

LEADERSHIP BOARD OAKLAND, BERKELEY/ALAMEDA COUNTY
COC

Leadership Board
Thursday, August 15, 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

Adrienne Chambers	Alameda County Probation	Present
Anissa Basoco-Villarreal (sub for Andrea Ford)	Alameda County Social Services Agency	Present
Brenda Wadsworth	Community Member	(absent)
C'Mone Falls	City of Oakland, Co-Chair LB	Present
Doug Biggs	Alameda Point Collaborative	(absent)
Jonathan Russell	Alameda County Housing and Homelessness Services	Present
Josh Thurman	City of Livermore	Present
Kate Hart	SAVE, Co-Chair OAC Committee	Present
Liz Varela	Building Futures	Present
Michelle Starratt	Alameda County HCD	Present
Moe Wright	Community Member, Co-Chair LB	Present
Ms. Shelley Gonzalez	Community Member	Present
Nic Ming	Community Member	Present
Paul Berry	Community Member, YAB member	Present
Peter Radu	City of Berkeley	Present
Ray Corona	Co-Chair SCF Committee	Present
Sharon Cornu	St. Mary's Center	Present
Shatae Jones	Alameda Alliance for Health	Present
Tunisia Owens	Family Violence Law Center, Co-Chair Racial Equity Committee	Present
Annie Bailey	City of Fremont, Co-Chair Youth Committee	(absent)
Darin Lounds	Housing Consortium of the East Bay	(absent)

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Deidre Wan	Community Member	(absent)
Frank Rogers	Community Member	(absent)
Jason Earl	City of Dublin, Co-Chair HSHP	(absent)
Laurie Flores	City of Fremont	(absent)
Paulette Franklin	Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services	(absent)
Suzanne Warner	Alameda County Housing and Homelessness Services	(absent)
Vivian Wan	Abode	(absent)

Public

Alan Guttirez	Alameda County H&H
Anna Fellers	Alameda County H&H
Anthony Stott	Cal-PEP
Chloé Green	Sowing Love
Christoverre Kohler	Community member
Dani S.	Alameda Alliance for Health
Dr. Kenisha Bryant	Abt Global
Evan Schieber	
Jen Lucky	H&H
Josh Jacobs	City of Berkeley
Kate Bristol	Kate Bristol Consulting
Kerry Abbott	Alameda County
Maryann Leshin	City of Oakland
Michai Freeman	Center for Independent Living
Miguel Dwin	Alameda County Human Relations Commission
Oscar Macias	Alameda Alliance for Health
Patrick Anderson	Community member, The Intelligent Human Voice Podcast
Pauline Blackwell	Alameda County HCD
Phil Clark	ACHCH
Riley Wilkerson	Alameda County H&H
Shalawn Garcia	

Staff

Aram Hauslaib	Homebase
Jose Lucio	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) a. No comments.</p>	<p>2:05 – 2:10pm</p>
<p>3. Approval of minutes, June 20th, 2024 (C'Mone Falls) 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Michelle Starratt announced that Alameda County Housing and Community Development (HCD) is now accepting public comments on the 10-Year Housing Plan (2025-2035) draft. The final draft will be presented to the County Board of Supervisors in October. b. Michelle Starratt shared that the Regional Bond, the \$20 billion affordable housing bond, has been pulled from the ballot. Due to this change, local government agencies will focus on putting their efforts on another statewide ballot measure to pass, Proposition 5, which would lower the taxpayer threshold from 67% to 55%. c. Jonathan Russell announced that the State has released information on the second portion of Proposition 1, which will fund supportive housing programs for vets and people with behavioral health challenges. The fund total is \$2 billion dollars under the Homekey+ Program. More information can be found here. d. Jonathan Russell introduced the newest staff member of H&H, the Director of System, Access and Equity - Alan Guttirez. Members of the CoC Racial Equity committee were part of the interview panel. Alan Guttirez introduced himself and gave a brief work background. e. Doug Biggs shared that the construction for the Respite Center is halfway done and it will be a state-of-the-art national model for respite projects. Alameda Point Collaborative is also developing two other PSH projects in partnership with Building Futures. f. Doug Biggs announced that he will be retiring in December and there is an active search for his replacement. He encouraged people to visit the agency's website for more information and apply. 	<p>2:15 – 2:20pm</p>
<p>5. Leadership Board Updates (C'Mone Falls) a. None.</p>	<p>2:20 – 2:30pm</p>

<p>6. Nominations Committee (Moe Wright)</p> <p>a. The list of the proposed new members for four different committees is as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="418 310 1188 781"> <thead> <tr> <th>Committee</th> <th>Name</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="4">Housing Capacity Committee</td> <td>Jared DeFig</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Isamar Ochoa Dominguez</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ms. Shelley Gonzalez</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Caroline Topee</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="3">Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention</td> <td>William Mendoza</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Money Starr-DeLuca</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anthony Stott</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMIS Committee</td> <td>Krsna Hare</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Outreach Access and Coordination Committee</td> <td>Marlisa Fischer</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>100% of the nominees have lived experience of homelessness, 56% identify as BIPOC</i></p> <p><i>Action Item I</i></p> <p>i. Moe Wright made a motion to approve the proposed new committee members as selected by Nominations Committee. Seconded by: Michelle Starratt. <i>Discussion:</i> None.</p> <p>ii. <u>Roll Call Vote:</u> AYES: Andrea Ford, Brenda Wadsworth C’Mone Falls, Doug Biggs, Josh Thurman, Kate Hart, Jonathan Russell, Liz Varela, Michelle Starratt, Moe Wright, Peter Radu, Paul Berry, Ray Corona, Sharon Cornu, Shatae Jones, NOES: None. ABSTAINS: Nic Ming, Ms. Shelley Gonzalez, Tunisia Owens.</p> <p>iii. Motion passes with 15 yes votes.</p>	Committee	Name	Housing Capacity Committee	Jared DeFig	Isamar Ochoa Dominguez	Ms. Shelley Gonzalez	Caroline Topee	Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention	William Mendoza	Money Starr-DeLuca	Anthony Stott	HMIS Committee	Krsna Hare	Outreach Access and Coordination Committee	Marlisa Fischer	<p>2:30 – 2:45pm</p>
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<p>7. Temporary AI Policy (C’Mone Falls)</p> <p>a. The Temporary Policy on the Use of AI was extended to September and this agenda item was sent directly for a vote.</p> <p><i>Action Item II</i></p> <p>i. Michelle Starratt made a motion to extend the “Temporary Policy on the Use of AI” until September discussion. Seconded by: C’Mone Falls. <i>Discussion:</i> None.</p> <p>ii. <u>Roll Call Vote:</u> AYES: Andrea Ford, Brenda Wadsworth C’Mone Falls, Email Homebase: Alameda@HomebaseCCC.org</p>	<p>2:45 – 2:55pm</p>															

<p>Doug Biggs, Josh Thurman, Kate Hart, Jonathan Russell, Liz Varela, Michelle Starratt, Moe Wright, Ms. Shelley Gonzalez, Peter Radu, Paul Berry, Sharon Cornu, Shatae Jones, NOES: None. ABSTAINS: Nic Ming, Tunisia Owens.</p> <p>iii. Motion passes with 15 yes votes.</p>	
<p>8. CoC Builds Grant (C'Mone Falls)</p> <p>a. Kate Bristol went over the details of HUD's CoC Builds Grant opportunity. The presentation covered the purpose of grants, application process, available funding, and use of funds. Kate explained that this grant is overlapping with the regular NOFO — it came out earlier and due later than regular NOFO. The CoCs are encouraged to develop a selection process and scoring criteria to identify the most viable project, and then sign a letter of support. The available funding is \$175 million dollars nationally with up to 70% to be used for acquisition, rehab or new construction. Alameda County can apply for up to \$10 million and may submit only one project proposal. The application deadline is November 21st, 2024. There will be 25 awards total across the country. C'Mone added that the application has already been released and agencies within Alameda's jurisdictions can decide if they want to apply. The two committees recommended to collaborate on the applications are the CoC Standards, Compliance, and Funding Committee who are responsible for CoC NOFO and the Housing Capacity Committee who are familiar in this type of development and building work.</p> <p><i>Action Item III</i></p> <p>i. Michelle Starratt made a motion to authorize the Collaborative Applicant to pursue the CoC Builds Grant Opportunity presented in this year's HUD NOFO, with CoC Leadership Board Strategic Direction to focus on shovel ready or similarly quick projects for the funding to meet the timeliness criteria, and to work with the Housing Capacity Committee for input. Seconded by: Peter Radu. <i>Discussion: None.</i></p> <p>ii. <u>Roll Call Vote:</u> AYES: Andrea Ford, Brenda Wadsworth C'Mone Falls, Doug Biggs, Josh Thurman, Kate Hart, Jonathan Russell, Liz Varela, Michelle Starratt, Moe Wright, Ms. Shelley Gonzalez, Peter Radu, Paul Berry, Ray Corona, Shatae Jones, Tunisia Owens. NOES: None. ABSTAINS: Nic Ming, Sharon Cornu.</p> <p>iii. Motion passes with 16 yes votes.</p>	

<p>9. Racial Equity Committee Report Out (Tunisia Owens)</p> <p>a. Nic Ming raised the question when it will be a good time for the Racial Equity committee to present at a Leadership Board meeting to confirm and identify what the racial equity priority items are. C’Mone answered that this item can be added to the September chairs planning meeting and additionally, discuss further at the Racial Equity Committee meeting with the board chairs and the county. Ms. Shelley mentioned that she and Sunita compiled a starter file that have links embedded that can help people to get information about the Racial Equity Framework (slides 8-14).</p>	<p>2:55 – 3:05pm</p>
<p>10. CoC Planning Grant Budget Overview (Alameda County Health, Housing and Homelessness Services)</p> <p>a. Riley Wilkerson gave a brief overview of the CoC planning grant. The presentation covered the background, eligible planning grant activities, RFP process, current Homebase’s contract with activities and budget, Homebase’s contract hours, current grant information with Kate Bristol and HMIS staff, County match, and priorities for future planning grants. The current award, which are funds from 2022 grant, is \$1.1 million. The grant of fiscal year 2023 begins May 2025. C’Mone Falls stated the importance for everyone in the committee to understand their role in the planning budget process and to know where the funds are being spent. Some of the clarification questions/answers were that the current HMIS grant is funded from multiple sources including the CoC planning funds, a new CoC expansion grant, and other County funds. The amount spent on stipends in the Homebase budget is connected to growth in committees, which there are now nine committees total with each committee having at least five persons with lived experience receiving stipends for committee attendance. The stipend funds may also be used in special cases such as the annual community meetings.</p>	<p>3:35 – 4:00pm</p>
<p>11. Alameda County CES Implementation Overview (Anna Fellers, H+H)</p> <p>a. Anna Fellers presented an overview of the CoC Leadership Board Coordinated Entry System in Alameda County and discussed its system design, including components, the roadmap on how to access CE, matched resources, access points, the zones and regions of access map, screening of assessments, prioritization, Housing Problem Solving, 2023 and data. Peter Radu recommended to look at how many people are referred into permanent support housing site by region as there may be disproportionate amount of funding in some regions. Anna answered that there are different ways to</p>	<p>4:00 – 4:25pm</p>

<p>look at this but one concern is that there might be a lot of units in one city but not in another city, so it is important to look at the numbers in the context of a whole community solution. Jonathan Russell added that this information might be present in the CE quarterly reports. The link to the Alameda County Coordinated Entry Policies document was shared in the chat and can be found here.</p>	
<p>12. Cities' Encampment Prioritization Matrix (Peter Radu, City of Berkeley)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Peter Radu presented the "Implementation Guidance for Encampment Prioritization Matrix document", which was sent from a number of City Mayors to the Leadership Board for consideration. (from the cities of Alameda, Berkeley, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, and San Leandro.) It was drafted within The City-County Mayor's Technical Working Group on Homelessness, formed in 2021, consisting of city leadership representatives. The document provides cities guidelines on how to categorize encampments using health and safety factors.b. The document was presented within the context of recent actions such as Governor Newsom's Order N-1-24 and the Grant's Pass Supreme Court Ruling. Governor Newsom's order urges local governments and cities to adopt policies consistent with the order, to use all available resources and infrastructure, and to take action with the urgency this crisis demands to humanely remove encampments from public spaces.c. Peter affirmed that this was just an informational item on the agenda and requires no action from the Board at this time, but local elected leaders are asking the CoC to prioritize responding to this draft matrix.d. The following were part of the discussion and clarifying information around this topic: 1) Doug Biggs asked what the intent of relocation is and if it intends to relocate people within the same jurisdiction. Peter answered that the matrix does not talk about relocation recommendation but more about codes in violation and compliance, coordination of outreach, mitigation materials, dumpsters, and balance of needs and rights for people living in the encampments; they have a social contract with cities to manage and to do everything possible to get people connected to interim or permanent housing. 2) C'Mone Falls asked what the end goal is as these guidelines do not directly connect with what the CoC can control. Peter answered that the Governor asked to adopt a policy that is consistent with the executive order. Peter stated the CoC is the place where the community can come together and talk about these issues; and this is the body that is being charged with formulating the policy about operating the Homeless Service System and sends a clear message to local	

<p>governments that our system of care wants to do this.</p> <p>e. This item has been discussed with the Outreach Access and Coordination Committee, who currently have an active workgroup on the topic of Unsheltered Homelessness, considering encampment strategies including the Matrix. C'Mone proposed to have this information shared with that committee to inform their decision and for that committee to give an update. Peter requested Kim to set up an agenda item. Kim informed that the Unsheltered Work Group is scheduled to give an update to the Outreach Access and Coordination Committee in September before the next Leadership Board meeting so it is possible that they can bring an update at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>13. Discussion: Governor’s Order N-1-24 and Grants Pass Supreme Court Ruling (C’Mone Falls)</p> <p>a. C’Mone opened a space for members to share their thoughts on these recent developments. Liz Varela shared that her staff is struggling with encampments being cleared without communication to their outreach team and it is very frustrating to see folx disappear and not being able to find them. They are planning to add drop in at a shelter in addition to a housing waiting list.</p> <p>b. Peter Radu answered that it is important to set aside some portion of resources to aid cities who want to do the right thing and prioritize who we are serving with existing resources. He stated there is a model for doing things better and promulgate the encampment matrix with resources in our system that might be prioritized and in what capacity.</p> <p>c. This agenda item will be brought back at a later meeting for further discussion with specific notes.</p> <p>d. In general, anyone who would like to request an item be added to the Leadership Board agenda or submit a public comment to Leadership Board may send an email to Homebase at kim@homebaseccc.org.</p>	
<p>14. Closing (Kim Natarajan)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on upcoming agenda items for next meeting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The next Leadership Board Meeting is September 19th, 2024 from 2-4:30 PM. b. The October meeting may be moved to the second Thursday of the month to accommodate the NOFO schedule. The proposed date would be October 10th. An email from Homebase asking for quorum will follow. 	<p>4:25 – 4:30pm</p>