



## Memorandum: Evidence-Based Solutions Committee

From: Evidence-Based Solutions Committee

To: Leadership Board

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During the March 13<sup>th</sup> Leadership Board Closed Session, the Leadership Board approved the name change of the Evidence-Based Solutions Committee, hereafter referred to as ESC. ESC has been working to rewrite their Committee purpose and roles for the EveryOne Home Governance Charter. If the Board approves the updated language, the Charter revisions will go to the May 6<sup>th</sup> Community Meeting for final approval by the general membership.

### Evidence-Based Solutions Committee

**Purpose:** The primary purpose of the Evidence-Based Solutions Committee is to ensure that the Continuum of Care (CoC) centers and integrates evidence-based data and practices to effectively identify, prioritize and provide solutions to serve the people and populations who are most vulnerable to and disproportionately impacted by homelessness across Alameda County.

The Evidence-Based Solutions Committee plays a key role within the CoC's collective impact model. It fosters collaboration and ensures accountability for all CoC committees and workgroups, including the Leadership Board. The Committee provides oversight to implement and integrate measures, goals, metrics, outcomes, policies, and practices aimed at addressing the systemic and structural root causes of housing disparities. This work focuses on reducing disproportionalities in homelessness response systems that affect the communities most at risk.

### Key Characteristics of the Evidence-Based Solutions Committee include:

- **Data-Driven:** Qualitative and quantitative; HMIS, PIT Count, Housing Inventory Count, System Performance Measures, Participant Feedback (including people served by homelessness response systems)
- **Focus on Problem-Solving:** This Committee is geared towards finding actionable solutions

- **Emphasis on Applicability:** The Committee doesn't just review evidence; it translates it into practical recommendations, considering factors like feasibility, cost, and potential impact.
- **Multidisciplinary Expertise:** Members possess diverse skills, including research, data analysis, implementation, and relevant subject-matter knowledge to ensure a comprehensive approach to problem-solving.
- **Action-Oriented:** The Committee's output is not just reports, but concrete plans and recommendations for implementation.

### **Roles:**

- Regularly provide recommendations and guidance to the Leadership Board regarding implementation of an Evidence-Based Framework for the CoC
- Train and support committee members in how to apply an evidence-based framework in decision making and action in their respective committees and workgroups
- Provide additional technical assistance and analysis, such as by joining other committee meetings and/or reviewing documents to apply an evidence-based framework to decision-making, as needed to support work in the committees, that centers evidence-based solutions
- Complete a review of major CoC policies and deliverables (for example: NOFO strategic direction, Governance Charter, Point-in-Time count methodology, etc.)
- Support Committees to develop and implement elements of their action plans to guide each Committee's work towards centering evidence-based solutions that address disproportionate service and policy
- Facilitate an understanding of the connection between historical discrimination and its impact on continued service delivery and outcomes in homelessness
- Assist other committees in setting evidence-based metrics and monitoring progress
- Periodically review leadership representation metrics for all boards, committees, and workgroups, aligned with the most recent Point-In-Time (PIT) Count data
- Annually produce an accomplishment report that outlines actions responsive to centering evidence-based solutions, by each committee and the CoC as a whole