

Evidence-Based Solutions Committee

Minutes

October 9, 2025

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.

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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

<p>1) Welcome / Introductions (Tunisia Owens, co-chair)</p>
<p>2) Approval of September 11th minutes (Tunisia Owens)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No corrections were requested and the 9/11 meeting minutes were approved.
<p>3) Public Comment (Tunisia Owens)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Richard Nudelman: Reminding anyone who is looking for new housing to ensure they have paid up rent at their previous housing.
<p>4) Community Building Activity (Tunisia Owens)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Tunisia led the Committee through a community builder called "Password."
<p>5) Announcements (All)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New FAQ on Measure W & the Home Together Fund available on the Alameda County Health, Housing and Homelessness (H+H) website. You can also Sign up here to receive email updates about the Home Together Plan and the Home Together Fund, including about procurement/ funding opportunities. • Registration is now open for the Fall Community Meeting on November 18th! Please register by 11/6 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. • Current Homebase resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Homebase newsletter on impacts of HR1 - https://mailchi.mp/homebaseccc/hr1

- Homebase newsletter on potential losses of CoC funding and advocacy to take - <https://mailchi.mp/homebaseccc/protect-homelessness-funding-take-action-now>

6) Point-in-Time Count 2026 Update (Kim Natarajan and Simtech Team)

- a) The ESC will receive an update on the PIT Count planning process for 2026.
 - i) Kim and Simtech provided an overview of the 2026 Alameda County EveryOne Counts Point-In-Time Count.
 - ii) A committee member asked about the strategy to count people given that many encampments have and continue to be swept. Kim shared that cities seem to be amenable to freezing sweeps 4 weeks prior to the count.
 - iii) The Committee asked questions about whether the count will look at specific subpopulations, namely people using drugs, disabled people, neurodivergent, people suffering from trauma, people with severe mental illness, and incarcerated elders. Kim mentioned that it's helpful to involve people in the process who have networks and are connected to people in those subpopulations so that the team knows where to find unhoused people from those subpopulations and to be able to give them notice that the count is happening. Kim added that the PIT planning team can consider revising survey questions with these subpopulations in mind.
 - iv) A committee member asked when survey questions will be finalized. Kim shared that the PIT planning will likely finalize the questions in November. She also mentioned that she and the Simtech team can come back to the ESC if needed.

7) Presentation and Discussion: Encampment Resolution Guide from Unsheltered Workgroup and Outreach, Access, and Coordination (OAC) Committee (Jenn Oakley, Unsheltered Workgroup; Matthieu Kaman, Homebase)

- a) The ESC will receive a presentation on the Encampment Resolution Guide that the Unsheltered Workgroup has completed. The ESC will be able to ask questions and offer feedback on the next phases of the work in the OAC.
 - i) Matthieu and Jenn provided an overview of the Encampment Resolution Guide. Laurie, ESC member and OAC liaison, asked to agendize this item citing the importance she thought it was important to look at the guide from an ESC lens and to see if ESC wanted to share any additional recommendations with the Leadership Board or for future committee work.
 - ii) Matthieu and Jenn clarified that the guide was developed to provide best practices around outreach and human-centered support in situations where it has already been determined that encampment resolution will occur.

- iii) The Committee discussed reflections and concerns about the presence and role of law enforcement in encampment abatement.
- iv) The Committee discussed a possible recommendation for the CoC to explore how often encampment abatements occur, in which communities, and their impacts on unhoused people. Collecting this data could be helpful in understanding the harms of encampment abatement, if some communities are disproportionately impacted, and how we might develop better solutions.
- v) The Committee decided to bring this item back in a future ESC meeting to discuss developing recommendations in a memo.

8) CoC Improvements: Committee Attendance Policies (Tunisia Owens; Morgan Bernados, Homebase)

- a) As part of an ongoing effort to improve CoC operations, the Committee will take time on future agendas to discuss recommendations on how to improve specific aspects of the CoC.
- b) The Committee will begin discussing recommendations for **creating equitable committee attendance policies**.
 - i) This item was tabled due to time constraints.

9) Brainstorming for ESC Community Meeting Activity (All)

- a) The ESC has 45 minutes on the upcoming November 18th EveryOne Home Community Meeting to lead an activity. The group will brainstorm what the activity should be and who will help implement it.
 - i) Morgan shared that the activity will occur in the afternoon and that the activity should be designed to be interactive and engaging.
 - ii) The following ESC members volunteered to help coordinate the Community Meeting Activity: Nic, Fiani, Ms. Shelley, Sunita, Sabrina, Lynette (day of), and Patrick (day of)
 - iii) The Committee discussed a possible activity outline: present the updated ESC framework, break up room into 2 groups, then have the groups discuss how to apply a framework principle to a particular scenario (1 groups will be focused on a CoC committee/project and 1 group will be focused on a non-CoC project).
 - iv) Homebase staff will email a summary of the discussion and schedule a separate meeting for ESC member to continue planning the activity.

10) Closing

- a) Requests for future agenda items can be sent to alameda@homebaseccc.org.
- b) The next Evidence-Based Solutions Committee meeting will be Thursday, November 13th.

Resources:

- [Racial Equity Guiding Framework \(DRAFT\)](#)



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- REC CoC Capacity Building Plan (Draft)
- Centering Racial Equity Training (Foundational Training for Committee Members)

Attendance:

Committee Attendance: Lynette, Fiani, Jared, Laurie, Marcela, Richard, Sabrina, Tunisia, Freeway, Ms. Shelley, Nic, Sunita, Patrick

Public Attendance:

- Mattieu Kaman, Homebase
- Morgan Bernados, Homebase
- Mark Mora, Homebase
- Simtech Team: Matt, Joseph, Katie
- Kim Natarajan, View Community Advisors
- Jenn Oakley, OAC Committee
- Pauline Blackwell, HCD