



**THE OAKLAND, BERKELEY/ ALAMEDA COUNTY CoC
Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention Committee
September 11, 2024
1:30-3:30 PM
Agenda**

**Swords to Plowshares, 330 Franklin Street,
Oakland, CA 94607**

[Link to Zoom Meeting](#)

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Meeting ID: 83085774509

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Helpful links:

- **Google drive folder** for the Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention Committee: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zPoP9Q_HT-Q9rCaXvKazzlURH-vfndxt?usp=drive_link
- **Website page** (on EveryOne Home website) for the Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention Committee: <https://everyonehome.org/about/committees/housing-stability-and-homelessness-prevention-committee/>
- **Acronyms and Glossary:** https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1I8hFMAU2IE-FqYmK8TZ9Hp40vmS1zRck9EBEbPIbwy8/edit?usp=drive_link

Committee Purpose

The purpose of the Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention Committee is to develop strategies and collaborations to prevent new homelessness, including for formerly homeless people who have moved into housing. Learn more about the Committee's purpose [here](#).

Meeting Purpose / Overview

This meeting will be a hybrid meeting with in-person and virtual attendance options as detailed above. This meeting has also been extended from the usual 90 minutes to 2

hours. The purpose of this meeting will be to review the work that has been completed by the Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention Committee, including reviewing the information that has been gathered regarding the prevention landscape, and begin to develop a workplan for the Committee’s role in the Homelessness Prevention Framework.

Agenda Items

<p>1. <u>Welcome/Introductions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Introductions and Icebreaker: The Committee members engaged in an icebreaker exercise to break into groups of two, interview each other, and introduce each other to the group. b. The Committee members approved the minutes from the August 14, 2024 meeting. 	<p>1:30-1:40</p>
<p>2. <u>Public Comment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. There were no public comments. 	<p>1:40-1:45</p>
<p>3. <u>Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Community Meeting Save the Date</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Fall Community Meeting will be Tuesday, October 29 and Wednesday, October 30, 2024. The event will be held at the California Endowment, 2000 Franklin Street, Oakland, CA 94612. A virtual option will be available. ii. If you have any questions, please email alameda@homebaseccc.org. b. <u>Alameda County Fair Housing Survey</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Alameda County is currently conducting a county-wide regional fair housing survey as part of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) as part of the upcoming five-year Consolidated Plan (2025-2029). ii. Complete Survey: https://bit.ly/acfairhousing24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Available in Chinese, Spanish, Persian, Vietnamese, and Tagalog 2. Survey will close September 13, 2024 iii. Alameda County is hosting a series of in-person and virtual meetings across the county to discuss the draft report findings and proposed actions. Zoom registration here: bit.ly/aczoom24. 	<p>1:45-1:50</p>
<p>4. <u>Racial Equity Committee Report Out</u> (Kelly Hoffman, Racial Equity Liaison)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Racial Equity Committee is working on a work plan. They are in a similar place as this Committee and is looking at what other Committees are working on. 	<p>1:55-2:00</p>

<p>5. <u>Review Committee Roles and Responsibilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Committee members reviewed the Committee’s Roles and Responsibilities, as stated in the EveryOne Home governance charter. b. The Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention Committee’s purpose is to develop strategies and collaborations to prevent new homelessness, including for formerly homeless people who have moved into housing. The Committee is charged with identifying best practices, strategies to improve the effectiveness of existing homelessness prevention and housing stability initiatives, and opportunities for cross-sector collaboration to slow inflow into the homeless services systems. c. The Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention Committee’s roles and responsibilities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Consult with local government recipients on allocations of prevention funding; ii. Determine how to integrate homelessness prevention assistance into the broader system; iii. Monitor inflow data to determine populations at greatest risk of experiencing homelessness, along with key causes/drivers of homelessness; iv. Identify gaps in programming and develop recommendations to better target prevention assistance and design more responsive, effective assistance models; v. Work with mainstream system partners to identify strategies to prevent discharge into the homelessness service system; vi. Coordinate with the System Impact Committee to identify supportive housing providers with high rates of returns homelessness; vii. Provide resources and support to improve performance; and viii. Track and monitor implementation of any racial equity objectives. 	<p>2:00-2:05</p>
<p>6. <u>Review of Prevention Landscape Progress</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Committee members reviewed the prevention presentations that they have heard and highlighted key takeaways. The presentations reviewed included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <u>Safe Passages</u> ii. <u>City of Fremont’s Stay Housed</u> iii. <u>Coalition on Solutions to End Older Adult Homelessness</u> iv. <u>Alameda County’s Homelessness Prevention Framework</u> v. <u>Keep Oakland Housed</u> 	<p>2:05-2:25</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> vi. All Home's Regional Homelessness Prevention vii. Alameda County's Housing Needs Assessment 	
<p>7. <u>Committee's Role in the Homelessness Prevention Framework</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Committee members discussed their role in the Homelessness Prevention Framework, which will designate the Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention Committee as the public body responsible for ongoing public information and recommendations for implementing the homelessness prevention response. b. Kelly Hoffman asked what the vision is for the Committee's role in the Homelessness Prevention Framework? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Jeanette Rodriguez shared that she doesn't think there's more. It would be helpful to implement some timelines and touchpoints, while recognizing that there isn't funding yet. It could be helpful to develop a 12-month timeline and think about what a reasonable timeframe would be to reach out to other partners. ii. Kelly Hoffman also suggested that the Committee could establish an equity framework, in terms of race, different populations, senior citizens but also equitable distribution of resources based on geography. We could also establish ongoing touchpoints that when there's funding how we can see if it is implemented. iii. Jeanette Rodriguez says that the Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention Committee can set up a reporting timeline and metrics. iv. Dot Theodore asked if the Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention Committee would be able to get data on when people have been unhoused and then enter into housing, what are the risk factors that lead them to losing their housing. She asks how we can access the data and use it to make decisions. v. Kelly Hoffman asked if there was any role in coordination of resources or in identifying opportunities for resource coordination. For example, what should be done when funding is identified? vi. Logan McDonnell observed that there needs to be something that addresses how to prevent homelessness in an interim, such as when there is funding coming in a year but what should be done now. c. Ms. Shelley Gonzalez observes that there is a recurring theme of needing more money and more space. Thinking about the presentations that we've seen, there isn't one better than the other. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Logan McDonnell noted that there is a programmatic aspect when you must make determinations about 	<p>2:25-3:25</p>

<p>prioritization and equity. Programs must decide who to serve, for example, whether they are more progressive or conservative. Whether they serve someone who needs long-term intervention when the prevention funds are only short-term.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Dot Theodore observed there's a need for housing or rehousing, but how much funding is available for prevention? Kelly Hoffman said there's virtually no funding for prevention. Dot observed then maybe that is what this Committee needs to do – advocating to the City Council or Board of Supervisors for funding and programming that can help people create a 6- month plan. iii. Logan McDonnell agreed and referenced the Destination: Home's <u>Home Not Found</u> study, which found homelessness has high costs to all systems. For him, it's a cost-saving benefit if all impacted systems put their funding towards something more proactive in preventing homelessness. iv. Eleni Spiru asked how programs can identify people who are getting behind on rent so that they can proactively seek assistance sooner. Ms. Shelley Gonzalez agreed that for most services, the person has to be facing eviction. There is no standard marketing for any help if you're just a little behind. It has to be documented with an eviction notice. v. Ms. Shelley Gonzalez noted that, for everything, the household has to be facing eviction for services because has to be documented with an eviction notice, etc. <p>d. Kris Maun asked a clarifying question about whether the development of the Committee's role in the Homelessness Prevention Framework, including infrastructure and metrics, could support a future funding request?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Jeanette Rodriguez shared that one of the needs in the Homelessness Prevention Framework is that it doesn't clarify an entity that will hold prevention work. With so many funding sources, there needs to be a determination of who is the entity holding prevention work. <p>e. Anthony Stott provided clarification that this Committee is not about providing services and resources to move people out of encampments but preventing people from returning. He shared that his organization has launched a Housing Stability Workshop that is working on keeping people housed. There is a huge need for support and supportive services for people to avoid returning to unsheltered homelessness, especially in</p>	
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rental agreements. Sometimes people don't have the capacity and they need grace to have a good chance.

- i. Dot Theodore agreed it is a challenge that property managers don't understand that.
 - ii. Grecia Mannah-Ayon shared that what she has seen for prevention is a need for funding for rental subsidies or housing. If it is funding for rental subsidies, it needs to be a deep, long-term investment. In the City of Alameda, they are doing a basic income pilot that provides a long-term gain. But when you're engaged in the work, it can be hard to collect the data. So it would be helpful to know the political power of this Committee to advocate for rental subsidies or money so that people don't return to homelessness. She also supports Anthony's statement about a need to support people once housed because it is not easy to transition into housing and administering a rental subsidy should include wraparound services.
- f. Kris Maun asked whether the Framework has a goal for there to be a lot of different prevention programs or a centralized strategy and if there is a Committee role that fits that?
- i. Ms. Shelley Gonzalez asked whether the Committee can serve as a go between for agencies, collecting and processing data so that the Committee can share recommendations.
 - ii. Logan McDonnell said that there is also a hub and spoke approach that addresses different populations, such as Transition Age Youth (TAY) and seniors. While one could say that the Coordinated Entry System already exists, there isn't really a prevention framework within that so that people fall through the cracks.
 - iii. Ms. Shelley Gonzalez asks how programs are marketing to people who need their services, using back to school night as an example.
- g. After a brief break, the Committee members identified five potential work plan goals that will be discussed and prioritized at the next meeting:
- i. Recommendations on populations that should be prioritized by homelessness prevention programs
 - ii. Recommendations on metrics and reporting (an opportunity to center racial equity)
 - iii. Identification of information/data sources (in collaboration with HMIS Committee)
 - iv. How programs are marketed and promoted to households that would benefit from them (an opportunity for PWLE engagement)

v. Recommendations on how homelessness prevention programs can be evaluated	
8. <u>Next Meeting is Wednesday, October 9, 2024 from 1:30-3:00</u> (Jason Earl, Co-Chair) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. At the next meeting, the Committee members will discuss how to prioritize the potential goals that they have identified and brainstorm action steps. b. The Committee members will also discuss future hybrid meetings. 	3:25-3:30

Committee Members Attendance

Dot Theodore	Present
Dylan Sweeney	Present
Eleni Spiru	Present
Kelly Hoffman	Present
Jake Medcalf	Absent
Jason Earl	Present
Jeanette Rodriguez	Present
Logan McDonnell	Present
Luke Barnesmoore	Present
Grecia Mannah-Ayon	Present
Ms. Shelley Gonzalez	Present
Richard Nudelman	Absent
William Mendoza	Present
Anthony Stott	Present

Public Attendance

- Sky Mihaylo

- Jennifer Vasquez
- Christoverre Kohler
- Hilda N.
- Imani Baylor