Evidence-Based Solutions Committee
Agenda
September 11, 2025
11:00am – 1:00pm

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. Written comments can also be submitted in advance of the meeting to alameda@homebaseccc.org.

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Helpful links:

- **Google Drive folder** for the Evidence-Based Solutions Committee: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZG59MFs7BkWc77cwPJfO_wnaTXDjNjOI?usp=sharing
- **Website page** (on EveryOne Home website) for the ESC: https://everyonehome.org/about/committees/evidence-based-solutions-committee/
- **Acronyms and Glossary**: https://everyonehome.org/main/continuum-of-care/coc-member-resources/

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.

Committee Shared Agreements:

- Have sensitivity and respect for each other's experiences.

- Agree to show up and engage. When meeting virtually, this includes having the camera on when possible and safe, while recognizing there are many valid reasons not to have cameras on.
- When making decisions, prioritize the best interests of the homelessness response system and people experiencing homelessness above the interests of the individual board member/organization.
- Commit to racial equity and justice in decision-making. Participate in training and create space and time for this practice.
- Function as peers instead of a hierarchy of persons with lived experience and others.
- Be constructive, not obstructive; try to offer solutions along with barriers.
- One voice at a time, no interruptions.
- Give people the chance to speak once before you speak twice.
- Share and review the materials in the packet in advance of meetings.
- Prioritize action items near top of agenda to help with time management in meetings.
- Give people the opportunity to process, ask questions, and understand before voting.
- If we stray from these agreements, we agree to pause, breathe, and reset.

Agenda

1) **Welcome / Introductions** (Tunisia Owens, co-chair)	11:00am – 11:10am
2) **Approval of August 14th minutes** (Tunisia Owens)	11:10am – 11:12am
3) **Public Comment** (Tunisia Owens) a) Anyone is welcome to give a comment during this period of the meeting. Comments will be limited to 2 minutes per person. You can also submit a comment in writing to alameda@homebaseccc.org.	11:12am – 11:15am
4) **Community Building Activity** (Lynette Ward, Freeway)	11:15am – 11:25am
5) **Announcements** (All) a) All Committee members are welcome to share announcements for the group at this time. We will also hear from Homebase for CoC-wide updates.	11:25am- 11:30am
Action Items	
6) **Vote on Updated Guiding Framework** (Nic Ming, Social Impact Wheel) a) The Committee will vote on the adoption of the updated Guiding Framework. The updated framework was drafted by volunteer members of the Evidence-Based Solutions Committee.	11:30am- 11:45am

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Discussion Items	

7) **CoC Improvements: Lived Experience Support and Committee Attendance Policies** (Tunisia Owens)
 	
   a) As part of an ongoing effort to improve CoC operations, the Committee will take time on future agendas to discuss recommendations on how to improve specific aspects of the CoC.
 	
   b) For September, the Committee will begin discussing **improving support for members with lived experience of homelessness** and recommendations for **creating equitable committee attendance policies**. The discussion will continue at a future ESC Workgroup to develop more in-depth recommendations.
	11:40am-11:50pm

8) **Presentation: Discussion & Equity Analysis of Oakland's Homelessness Strategic Action Plan** (Sasha Hauswald, City of Oakland)	11:55-12:55pm

9) **Closing**
 	
   a) Requests for future agenda items can be sent to alameda@homebaseccc.org.
 	
   b) The next Evidence-Based Solutions Committee meeting will be Thursday, October 9th.
	12:50pm-1:00pm

Resources:

- *Racial Equity Guiding Framework (DRAFT)*
- *REC CoC Capacity Building Plan (Draft)*
- *Centering Racial Equity Training (Foundational Training for Committee Members)*

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