



Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention Committee

April 22, 2026
1:00-2:30 PM
Draft Minutes

[Link](#) to Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 83085774509

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.

Helpful links:

- **Google drive folder** for the Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention Committee: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zPoP9Q_HT-Q9rCaXvKazzlURH-vfndxt?usp=sharing
- **Website page** (on EveryOne Home website) for the Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention Committee: <https://everyonehome.org/about/committees/housing-stability-and-homelessness-prevention-committee/homelessness-prevention-committee/>
- **Acronyms and Glossary:** <https://everyonehome.org/main/continuum-of-care/coc-member-resources/coc-member-resources/>

Committee Purpose

The purpose of the Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention Committee is to develop strategies and collaborations to prevent new homelessness, including for formerly homeless people who have moved into housing. Learn more about the Committee's purpose [here](#).

Meeting Purpose / Overview

The purpose of this meeting will be to: (1) discuss a homelessness prevention resource directed at the reentry population with support from Homebase's Criminal Legal System Initiative (CLSI), and (2) discuss updates on the Prevention for Older Adults research project that has been proposed for the 2026 workplan.

1. Welcome/Introductions (Dylan Sweeney, HCD, Kelsey Knutson, BACS; Co-Chairs)

- a. March 25th minutes approved.

2. Public Comment (Dylan Sweeney, Co-Chair)

- a. No public comment.

3. Announcements (All)

- a. General invite to ESC Committee Meetings on the second Thursday of the month from 11am-1p , share the Google Drive ([here](#)), webpage ([here](#)), and Committee meeting zoom link ([here](#))
- b. Board application is now open! [2026 EveryOne Home Leadership Board Application](#)
 - a. We are currently recruiting a one seat exclusively for nonprofit homelessness service providers that operate in Alameda County. To learn more about EveryOne Home and the CoC Leadership Board, visit <https://everyonehome.org/about/leadership-board/>. Application deadline: **5:00 p.m. PST on May 7, 2026**
- c. Registration is now open for the Spring Community Meeting on May 27th! Please register by 5/15 at [this link](#). You can find the full agenda and more information on the [EveryOne Home website](#). Please email alameda@homebaseccc.org if you have any questions.

4. Evidence-Based Solutions Committee (ESC) Report Out (Elsie Lee, ESC Liaisons)

- a. **Everyone is invited to ESC Committee Meetings** on the second Thursday of the month from 11am-1p , share the Google Drive ([here](#)), webpage ([here](#)), and Committee meeting zoom link ([here](#))
- b. At the most recent ESC Committee meeting, the committee started talking about HUD's proposed work requirements for services for different housing programs. If you want to learn more, you can read here:
 - HUD Memo on work requirements: <https://www.hud.gov/news/hud-no-26-018>

- NPR article: <https://www.npr.org/2026/02/27/nx-s1-5728988/hud-proposes-time-limits-work-requirements-for-rental-aid>
- Ballotpedia article: https://ballotpedia.org/Public_housing_work_requirements
- Federal register article: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/03/02/2026-04095/establishing-flexibility-for-implementation-of-work-requirements-and-term-limits>
- Streetlight article: <https://share.google/qysJ2L9esv6GOOLSj>
- CA bill on lessening the impacts of HR-1: <https://wclp.org/ca-bills-combat-hr1-impacts/>
- If you'd like to submit a comment to HUD either in favor or opposing these requirements, The public comment period is open for the proposed rule, which was officially listed in the Federal Register, as noted by the [Federal Register](#), due to HUD on or before May 1, 2026.

5. Homebase Staffing Update (Kris Maun and Shavonte Keaton, Homebase)

- a. Meet your new Homebase staff, Shavonte Keaton!
 - After 3 years Kris is leaving for CLSI
 - Shavonte joining Alameda team. Previous service provider in SF and Alameda, not currently living in the bay area but lived in the bay for 15 years. And last 10 years has been spent working on both adult and juvenile criminal justice reform.

6. 2026 Work Planning: Tips and Tricks Resource (Co-Chairs, ESC Liaison, Homebase staff)

- a. HSHP Committee members have been discussing a Tips and Tricks resource on homelessness prevention. The resource would be focused on practical advice to help individuals avoid homelessness, for example guidance on housing denials and credit issues.
- Joined by Shebani and Esther from Homebase's CLSI team
 - Presented slides about CLSI and vision for this project. Slides can be found [here](#)
 - A committee member shared that the vision for this project came from seeing many folks navigating homelessness face barriers around credit and denials to housing.
 - The group decided that there could be two focuses for this guide: a broader focus which would target unhoused folks in general and give tips and tricks and a second focus that could be on reentry. The committee felt just focusing on reentry alone may miss the mark on the broader unhoused population
 - Will make sure we cast a wide net for folks to participate from to be sure to capture all relevant information.
 - Shebani (Homebase) shared the guide could take multiple formats including: a small card that could be handed out, an online resource page that could be live and updated when needed or a desk guide that gives folks all the relevant information.
 - Committee members felt like the website would be best option since it could be updated in real time
 - Committee agreed that there needs to be representation from reentry, service providers and PWLE on the planning group.
 - The Homebase Criminal Legal System Initiative (CLSI) is available to provide technical assistance on this project, which a focus on the reentry population who are transitioning from incarceration into the community.
- b. HSHP Committee members will meet CLSI staff and discuss the next steps for developing the resource.
- Next steps: Block out an hour for a group brainstorm on the format and information to be included.
 - Could do this as an adhoc meeting before the next committee meeting in June.
 - HB will send out a doodle poll with a few options for times that work best in May
 - Shebani will create a list of questions to share with Elsie before the ad hoc meeting to make sure CLSI team is on the right track

7. 2026 Work Planning: Prevention for Older Adults Research Project (Dylan Sweeney, Co-chair, and Luke Barnesmoore, Committee member)

- a. Dylan Sweeney reported on the All Home Brief for Systems Modeling Technical Work Group. The report focused on:
 - o Returns to Homelessness
 - o Implications including:
 - Older people more likely to return to homelessness and equity gaps are the same
 - 3 phases of research
 - 1. Quantitative
 - 2. Qualitative
 - 3. Strategy
 - o Next steps: This is a springboard in defining a homelessness prevention strategy for older adults. Wants to work with the committee and PWLE for strategy around what is working for older folks and what is not.

- b. Luke Barnesmoore reported that RRH is the likely type of housing that older folks are returning and that short term support doesn't address gaps. Als
 - o Luke also shared a toolkit from a conference on aging. Toolkit can be found [here](#)
 - o A committee member shared interest in wanting to explore more on the older adult project as most applicants for housing support in City of Berkely are older adults and there are challenges with housing retention, funding and program qualifications.

8. Closing (Dylan Sweeney and Kelsey Knutson, Co-Chairs)

- a. Homebase staff will make sure relevant links are in the minutes
- b. Shavonte and/or Morgan will send out minutes and information for the ad hoc Tips and Tricks meeting.
- c. The Committee members will identify and discuss any agenda items for the next Committee meeting. You can also submit agenda ideas to alameda@homebaseccc.org.
- d. No May meeting due to the Community Meeting. Next meeting will take place June 24, 2026.

Committee Members

Dylan Sweeney	Alameda County Housing and Community Development (HCD)	Present
Eleni Spiru	Swords to Plowshares	Present
Hugo Ramirez	City of Oakland	Absent

Myette Anderson	City of Berkeley	Present
Jeannette Rodriguez	Alameda County Health, Housing and Homelessness Services (H&H)	Absent
Kelsey Knutson	Bay Area Community Services (BACS)	Present
Luke Barnesmoore	Home Match—Front Porch	Present
Ms. Shelley Gonzalez	Community Member	Present
Richard Nudelman	Community Member	Present
Freeway	Cadera Health	Absent
Elsie Lee	Sistas With Voices	Present
Michael Esparza	Tri-Valley Haven	Absent

Public Attendance:

- Tara Reed, Alameda County Health, Housing & Homelessness
- Hannah Betesh, Oakland Housing and Community Development
- Katie Alducin, Alameda County Health, Housing & Homelessness
- Lucy Kasdin, Alameda County Health, Housing & Homelessness
- Caroline Grace, Community Member/Committee Member for LB

Committee Ground Rules

1. When you first speak, state your name, your pronouns if you have a preference, where you live or work, and your agency or organization. Members are also asked to introduce themselves in the chat.
2. One person speaks at a time. Raised hands are not required unless the moderator decides they are necessary in the situation.
3. This is a public discussion, not a debate. The purpose is not to win an argument, but to hear many points of view and explore many options and solutions.
4. Everyone is encouraged to participate. You may be asked to share what you think, or we may ask for comments from those who haven't spoken. It is always

- OK to "pass" when you are asked to share a comment. People can participate via chat and are not obligated to come off mute or turn their camera on.
5. No one or two individuals should dominate a discussion. If you have already voiced your ideas, let others have an opportunity. When you speak, be brief and to the point.
 6. Commit to racial justice and equity in decision making.
 7. Do your best to understand the pros and cons of every option, not just those you prefer. Be as objective and fair-minded as you can be.
 8. Seek first to understand, not to be understood. Ask questions to seek clarification when you don't understand the meaning of someone's comments.
 9. Assume good intentions. Handle one another with grace.
 10. Acknowledge the biases you bring into the meeting, assume good intent, treat others the way they expect to be treated, respect is in the eye of the beholder. Honor your own trauma and don't hold others responsible for your triggers.
 11. Address/name the harm/disrespect in the moment. You can drop an emoji like a skull or a stop sign in the chat to signify if you feel you've experience harm. If we don't have time to address it in that moment because of other time-sensitive items, then commit to it being the first thing that is addressed at the next meeting. If you don't feel comfortable naming the issue in the meeting space, you can share about the experience via email/phone call to Homebase staff and/or Committee co-chairs within 72 hours of the meeting and they will follow-up with you on how to address it.
 12. 90 seconds for contributions, give everyone a chance to share before you shared a second time. The co-chairs are responsible for maintaining integrity of the meeting and keeping people on topic in a respectful way, reminding people of what's on the agenda and what the goal of the meeting is.

[Link to meeting recording here.](#)