Evidence-Based Solutions Committee Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 8, 2026, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Zoom link:
https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/j/81649176975
Meeting ID: 816 4917 6975
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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. Public Comment is also accepted in advance via email to alameda@homebaseccc.org.

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.

Evidence-Based Solutions Committee Shared Agreements

1. Have sensitivity and respect for each other's experiences.
2. 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. Active participation by chat is encouraged.
3. 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.
4. Commit to racial equity and justice in decision-making. Participate in training and create space and time for this practice.
5. Function as peers instead of using a hierarchy.

6. Be constructive, not obstructive; try to offer solutions along with barriers.
7. One voice at a time, no interruptions.
8. Give people the chance to speak once before you speak twice. Co-chairs are responsible for maintaining the integrity of the meeting/agenda, keeping people on topic, and moderating raised hands and speakers.
9. Share and review the materials in the packet in advance of meetings.
10. Prioritize action items near the top of agenda to help with time management in meetings.
11. Give people the opportunity to process, ask questions, and understand before voting.
12. Throw glitter, not shade. Be kind to each other even if you disagree with others in the space.
13. If we stray from these agreements, we agree to pause, breathe, and reset. If you feel you have experienced harm in a meeting or agreements were not upheld, you can reach out to Homebase staff and/or co-chairs and they will work to address the situation with you in a timely manner. Members are encouraged to practice and develop skills to offer timely and actionable feedback for when you feel you've been disrespected or have committed a misstep.

Minutes

1) Welcome and Introductions

Presenters: Ms. Shelley Gonzalez, ESC co-chair; Lynette Ward, Alameda County Healthcare for the Homeless, ESC co-chair

a. Welcome, review shared agreements, review agenda.

2) Public Comment

Presenters: Ms. Shelley Gonzalez, ESC co-chair; Lynette Ward, Alameda County Healthcare for the Homeless, ESC co-chair

a. Public comments are welcome from anyone in attendance at the meeting however are limited to 2 minutes per person. Comments are also accepted in advance of the meeting via email to: alameda@homebaseccc.org.

- Public comment 1: Lynette Ward (Alameda County Healthcare for the Homeless) referenced the CoC co-chairs call from October 6th and new committee workflow and meeting process guide. Lynette asked the committee to discuss that document alongside the committee's shared agreements at an upcoming ESC meeting to review how the committee agreements might be strengthened.
- Public comment 2: Caroline Topeé (Leadership Board) shared about a community member that attended the SCF Committee meeting last week and took up a lot of time with public comment. Caroline is requesting more vetting of outside participants and structure for public comment.
- Public comment 3: Rylee (Community Member) shared frustration trying to work with the system and access services, mentioned starting a nonprofit called Roots

Community Works to help bridge gaps between organizations, requesting support and resources to build organization.

- Public comment 4: Sunita Garrett (Service Provider) encouraged building solutions towards housing retention.

3) Approval of September 10th Minutes

Presenters: Ms. Shelley Gonzalez, ESC co-chair; Lynette Ward, Alameda County Healthcare for the Homeless, ESC co-chair

a. Members are asked to send revisions for September 10th, 2026 minutes in advance of the meeting. No roll call vote is needed to approve the minutes.

Minutes approved.

4) Community Building Activity

Presenters: Ms. Shelley Gonzalez, ESC co-chair

a. Ms. Shelley led the committee through a community building activity.

5) Announcements

Presenters: All

a. All Committee members are welcome to share announcements for the group at this time. Homebase staff will also share CoC-wide updates.

Morgan Bernados (Homebase) reminded everyone to save the data for the next EveryOne Home Community Meeting which will take place December 8th.

6) Continued Conversation: Equity Data, Reviewing Systemwide Data

Presenters: Nic Ming, Social Impact Wheel

a. The Evidence-Based Solutions Committee has been reviewing different resources of systemwide data to practice measuring equity in the homelessness system of care. Nic Ming walked the Committee through three different dashboards and tips in how to read data sets overall. The committee continued in developing their individual and collective skill sets in analyzing data for equity metrics and asked questions for clarity throughout the presentation.

b. Participant Learning Aid
c. Slide deck from presentation

7) Role of ESC Liaisons

Presenters: Mark Mora and Morgan Bernados, Homebase

a. The Committee will check in regarding committee liaison roles, expectations, support, and how to recruit more members to serve as liaisons.

Due to time, the Committee did not get to this item.

8) Closing

Presenters: Ms. Shelley, ESC Co-chair

a. The next scheduled Evidence-Based Solutions Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, November 12th.
b. Discussion of upcoming agenda items for next meeting. Requests for future agenda items are also welcome at this time or via email to alameda@homebaseccc.org.

Helpful links

- Evidence-Based Solutions Committee Google Drive folder.
- Evidence-Based Solutions Committee EveryOne Home website page.
- Acronym Glossary on the EveryOne Home website.
- Evidence-Based Solutions Committee Google Drive Spreadsheet 2026 Workplan.
- Evidence-Based Solutions Framework Google Document.
- Centering Racial Equity Training Video

Evidence-Based Solutions Committee member Attendance

Present (7): Ms. Shelley Gonzalez, Leadership Board and ESC Co-chair; Lynette Ward, Alameda County Healthcare for the Homeless and ESC Co-chair; Marcela Munoz, Community Member; Nic Ming, Social Impact Wheel; Richard Nudelman, Community Member; Sabrina Abong, Community Member; Sunita Garrett, Community Member.

Absent (6): Jared DeFigh; Freeway; Elsie Lee; Darlene Flynn; Katie Barnett; Darryl McDavid.

Public Attendance

Morgan Bernados, Homebase; Mark Mora, Homebase; Caroline Topée, Leadership Board; Pauline Blackwell, Alameda County Housing and Community Development; Rylee, Community Member