

Evidence-Based Solutions Committee

Draft Minutes

April 9, 2026

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.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/j/81649176975>

Meeting ID: 816 4917 6975
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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:

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- 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

Item	Time
1) Welcome / Introductions (Lynette Ward, co-chair)	11:00am-11:07am <i>7 minutes</i>
2) Approval of March 13th minutes (Lynette Ward) a) No edits or additions to minutes, minutes approved	11:07am-11:10am <i>3 Minutes</i>
3) Public Comment (Lynette Ward) 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 alameda@homebaseccc.org .	11:10am-11:12am <i>5-10 minutes</i>
4) Community Building Activity (All)	11:12am-11:22am <i>10 minutes</i>
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.	11:22am-11:30am <i>8 minutes</i>

Action Items	
<p>6) Approve Committee Agreements (co-chairs, Homebase, all)</p> <p>a) Per page 12 of the Policies and Procedures, Committees may establish their own sets of norms and should review/update them annually. This is an opportunity to reflect on how meetings have been going and if/how the current meeting norms are working for the group. Current agreements can be found on this agenda as well as this document. Members are welcome to begin suggesting edits to the agreements using this google doc.</p> <p>b) Action: Approve the updated Committee agreements.</p>	<p>11:30am- 11:40am</p> <p><i>10 minutes</i></p>
Discussion Items	
<p>7) Review of Equity Metrics Dashboards (Morgan Bernados, Homebase)</p> <p>a) As part of the 2026 ESC Work Plan, Nic Ming developed two equity metric dashboards based on the Home Together Plan and reports that the committee can begin using for further inquiry and projects. Morgan Bernados will review the dashboards with the committee.</p> <p>b) Dashboard 1: https://claude.ai/public/artifacts/ca891d77-bcf6-42fc-9cc0-34f98fe1c8e4</p> <p>c) Dashboard 2: https://claude.ai/public/artifacts/4b333157-64d2-4e58-9122-996eaff7e745</p>	<p>11:40am- 12:00pm</p> <p><i>20 minutes</i></p>
<p>8) Discussion and information on HUD proposed work requirements (Homebase, co-chairs)</p> <p>a) The committee will discuss the proposed HUD work requirements possibility ahead of the 2026 NOFO. The committee will also discuss California legislation that is in opposition to this proposed requirement, particularly within health programs.</p> <p>b) Background reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) HUD memo ii) NPR Article iii) Ballotpedia article iv) Federal Register article v) Streetlight article vi) CA bill: Lessening the impacts of HR-1 	<p>12:00pm- 12:30pm</p> <p><i>30 minutes</i></p>
<p>9) Closing</p> <p>a) Requests for future agenda items can be sent to alameda@homebaseccc.org.</p> <p>b) The next Evidence-Based Solutions Committee meeting will be Thursday, May 11th.</p>	<p>12:30pm – 12:40pm</p> <p><i>10 minutes</i></p>

Resources:

- *Evidence-Based Solutions Framework*
- *Centering Racial Equity Training (Foundational Training for Committee Members)*

Committee Members

Ms. Shelley Gonzalez	Community Meeting, SCF Liaison
Jared DeFigh	Community Member, HMIS Liaison
Freeway	Cardea Health, HSHP Liaison
Elsie Lee	Sistas with Voices, HSHP Liaison
Marcela Munoz	Community member, OAC liaison
Sunita Garrett	Service Provider, SCF Liaison
Miguel Dwin	Berkeley Unified School District, SIC liaison
Sabrina Abong	Community member, SIC liaison
Darlene Flynn	City of Oakland
Lynette Ward, Co-Chair	Alameda County Health
Nic Ming	Social Impact Wheel
Katie Barnett	Community member
Tunisia Owens, co-chair	Family Violence Law Center
Darryl McDavid	BACS
Richard Nudleman	Community member.