point Collaborative	Present
Jonathan Russell	Office of Homeless Care and Coordination	Present
Julian Leiserson	Abode	Present
Kate Hart	SAVE	Present
Kerry Abbott	Office of Homeless Care and Coordination Director	Present
Laurie Flores	City of Fremont	Present
Liz Varela	Building Futures	Present
Moe Wright	Community Member	Present
Ms. Shelley Gonzalez	Community Member	Present
Nic Ming	Community Member	Present
Paul Berry	Community Member	Present
Peter Radu	City of Berkeley	Present
Ray Bonilla	META	Present
Ray Corona	Office of Homeless Care and Coordination	Present
Sharon Cornu	St. Mary's Center	Present
Shatae Jones	Alameda Alliance	Present

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Shelly Haynes	City of Livermore	Present
Suzanne Warner	Office of Homeless Care and Coordination	Present
Tunisia Owens	Family Violence Law Center	Present
Vivian Wan	Abode	Present
Adrienne Chambers	Alameda County Probation	(absent)
Darin Lounds	Housing Consortium of the East Bay	(absent)
Frank Rogers	Community Member	(absent)
John Jones III	Community Member	(absent)
Josh Thurman	City of Livermore	(absent)
Michelle Starratt	Alameda County HCD	(absent)
Paulette Franklin	Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services	(absent)

Public

Annie Bailey	City of Fremont
Armando	Community Member
Cameron Craig	Community Member
Chloe Green	Chloe Green Consulting
Darlene Flynn	City of Oakland
Emily Weinstein	City of Oakland
Katie Barnett	All Home
Kate Bristol	Kate Bristol Consulting
Maryann Leshin	City of Oakland
Mike Keller	East Oakland Community Project
Oscar Macias	Alameda Alliance for Health
Patrick Anderson	Community Member/ Emerging Leader - Lived Experience
Tiara Jones	City of Oakland, Community Homelessness Services

Staff

Amanda Wehrman	Homebase
Esther Wilch	Homebase
Jose Lucio	Homebase
Katricia Stewart	Homebase
Kim Natarajan	Homebase
Nicole McCray-Dickerson	Homebase
Tania Morales	Homebase

Agenda and Minutes

<p>1. Welcome and Introductions (Moe Wright)</p>	<p>2:00 – 2:05pm</p>
<p>2. Leadership Board Public Comment (C’Mone Falls)</p> <p>a. No comments.</p>	<p>2:05 – 2:10pm</p>
<p>3. Approval of minutes, February 15th, 2024 (Moe Wright)</p> <p>a. No roll call vote was needed. No corrections or edits were received. The minutes stand as submitted.</p>	<p>2:10 – 2:15pm</p>
<p>4. Homeless System Updates (All)</p> <p>a. Kim Natarajan shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application for committees and Leadership Board positions to join the CoC as a new voting member is now open. The application link was shared and can be found here. Kim reiterated that all current voting members should also re-apply. • The Racial Equity Committee keeps seeking feedback on the “Racial Equity Framework” draft. The hosting office hours for feedback were posted. • The Spring General Community meeting will be held on April 24th at the Cal Endowment. More details and finalized agenda will be shared soon. <p>b. Armando, community member, raised a question about how this committee influences the decision of a city pertaining to the criminalization of homelessness as being unconstitutional. One example was the City of Fresno where its Continuum of Care (CoC) committee wrote a letter to the City council outlining that their sit/lie ordinance might constitute the criminalization of homelessness and jeopardize Federal funding. Moe Wright answered that in the past, this council has issued opinion on policy changes such as non-smoking in units, criminal background checks for rentals, etc. C’Mone Falls recommended to take this item back to the planning meeting and evaluate whether it should be added to a future agenda item.</p> <p>c. Katricia Stewart shared that a survey to provide feedback for Persons with Lived Experiences of Homelessness on CoC Participation Support is now closed. The next steps are coordinating discussion groups with folks with lived experience serving in the CoC to share survey results and to search for implementation of solutions. Further updates will be shared soon.</p>	<p>2:15 – 2:20pm</p>
<p>5. Leadership Board Updates (Moe Wright)</p> <p>a. Moe Wright thanked Kerry Abbott for her years of service working with the CoC and gave a short history of her important role throughout the years. Other members of the public joined</p>	<p>2:20 – 2:30pm</p>

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<p>him to thank Kerry and wish her the best in her future endeavor.</p>	
<p>6. HHAP-5 Application (Suzanne Warner/C'Mone Falls)</p> <p>a. Suzanne Warner and C'Mone Falls gave a quick overview of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) grant. The presentation covered the history of previous rounds with dollar amounts, current efforts supported with HHAP funds, the HHAP-5 application including system performance measure and key actions, timeline, next steps, and budget. The County, the CoC, and the City of Oakland have been working together to submit this application. The team left time open for questions and feedback and many members provided different points of view as to how the collaboration between OHCC, the CoC and the City of Oakland should be carried out. The application was shared with a few members to review areas of improvement on the narrative of pro-housing questions. C'Mone clarified that this round is not a competitive application. The application is due on March 27th.</p> <p><i>Action Item 1</i></p> <p>i. Doug Biggs made a motion to support the HHAP-5 application as prepared by OHACC and the City of Oakland. Seconded by: Andrea Ford. <i>Discussion:</i> None.</p> <p>ii. <u>Roll Call Vote:</u> AYES: Andrea Ford, Annie Bailey, Brenda Wadsworth, Christine Ma, C'Mone Falls, Deidre Wan, Doug Biggs, Peter Radu, Ray Corona, Josh Thurman, Kate Hart, Laurie Flores, Liz Varela, Moe Wright, Ms. Shelley Gonzalez, Paul Berry, Ray Bonilla, Sharon Cornu, Shatae Jones, Nic Ming, Vivian Wan. NOES: None. ABSTAINS: Jonathan Russell.</p> <p>iii. Motion passes with 21 yes votes.</p>	<p>2:30 – 3:05pm</p>
<p>7. Establishing Racial Equity Liaisons (Kim Natarajan)</p> <p>a. Kim Natarajan announced that the CoC was looking to approve the designation of one to three Leadership Board's voting members to serve as Racial Equity Liaisons. It was explained that every committee has a liaison seat, and committees can choose to send between one to three members and identify the primary member designated to vote and its two proxies. The main responsibility of the liaisons is to serve as a connection point between the Leadership Board and the Racial Equity Committee. Nic Ming expressed that this item will be brought back next month to provide more details around structure and goals as well as how to advance and</p>	<p>3:05pm – 3:15pm</p>

<p>center racial equity in the system of care. Ms. Shelley Gonzalez reminded the Leadership Board group to be more mindful of the different levels of expertise of the entire group and requested to provide the full names of acronyms as an example to more inclusive and to advocate of those who are not experts on the matter.</p> <p><i>Action Item II</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Moe Wright made a motion to confirm liaisons Shatae Jones as the primary and Ms. Shelley Gonzalez as second liaison to Racial Equity Committee from Leadership Board. Seconded by: Ray Bonilla. <i>Discussion:</i> None. ii. <u>Roll Call Vote:</u> AYES: Andrea Ford, Annie Bailey, Brenda Wadsworth, Christine Ma, C'Mone Falls, Deidre Wan, Doug Biggs, Peter Radu, Ray Corona, Josh Thurman, Kate Hart, Jonathan Russell, Laurie Flores, Liz Varela, Moe Wright, Ms. Shelley Gonzalez, Paul Berry, Ray Bonilla, Sharon Cornu, Shatae Jones, Nic Ming, Vivian Wan. NOES: None. ABSTAINS: None. iii. Motion passes with 22 yes votes. 	
<p>8. Racial Equity Committee Report Out (Nic Ming)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nic Ming gave some brief updates from the Racial Equity Committee. The presentation included the Racial Equity framework, office hours results, the guiding principles described in the framework, and next steps. Nic also provided an update on the current list REC members including the ongoing nomination of liaisons from other committees, voting seats to be determined, and March REC meeting highlights. Darlene Flynn went over the changes recommended by the Racial Equity committee for the HHAP-5 application and expressed a tight deadline that the group had to accomplish in order to review and provide feedback. The redline version of the application with the recommendations were shown. Anyone who has further recommendations or questions can reach out to this committee group. 	3:15 – 3:30pm
<p>9. Backbone Entity Evaluation Workgroup Report Out (Moe Wright)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Moe Wright discussed the designated entity review and evaluation process. The first entity to be reviewed is the Backbone Entity, contracted through OHCC, Homepage. The names of those who participated in the discussion, and the materials, such as the contracts that were reviewed, were presented. Anyone who has additional feedback of Homepage’s performance can email Moe Wright directly at 	3:30 – 3:55pm

<p>mwright@bbiconstruction.com. This feedback will be incorporated into the overall evaluation process. Ray Corona raised the question about whether there is a policy or guidelines about decision-making and overall feedback about the entire discussion. Moe answered that these are open meetings and any feedback brought up within the committees or the Leadership Board committee are public and should be transparent. Moe reiterated that the purpose of the evaluation for all entities is to have some accountability, to have a formal place where the CoC can direct or redirect the activities of designated entities, and for the Board to have a clear process for ensuring entities are carrying out the mission in the name of the entire CoC. Most of the entities are designated as OHCC, with some being contracted through OHCC (such as Homebase). This process helps to review the scope of work and determine if modifications or changes for next period are needed. Nic Ming suggested that for the process of evaluating the HMIS entity, the CoC collect some feedback from people who utilize HMIS such as providers and people with experience in homelessness.</p>	
<p>10. Coordinated Entry Policy Annual Recertification Process Update (Kate Hart)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Kate Hart went over the recertification process of the Coordinated Entry policy, which is recertified every Spring. The action steps taken so far in 2024, upcoming plans, and the background information to be included in the review process for Fall were shared. The metrics that are used to track coordinated entry success will also be evaluated in 2024. The Racial Equity committee as well as the new Racial Equity Liaisons will be involved in reviewing the Coordinated Entry documents for the upcoming Fall 2024 review process. Anyone interested in being part of the discussion may contact Kim Natarajan and Kate Hart. 	<p>3:55 – 4:10pm</p>
<p>11. Spring Community Meeting Plans (Kris Maun and Jose Lucio)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Jose Lucio announced that the spring community meeting this year will be on April 24th at the California Endowment in Oakland, CA. Part of the agenda will include voting for Board nominations, lunch activities for people with lived experience, and a presentation on the regional bond. Jose shared the draft agenda and a calendar hold will be sent to all. 	<p>4:10 – 4:25pm</p>
<p>12. Closing (Kim Natarajan)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on upcoming agenda items for next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The next Leadership Board Meeting is April 18th, 2024 from 2-4:30 PM. 	<p>4:25 – 4:30pm</p>