



EveryOneHome

CoC Standards, Compliance and Funding Committee

March 5th, 2026



Goals for Today

In the March meeting of the Standards, Compliance, and Funding **(SCF)** Committee, committee members will vote to approve its updated committee Agreements.

The Committees ESC liaisons will also facilitate nonviolent communication exercises.

The Committee will review all input received on the Evaluation Definitions from other Committees and those who conduct evaluations. Then, the Committee members will use that input to edit the evaluation definitions.

Community Agreements for Participation – will vote to update later!

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Agenda



1. Welcome / Introductions
 - A. Goals for today
 - B. Committee Agreements
 - C. Agenda
 - D. Icebreaker
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Public Comment
4. Announcements
5. Evidence Based Solutions Committee (ESC) Update
6. Approval of Committee Agreements
 - *Action Item: Voting*
7. Evidence Based Solutions Committee (ESC) Non-violent communication Exercise
 - *Discussion Item*
8. Evaluation Definition Project: Feedback on Definitions
 - *Discussion item*
9. Meeting Adjourned



Icebreaker

Centering Exercise



- Ahead of today's meeting, Homebase distributed the meeting minutes (meeting minutes are the written record of our monthly meetings) from the last CoC Standards, Compliance, and Funding Committee meeting for Committee members.
- The draft minutes have also been posted in the CoC Standard, Compliance, and Funding Committee's [Google Drive folder](#).
- This time is held for Committee members to let us know if they believe the minutes to do not accurately capture the discussion items from the September meeting and need to be amended.
- You may also email Homebase at Lyn@homebaseccc.org and Morgan@homebaseccc.org and copying alameda@homebaseccc.org, if you see anything in the draft minutes that are distributed following today's meeting that should be amended.
- No roll call vote is needed, corrections not already received by Homebase will be noted and minutes changed accordingly.

Approval of Minutes



Public Comment

- Public Comment will be taken at the beginning of each meeting and is limited to 2 minutes per person.
- Homebase has created a public comment tracker where public comments across CoC meetings will be recorded.
- Comments will be directed to the appropriate CoC committee or County staff.
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Announcements

Spring Community Meeting

- Save the date for the Spring Community Meeting, May 27th at California Endowment Center in Oakland. We hold these meetings twice a year to bring our entire CoC together to share information, engage in discussion, and vote on general CoC business. Accepting agenda ideas until March 26th, please email alameda@homebaseccc.org if you have ideas. Past agendas and materials can be found here: <https://everyonehome.org/community-meeting/>

PWLE feedback – Grievance Policies and Procedures

- If you have lived experience with grievance policies and procedures and would like to provide feedback on grievance policy and procedure best practices, you are invited to: complete [this survey](#) by Friday, March 13, 2026

Announcements

Meeting Adjustment for May:

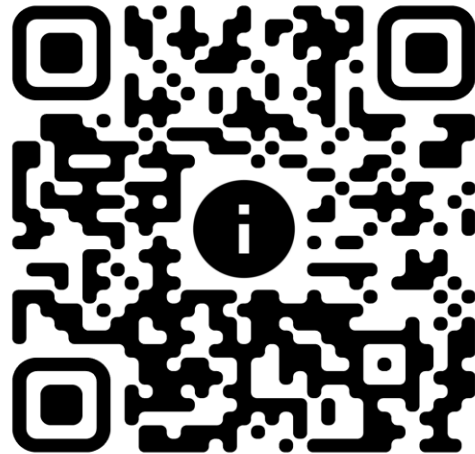
- Homebase is having an all staff training during the week of May 4.
- During this time Homebase will not be able to staff committees so we are planning well in advance to adjust those committee times to ensure each has Homebase staff support.
- Upcoming meetings for SCF:
 1. April 2nd
 2. April 30th
 3. June 4th

Evidence Based Solutions Committee (ESC) UPDATE

ESC Liaison:
Ms. Shelley Gonzalez

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Ms. Sunita Garrett

Everyone Home ESC webpage:



Next Committee Date:

Thursday, March 12th
11 am – 1 pm
Optional to attend

[Zoom Link](#)

[Google Drive](#)

Approve Committee Agreements

Lyn Nesbitt

Morgan Bernados



Background of why we are approving Community Agreements

Background: In our February Committee meeting, we discussed:

- A. Adding a committee agreement around what to do if an agreement is broken
- B. Adding a committee agreement to establish a timekeeping policy for Committee meetings.
- C. General review of other existing agreements

In this committee meeting, members will vote to approve the HB updated drafted committee agreements informed by our last meeting's discussion.

Prior to this meeting, HB facilitators shared a [google doc](#) outlining the current and proposed agreements which we will review in this meeting

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Reviewing the drafted agreements



Action Item:

The Committee will vote to approve the updated Community Agreements discussed in the February Meeting



ESC Non-violent Communication Exercises

Lyn Nesbitt

ESC Liaisons
Shelley Gonzalez
Sunita Garrett



Non-Violent Communication exercises - Background

In our last meeting committee meeting, members discussed updating our community agreements

To continue creating a foundation for collaboration, We are going to practice a communication exercise rooted in nonviolent communication practices.

The goal is to practice hearing someone else's feelings, needs/values, and request in their communication; and responding in a way that is neutral, and de-escalatory

This exercise will support us all in regulating before reacting, so we can stay collaborative in our work as members of the SCF Committee.

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4. **Requests** (*What someone may be asking to change, or be adjusted or focused on*)

Roleplay

Questions

- 1. What value or need might the first speaker have?**
- 2. What value or need might the second speaker have?**
- 3. What is a response that would escalate one of these speakers?**
 - Escalate - say something that may make someone upset or frustrated
- 4. What is a response that could de-escalate this situation? What would recognize the persons' needs, values, and feelings to keep the work aligned with our community agreements?**
 - De-escalate - say something that decreases the tension and encourages calm, respectful interaction

Every person has:

- Different values
- Cultural practices
- Different emotions
- Different languages
- Different life experiences
- Different ways of processing something
- Different ways they think about conflict and the world
- Trauma or something that is triggering or destabilizing for them

The tone of our conversations is shaped by how we show up for one another and respond to each other's needs, values, requests, and feelings.

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To make nonviolent communication more intersectional in our approach we must also utilize:

Empathy - intellectually and emotionally understanding and resonating with someone else's emotions, thoughts, and experiences

Cultural Competency - The ability to understand, respect, and effectively interact with people from diverse cultures, identities, and backgrounds. It involves awareness of one's own perspectives, learning about others' experiences, and adapting communication and behavior to support equity and inclusion.

Evaluation Definition Project – Feedback on definitions

Lyn Nesbitt
Morgan Bernados



Evaluation Definition Project Planning - Background

- The SCF Committee has been working on the [Evaluation Definitions Project](#). Through this project, the Committee recommends that the Leadership Board adopt CoC-wide definitions for the following evaluation terms: **Exceeds Expectations, Meets Expectations, and Needs Improvement**.
- The purpose of this project is to create consistency, understanding, and transparency among evaluators, those being evaluated, and the community reviewing evaluation results.
- During the December 4th 2025 meeting, Committee members began discussing project planning for this project. Homebase staff drafted the [Evaluation Definitions Project Plan](#) based off feedback from committee members in the previous meeting and has shared it with the Committee members for feedback. Homebase also drafted focus group questions and shared them with the Committee members for feedback via email.
- All [feedback is documented here](#) as it is received so Committee members can view it in between meetings.
- During this Committee meeting members will:
 1. Edit evaluation definitions informed by feedback gathered from Alameda County Leads for CE, Collaborative Applicant, HMIS, and HMIS and ESC committees

Discussion Item:

The Committee will discuss discussed and update the evaluation definitions based off feedback received from Alameda County Leads and ESC



Evaluation Definition Project – Feedback on Definitions



Questions/discussion/homework

- Any thoughts about next steps?

Next committee meeting will be:

April 2nd , 2026 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Acronym	Definition
HUD	US Department of Housing and Urban Development
CoC	Continuum of Care: A geographic region awarded funding by HUD each year in a collaborative application process
OAC	Outreach Access Coordination Committee
SCC	System Coordination Committee: The former name of the OAC
PWLE	Person with Lived Expertise/Experience: Someone who has been homeless or is currently homeless
BIPOC	Black, Indigenous, Person of Color
NOFO/NOFA	Notice of Funding Opportunity: The annual (summer) competition for CoC funding
PIT	Point in Time Count: The count held every January of currently homeless households in the CoC
PSH	Permanent Supportive Housing: A type of CoC funded project that pays long-term, permanent housing subsidy for clients
RRH	Rapid Rehousing: A type of CoC funded project that pays short to medium term housing subsidy for clients
SSO	Supportive Services Only: A type of CoC funded project which includes staffing but not housing

Acronym	Definition
CES	Coordinated Entry System
HRC	Housing Resource Center
HHIP	Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program
HHAP	Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Grant
ERF	Encampment Resolution Fund
SI	System Impact Committee
REC	Racial Equity Committee
LB	Leadership Board
HCC	Housing Capacity Committee
SFC	Standards, Funding, and Compliance Committee
HSP	Housing Stabilization and Prevention Committee