



Proposed Motions and Recommendations for the Future of the EveryOne Home Leadership Board

November 12, 2025

Proposed Motion #1

From: City of Berkeley

MOTION to direct Homebase, along with an ad hoc committee consisting of a representative from the County, a representative from a City, a representative from a nonprofit agency, and a person with lived experience, to revise the CoC Governance Charter as follows:

1. Revise the role and scope of the Leadership Board and CoC Committees to make them leaner, more nimble, and focused exclusively on matters which the CoC has within it's purview and oversight function -- Federal and CoC funding and regulatory compliance,
2. Clarify and affirm that the Alameda County CoC Collaborative Applicant serves as the lead administrative entity for the CoC's HUD / CoC Program funding application and related system-planning functions, and

To ensure the CoC is well positioned to quickly respond to a rapidly evolving Federal landscape, this ad hoc committee is to return to the Leadership Board with their recommended Charter revisions for a vote at the January 2026 meeting of the Leadership Board.

Proposed Motion #2

From: C'Mone Falls, Co-Chair

Motion to reduce the size of the Leadership Board and refine the scope of the Leadership Board to what is outlined in the HUD CoC Interim Rule (i.e. Federal and CoC funding and regulatory compliance). Motion to direct a small (about 5 members) ad hoc group to determine the criteria for membership in a leaner and smaller Leadership Board that will return to the Leadership Board in January 2026 with recommendations.

Proposed Recommendation

From: Moe Wright, Co-Chair

At the October 16th meeting of the Leadership Board how to streamline and make more efficient the work of the board was discussed. The size and composition of the board were talked about, the focus of the activity of the board was discussed as was the creation of a Directors Committee to frame and guide the work of the Leadership Board.

During our November 20th meeting we will continue the discussion and be asked to vote on a motion to have the Leadership Board focus exclusively on matters which the CoC has within its purview and oversight function. The implication of this motion is that the cause of the inefficiency of the board is that it has too many things to consider and this is creating confusion and leading to lengthy unproductive meetings.

A review of action and discussion items for year to date reveals the following topics:

Discussion and action Items January-October 2025

Topic	Number of agenda items
Governance revisions	6
Nominations	5
Home Together Plan/ Measure W	5
Board Retreat/Community meeting	5
Racial Equity/Evidence Base Solutions	3
CoC Federal Funding	2
NOFO	2
Rapid Response and Advocacy	2
Communications workgroup	2
HHAP	1
PIT	1
Work Plan	1
On boarding materials	1
ESG	1
Grievance policies	1

SUMMARY

Housekeeping	14
Local Plan	9
Core CoC	6
Expansion of Roles	4

The majority of the subjects discussed by far are related to “housekeeping”, the rules and procedures that govern our board. The second largest category is labeled “local plan”, this has to do with local initiatives that relate to but are not all funded or governed by the Interim Rule (24 CFR Part 578). “Core CoC” issues pertain directly to duties governed by the Interim Rule. Finally, “Expansion of Roles” revolves mostly around creating a communications protocol to advance the mission of ending homelessness. So, which ones are we going to eliminate? All but “Core CoC”?

We need to devote some time to “housekeeping”. We elect members, change rules, plan special meetings. This could be streamlined but not eliminated. The “local plan” issues are very important to the way to end homelessness in Alameda County. Racial equity may not be in favor at the Federal level, but it really has a lot to do with homelessness in our county I think we need to keep it on the agenda and the Home Together Plan has its roots in the Leadership Board and it should take advantage of the diversity of the board for the review and development process. That leaves “Expansion of Roles” for elimination. This has focused mostly on an effort to create a communications plan that will broadcast and clarify all aspects of homelessness and how it affects our community. I believe this is a core duty of the CoC and I cite the Interim rule below:

In the general provisions of the Interim Rule it states:

The Continuum of Care program is authorized by subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381-11389). (b) The program is designed to: (1) Promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; (2) Provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals (including unaccompanied youth) and families, while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness; (3) Promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and (4) Optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

I would argue that there is no better way to “promote community wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness” than to communicate clearly with our fellow citizens the facts that we know about the conditions and causes of homelessness and the solutions that we know work to end it. I think this should be a core assignment for the CoC.

It is my belief that we could move in the following direction:

1. To create a Directors Committee to deal with the housekeeping aspects of our work and present solutions to the board on a consent motion.
2. Empower the Standards, Compliance and Funding Committee to make all decisions about CoC regulation.
3. Have the Board focus on the two main drivers that will end homelessness in our county: (1) public awareness and opinion and (2) securing the funds to support the homelessness response system.