

**CoC Standards, Compliance, and Funding  
Committee  
Minutes  
February 06, 2025  
1:00pm-2:30pm**

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- **Website page** (on EveryOne Home website) for the CoC, Standards, Compliance, and Funding Committee:  
<https://everyonehome.org/about/committees/coc-standards-compliance-and-funding-committee/>
- **Acronyms and Glossary:**  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1I8hFMAU2IE-FqYmK8TZ9Hp40vmS1zRck9EBEbPIbwy8/edit?usp=drive\\_link](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1I8hFMAU2IE-FqYmK8TZ9Hp40vmS1zRck9EBEbPIbwy8/edit?usp=drive_link)
- **Alameda County data dashboard:**  
[https://homelessness.acgov.org/data\\_homeless\\_response.page](https://homelessness.acgov.org/data_homeless_response.page)

### Committee Purpose

The purpose of the CoC Standards, Compliance, and Funding Committee will be to support preparation of applications for CoC funding and support the Leadership Board in fulfilling its obligations as outlined in the HUD's CoC Program Interim Rule at 24 CFR 578.8. You can learn more about the Committee Purpose [here](#).

### Meeting Purpose / Overview

The focus of this month's meeting will be to hear a debrief on the 2024 CoC Funding Competition, from the CoC's NOFO consultant, Kate Bristol. Kate's presentation will help the committee kick off its 2025 NOFO-related workstreams:

- Updating the CoC Performance Measures
- Developing a Tool Kit to Support New, Smaller, and BIPOC-led Organizations
- Collaborative Applicant Self-Assessment and Recommendations for Future Enhancements

You can submit written comments and feedback before or after our using this [survey](#).

## Minutes

1. <b>Welcome and Introductions</b>
2. <b>Approval of minutes, 10/03/2024</b> a. Minutes approved.
3. <b>CoC SCF Committee Public Comment</b> a. No Public Comments.
4. <b>Announcements</b> a. If you have an idea for themes or presentations at the May Community Meeting, please let us know! Email your thoughts to <a href="mailto:alameda@homebaseccc.org">alameda@homebaseccc.org</a> before March 10th, 2025. b. The Harvard Kennedy School <a href="#">Government Performance Lab (GPL)</a> <b>invites you to join our Data-Driven Decision-Making Training series.</b> These trainings are virtual and open to anyone working in and around homelessness prevention and response work in Alameda County. The intended audience is those new to data.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Please register for the training <a href="https://bit.ly/gpltraining">here: bit.ly/gpltraining</a>.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Choose-Your-Own-Data-Adventure   Friday, Feb. 7 at 10 am - 11 am:</b> In this hands-on simulation, you'll be challenged to use limited data to understand and address an emerging homelessness concern.</li> <li>▪ <b>Continuous Improvement &amp; Key Performance Indicators   Friday, Feb. 14 at 10 am - 12 noon:</b> Not sure how best to use the data you have or see in meetings? This training will focus on tools to connect program and system goals with the data you track to help improve the services being delivered.</li> <li>▪ <b>Unpack &amp; Interpret Data   Friday, March 14 at 10 am - 12 noon:</b> Learn strategies for disaggregating data to better understand what your data is telling you.</li> <li>▪ <b>Communicate with Data   Friday, April 11 at 10 am - 12 noon:</b> Bring all your learnings from previous sessions together and focus on how to present data to support action-oriented meetings and conversations.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Please reach out to Sky Mihaylo (<a href="mailto:skymihaylo@hks.harvard.edu">skymihaylo@hks.harvard.edu</a>) if you have any questions.</li> </ul>

### c. Workgroup Opportunities:

- These three workgroups are looking for volunteers:
  - The Performance Measures Workgroup will update the Performance Measures for CoC projects, last updated about 10 years ago. The updated measures are planned to be used as a part of scoring the 2026 NOFO project applications.
  - The Data Quality Workgroup will develop a data quality plan for the community
  - SCF is developing a NOFO Toolkit in its NOFO Workgroup. The toolkit will be designed to help orient new applicants to the NOFO process of CoC funding.
- Seeking members who are: providers, PWLE, REC committee members, and Youth Committee members
- Please let us know via email if you are interested, no later than February 19th

### 5. Ice Breaker

Ms. Shelley: In thinking of the times we are in, remember yourself care.

Tunisia: I would like to think about lived expertise. Is that a data point we collect? Can feedback on a program be accounted for when scoring.

Laurie: Plus, one to everything said! I am interested in leveraging partners and coordination of similar services to enhance holistic services to clients. I appreciate hearing listening to and leveraging the community.

Jen: I like everything I'm hearing! In terms of looking at provider performance, we need to recognize it is not easy to manage grants. We need to set up people for success. We need to look at what capacity providers have and support organizations in grant management.

Krsna: Maintenance is important. Staying on top of an investment is important. We need to make sure once capacity is built that people can remain stable. If a system and model is effective, we need to replicate those working models. We also need to be innovative. Why do rebuild the wheel, we should make a triangle!

Kate: Something important is transparency. Approaches and principles need to be clear and understood. They need to be understood by people both participating in and running programs.

Josh: Streamlining data entry. We have set things in place to run. We need to go back and look at the systems we built to simplify them for the sake of efficiency.

Christoverre: We need to get pragmatic. People can say things are "fair" and "equitable" but how do we measure that?

Ray: we need to look at alignment. How are we aligning our committee so that we follow that mission and impact. We still want to be able to focus on Standards Compliance and Funding. We need to make sure all providers are aligned with ours.

Sunita: Transparency is important. As a service provider, it is important for someone who reads the application understands the work I do and that it informs the work they do. Like Ray said, the mission also needs to be aligned. Accountability is my thing. Every program and application should be accountable to what they say they will do.

## 6. Racial Equity Update (Ms.Shelly Gonzalez and Sunita Garrett)

Christoverre: Have we identified specific performance measures Either RE and/or PWLE?

Jose: No, but we have an opportunity to do this now as we update the measures!

Varon: I'm trying to learn Sunita but what is the plus for in LGBTQ+ for?

Jose: It is meant to encompass all the different gender identities that there may be.

Kate: The plus is also a positive and inclusive way of recognizing all the different genders and sexual orientations.

- UC Davis LGBTQIA Resource Center [Glossary](#) LGBTQIA+ Definition: Abbreviation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual. The additional "+" stands for all of the other identities not encompassed in the short acronym. An umbrella term that is often used to refer to the community as a whole. Our center uses LGBTQIA to intentionally include and raise awareness of Queer, Intersex and Asexual communities as well as myriad other communities under our umbrella.

## 7. 2024 NOFO Debrief (Kate Bristol)

Krsna: What happens when things don't go our way?

Kate: It's very hard to know what will happen. Battles have to happen legislatively before we know. Awards announced have been appropriated to the Executive branch to spend. Legally they have to put it into contracts but as we know things are not working the way they should or normally do. Technically appropriations were supposed to be completed for 2025 by May but at this point we don't know what is and what will happen.

Ms. Shelley: In terms of contingency plan we can only explore what can or what will happen.

Varon: I know that funding was already allocated, but what's the difference between the years?

Kate: All contracts and grants run out at different times. Now we have grantees that already ran out of money and haven't received their renewal contract yet. Usually, HUD is late any ways but more and more are not having their renewals resolved as we continue. To my knowledge no one has received a renewal yet and we don't know when they will start issuing them out.

Christoverre: How is HMIS data evaluated?

Jose: The lead entity does a quarterly data quality report. They look at timeliness, accuracy, is it continuously added into the system. We are actually starting a project in HMIS committee to look at what barriers providers have in improving data quality. They had their first meeting earlier this week. People are more than welcome to join or ask more questions about it. This is a response of HMIS data evaluation. To prompt further discussion, in the System Impact Committee

Christoverre: In my case, my record was very incomplete. Someone wouldn't know that unless people knew what I personally knew. I've raised this issue with the HMIS committee. I was told the only way to do so is to make a formal complaint. They basically said they would not do anything about it.

Jose: We can lift your message to see what the HMIS committee can do. We also will talk about this through the HMIS data quality project. We really appreciate your message/

Ms. Shelley: Are we able to circle back to things we have talked about previously to include in these new measures. In the past NOFO we had some conversations about things we thought were missing.

Krsna: The first part of the presentation was easy but the second one was a little more difficult. What exactly are you asking for people to do? What is needed?

Kate: There are a whole bunch of projects run by different organizations in the community. We have to evaluate and determine which ones we want to continue to fund. We have used the same evaluation criteria for a long time. What are the characteristics of a good program?

Krsna: What does this money go to?

Kate: We could always talk about the projects that are currently funded.

Christoverre: There are currently onboarding trainings for new CoC members put on by EveryoneHome. I would recommend attending those as they are very helpful to understanding how the system works. I have a question too. Where has people with lived experience input made a difference? The clearest example I've seen was before a PIT count, people were asking for car parking. For PWLE I lifted what happens to those who have bikes or other modes of transportation.

Kate: There are definitely examples of responses to lifting PWLE voices. We can share examples of organizations that scored high vs low.

Laurie: We need to look at programs holistically, are there other streams of funding or other points that are at risk? What are contingency plans for other funds that are running out? We may not realize the connection but need to evaluate that landscape of threat. We also need to look at the impacts of working with vulnerable populations like undocumented or unhoused. We need to look at factors that may affect data beyond provision of service.

Kate: That is exactly the type of thing we want to talk about. There are limits to what we can get out of a discussion, but they are great topics to start us on.

Shelley: Do we have templates from other communities to help us? I've never seen it in real time, but I can only talk about my experience.

Jose: we are not building anything from scratch. We have in the current performance measures. We can also see what programs are currently served in our community. We can also see how much each of those organizations get.

Ms. Shelley: It would be good to also see what organizations receive more funding than others, and why does that happen?

Jose: Yes we can definitely look at the grants inventory worksheet and look at these things. We also want to use our knowledge of programming to determine how programs are awarded but also how they function to build a system that we want to support ranking.

**8. Kicking off NOFO Related Workstreams**

- a. Updating Performance Measures
- b. Supporting New, Smaller, and BIPOC-led Organizations
- c. Collaborative Applicant Self-Assessment and Recommendations for Future Enhancements

**Committee Members**

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<b>Josh Jacobs</b>	City of Berkeley	X
<b>Laurie Flores</b>	City of Fremont	X
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