

LEADERSHIP BOARD OAKLAND, BERKELEY/ALAMEDA COUNTY
COC

Leadership Board
Thursday, May 16, 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, Co-Chair Youth Committee	Present
Brenda Wadsworth	Community Member	Present
C'Mone Falls	City of Oakland, Co-Chair LB	Present
Darin Lounds	Housing Consortium of the East Bay	Present
Deidre Wan	Community Member	Present
Doug Biggs	Alameda Point Collaborative	Present
Frank Rogers	Community Member	Present
Josh Thurman	City of Livermore	Present
Kate Hart	SAVE, Co-Chair OAC Committee	Present
Laurie Flores	City of Fremont	Present
Liz Varela	Building Futures	Present
Ms. Shelley Gonzalez	Community Member	Present
Nic Ming	Community Member	Present
Peter Radu	City of Berkeley	Present
Shatae Jones	Alameda Alliance for Health, Co-Chair HMIS	Present
Suzanne Warner	Alameda County Housing and Homelessness Services	Present
Tunisia Owens	Family Violence Law Center, Co-Chair Racial Equity Committee	Present
Adrienne Chambers	Alameda County Probation	(absent)
Jason Earl	City of Dublin, Co-Chair HSHP	(absent)
Jen Lucky	Housing and Homelessness Services, Co-Chair SCF	(absent)

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Jonathan Russell	Alameda County Housing and Homelessness Services	(absent-sub present)
Michelle Starratt	Alameda County HCD	(absent)
Moe Wright	Community Member, Co-Chair LB	(absent)
Paul Berry	Community Member, YAB member	(absent)
Paulette Franklin	Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services	(absent)
Ray Corona	Co-Chair SCF Committee	(absent)
Sharon Cornu	St. Mary's Center, HCC Co-Chair	(absent)
Vivian Wan	Abode	(absent)

Public

Anna Fellers	H&H
Chloe Green	Chloe Green Consulting
Dani Staub	Alameda Alliance for Health
Dr. Kenisha Bryant	Abt Global
Jenn Oakley	Rising Sun Opportunities
Josh Jacobs	City of Berkeley
Joyce Probst MacAlpine	Abt Global
Kate Bristol	Kate Bristol Consulting
Katie Barnett	All Home
Kristy Greenwalt	Abt Global
Martha Elias	Alameda County Health
Matt Simmonds	Simtech Solutions Inc.
Phil Clark	ACHCH
Sasha Hauswald	City of Oakland
Tiara Jones	City of Oakland, Community Homelessness Services
Tony Daquipa	City of Oakland

Staff

Aram Hauslaib	Homebase
Esther Wilch	Homebase
Katricia Stewart	Homebase
Kim Natarajan	Homebase
Tania Morales	Homebase

Agenda and Minutes

<p>1. Welcome and Introductions (C'Mone Falls)</p>	<p>2:00 – 2:05pm</p>
<p>2. Leadership Board Public Comment (C'Mone Falls)</p> <p>a. Katie Barnett, All Home staff and Alameda resident, shared that she was delighted to see the PIT data results with a decrease in homelessness and would like to know if this was the result of changes in processes this year such as the change in vendor, use of mobile app, etc. as this will help evaluate the depth of data quality and trends. A PIT presentation is scheduled for Leadership Board later this year when the full report is released.</p>	<p>2:05 – 2:10pm</p>
<p>3. Approval of minutes, March 21st, 2024 (C'Mone Falls)</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. Laurie Flores announced that the City of Fremont took the Homeless Response Plan to the City Council on May 21st. Laurie invited people in the community to attend.</p> <p>b. Kim Natarajan shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NOFO process is in the pre-activity stage. An orientation and Letters of Interest (LOI) for new organization that are interested in applying took place. New updates will be posted on the EveryOne Home's website. • The Nomination Committee continues to review applications and the decision of who will be voting members will be announced soon. • A survey requesting feedback from participants who attended the Community Meeting last month went out. The link to the survey can be found here. • The preliminary 2024 PIT data was released on May 15, 2024. When the full report is ready there will be a presentation in an upcoming Leadership Board meeting. 	<p>2:15 – 2:20pm</p>
<p>5. Leadership Board Updates (C'Mone Falls)</p> <p>a. C'Mone Falls reminded all that committee meetings are intended to be an informational space for the community, to learn what the CoC is, and the role that everyone can play in helping lead and oversee homelessness intervention and support throughout Alameda County. Community members who would like to add an item on the agenda for the Leadership Board to address at a future meeting may submit it to C'Mone Falls and Moe Wright.</p>	<p>2:20 – 2:30pm</p>

<p>6. Racial Equity Committee Report Out (Tunisia Owens)</p> <p>a. The Racial Equity Committee continues to get everyone on board and is trying to streamline the process as well as developing the work plan. It was highlighted the importance of liaisons feel confident in their role. Currently, they are looking at all committees and their work plans so that REC can be a resource for everyone.</p>	<p>2:30 – 2:45pm</p>
<p>7. HMIS Policy Annual Recertification Process Update (Katricea Stewart)</p> <p>a. The HMIS committee approved the HMIS Policy and Procedures document in the April meeting. The HMIS lead team had been updating the policy throughout the year and they have been praised for their data quality work. The Lead Entity Monitoring process will be done in August and it will be shared at a future Leadership Board meeting once completed.</p>	<p>2:45 – 3:00pm</p>
<p>8. New Supports for PWLE (Lyn Nesbitt, Katricea Stewart)</p> <p>a. The Homebase team has collected feedback from people with lived experience (PWLE) through a survey and focus groups. Reviewing the information, the team has identified ways they can better support the work of PWLE in the committees, what is working well and what can be improved. A small workgroup met before the survey went out to brainstorm ideas in how to better support people with lived experience engaging in CoC activities; the group convened again at the end of the survey process to establish some guidelines based on the feedback received and next steps. A document summarizing the feedback from the survey was shared. Some of the major highlights from the survey are: 1) revamp agenda and meeting minutes across all committees to include helpful links and summaries; 2) publicly available acronym list; 3) lived experience office hour space facilitated by Homebase and one peer facilitator with deeper dive training and support. Other ideas were to establish a group of volunteers who can be paired with a buddy for additional support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katie Barnett suggested clarifying what the terms of helping people with lived experience means as not to avert the needs from other regular community members who are also experiencing economic hardship so that they are not separated or alienated. Another suggestion was that changes in the policies should reflect the benefit for everyone in the community and to clarify the type of help people with lived experience need. Katricea answered that this request came directly from people with lived experience who wants better support in their CoC activities. • Nic Ming recommended looking into how the CoC can create better support within their committee members with 	<p>3:00 – 3:15pm</p>

<p>lived experience to be able to speak for themselves and to have processes and structures in place that accommodate this need.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phil Clark expressed that as a person who experienced homelessness and being poor while young it was all about lack of resources and not understanding structures. The importance of inclusion, adding structures to validate the success, action driven plans, data and evidence, and listening to people who have been homeless are in part some areas a community can do for people who are homeless to thrive. • Jenn Oakley mentioned that the office hours held by OAC for people with lived experience were very useful and everyone who showed up felt included and they appreciated this kind of support. • Deidre Wan recommended that people with lived experience who don't feel connected to the work should be paired with a buddy or mentor volunteer. She also suggested doing more outreach. • C'Mone Falls indicated that it might be important to open up the meeting with community members' introduction as done in the past when the CoC was formed. Community members may contact C'Mone and Moe Wright to request to add an agenda item to be included for future community discussion. 	
<p>9. CE Evaluation Process Update (C'Mone Falls)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. C'Mone shared a brief summary of the Coordinated Entry System Evaluation process. The process will begin in the fall, led by Outreach Access and Coordination Committee but overseen and confirmed by Leadership Board. 	<p>3:15 – 3:20pm</p>
<p>10. HUD CES Requirements (Abt Global)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Kenisha Bryant and Joyce Probst, from Abt Global, a HUD TA (Department of Housing and Urban Development Technical Assistance) provider for the Unsheltered NOFO, went over the minimum Coordinated Entry System requirements from HUD. The presentation included a detailed list and timeline of requirements, review of the core components, and the intention of continuous improvement of CES. b. A request was made to have a public-facing and user-friendly communication template; it will be put together and will consider how to frame the language around the policy. The sample text from HUD provided during the meeting contained basic requirements for communities to implement in their communities but some of the language shown should be structured based on the specific needs of the CoC. There is scheduled to be a follow up presentation explaining local implementation of CES at the next board meeting. 	<p>3:20 – 3:40pm</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. A board member asked if this policy serves people equally and how the wording reflects equality. Kenisha answered that the Racial Equity Committee will be the body to review the language. A link to the most current local CES policy and requirements can be found here. HUD’s 2017 notice establishing additional requirements for CoC Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System can be found here. d. The recording of this agenda item will be made available to the public on the Homebase YouTube channel. 	
<p>11. Unsheltered SNOFO TA Process Overview (Abt Global)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Kenisha Bryant went over the Unsheltered NOFO TA. The presentation included the importance of grants, HUD policy priorities, list of Unsheltered NOFO projects, technical assistance, outreach and engagement, TA plan, and TA approach as equity driven. 	3:40 – 3:50pm
<p>12. NOFO Process Overview (Kate Bristol, Esther Wilch)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Kate Bristol presented the background of the NOFO process and its early start on the preparation for 2024, the NOFO workgroup composition which started meeting in March, the work up to date with some of the changes such as format, platform, and scoring criteria, and next steps. 	3:50 – 4:05pm
<p>13. 2024 PIT Communications Update (Suzanne Warner)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Suzanne Warner presented the preliminary high-level PIT results which was released on May 15, 2024. The data was submitted to HUD on May 10, 2024. A more detailed analysis and full report will come in the next few months. The countywide image graph that shows a 3% decrease for the overall county count, regional breakdowns, and methodology improvements were shared. The more detailed survey data will also be available in the summer full report release. b. Katie Barnett pointed out that the number of respondents and demographic information from the survey will be an interesting piece of data to see and added that in previous years, the survey was conducted in popular areas during the day a few days after the count. Suzanne answered that the survey for 2024 was conducted during the same day as the count, in the daytime starting from 6am. 	4:05 – 4:50pm
<p>14. 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 June 20th, 2024 from 2-4:30 PM. 	4:25 – 4:30pm