



Memorandum: Invitation to Engage with the Evidence-Based Solutions Committee

From: Evidence-Based Solutions Committee

To: All Continuum of Care Committees and the Leadership Board

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Introduction

The Evidence-Based Solutions Committee (ESC) invites all Continuum of Care committees and the Leadership Board to continue engaging with the ESC, particularly as local and federal changes continue to impact the Continuum of Care. More than ever it's essential to bring projects, updates, and decisions to multiple stakeholders and thought partners, including the Evidence-Based Solutions Committee.

Per the EveryOne Home Governance Charter, the ESC plays a key role in the CoC's collective impact model, providing oversight and consult to all CoC bodies. The work of the ESC has always been rooted in ensuring equitable practices and outcomes for our community members experiencing homelessness, the CoC, and the homelessness system of care. The ESC is primed to continue serving as a resource for all CoC bodies and projects. In fact, the sharing of information and decision-making is an equity practice in itself.

How to engage with the Evidence-Based Solutions Committee

Firstly, we encourage all CoC Committees and the Leadership Board to plan in advance for ESC input in projects and discussions that may have equity impacts. CoC Committees and the Leadership Board should strive to provide ample notice for ESC to agendize the topic, build in enough time for the ESC to thoughtfully engage with all materials and content, and ensure ESC feedback is considered prior to final decision-making. In situations with shorter and inflexible timeframes, consider consulting with the ESC Co-Chairs as soon as possible to develop alternative routes for ESC feedback and participation. The goal of the ESC is to be a supportive partner by providing feedback, asking deep questions about the work and equity implications, and grounding each project and decision in the context of our larger community values around equity, empowerment, inclusion, access, and belonging.

Secondly, as new mandates and regulations from local, state, or federal governments emerge, we invite CoC bodies to make sure the ESC is informed of these changes.

Beyond sharing information, we also invite CoC bodies to engage with ESC as a thought partner and consultant in decision-making when possible.

Thirdly, remember that ESC liaisons are another resource for your Committees. Per the EveryOne Home Policies & Procedures, liaisons are intended to serve as touchpoints within all committees and communicate key information between ESC and other spaces. They are one way in which equity considerations can be infused into Committee conversations. Though Committees may have differing structures and practices, the ESC has found that it can be useful when liaisons are involved in co-chair meetings and agenda planning and/or have a role in developing reflection activities. The ESC encourages Committees to consult their liaisons and Committee members to explore ways to more effectively leverage the liaison role and to involve the ESC more deeply in the work of the Committee.

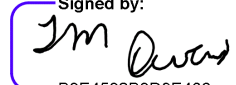
Finally, we also remind all CoC Committees and the Leadership Board that the Evidence-Based Solutions Framework is meant to be a tool to thoughtfully think through the equity implications of projects and decisions. The guiding questions with each framework principle are intended to be a resource for reflection and dialogue. ESC liaisons can help with developing strategies to better incorporate the Framework into the committee's structure and decision-making processes. There will also be future trainings and ongoing support on how to best implement and utilize the Framework.

Please let us know if you have any questions about how or when to engage with the Evidence-Based Solutions Committee. We are here to support.

In community,

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Resources

- [Centering Racial Equity Training](#)
- [Evidence-Based Solutions Framework](#)