

## **EQUITY COMMITTEE WORK GROUP**

Tuesday, August 12, from 2 pm – 4 pm VIRTUAL ONLY

**Zoom Registration**: Virtual: <a href="https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctcOCuqzItGNaAB8uy-JVxgiXIKuxUWPyX">https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctcOCuqzItGNaAB8uy-JVxgiXIKuxUWPyX</a>

**Purpose:** Increase awareness, community dialogue, and lead concrete actions to achieve equity throughout the homeless system of care.

**Committee Members**: Juno Hedrick; LeAnn Matthews; Nicole Green; Sherina Criswell; Yahel Moreno

## **AGENDA**

TIME		AGENDA ITEM		PRESENTERS
2 pm	5	I.	Welcome and Roll Call	Jamie Schecter, H3
2:05pm	10	l.	Learn: PIT Data	Janel Fletcher, H3
2:15 pm	20	II.	Input: Nominating Committee	Riley Meve and Mark Mora,
				Homebase
2:35 pm	10	III.	NOFO Update	Jamie Schecter, H3
2:45 pm	70	IV.	Input: Equity Dashboard	All
3:55 pm	5	V.	Next Steps	All

## **EQUITY DEFINITIONS**

(adapted from C4 Innovations and approved by Council on Homelessness on 8/3/23)

Term	Definition		
Individual Racism	A person's beliefs and actions that serve to perpetuate racial oppression. This can be conscious and		
	unconscious. This may be externalized or internalized		
Institutional Racism	Policies and practices at the organization (or "sector") level that perpetuate oppression. It involves		
	unjust policies, practices, procedures, and outcomes that work better for white people than people of		
	color, whether intentional or not.		
Interpersonal	The interactions between people - both within and across racial groups.		
Racism			
Microaggressions	Brief, everyday exchanges that send denigrating messages to certain individuals because of their group		
	membership.		
Race	A social construct created in the 17th century by white Europeans to justify the enslavement of Africans		
	and the spread of colonialism. Understanding of race as a concept has changed over time, but the		
	outcomes of discrimination based on race remain entrenched in our systems.		
Race Equity Lens	A way of viewing the world in an integrated and holistic manner, taking into account past and present		
	racial injustices and seeking to address them through more equitable practices and structures.		
Racial Bias	Implicit and/or explicit bias that reinforces discriminatory attitudes and behaviors when interacting		
	with people or situations.		
Racial Equity	The condition where one's racial identity does not predict their social, health, or economic outcomes.		
	Racial equity is a process of eliminating racial disparities and improving outcomes for everyone. It is the		
	intentional and continual practice of changing practices, systems, and structures by prioritizing the		
	measurable change in the lives of people of color.		
Racism	A system of institutional, systemic oppression, and practices of individuals and society that shape		
	cultural beliefs and values that support racist policies and practices.		
Structural Racism	How these effects interact and accumulate across institutions and across history. Structural racism		
	highlights how racism operates as a system of power with multiple interconnected, reinforcing, and		
	self-perpetuating components which result in racial inequities across all indicators for success.		
Systemic Racism	infrastructure of rulings, ordinances or statutes adopted by a sovereign government or authoritative		
	entity, whereas such ordinances and statutes entitles one racial group in a society certain rights and		
	privileges, while denying other groups in that society these same rights and privileges because of long-		
	established cultural prejudices, religious prejudices, fears, myths, and Xenophobia's held by the entitled		
10d to = 100	group.		
White Fragility	White fragility refers to feelings of discomfort a white person experiences when they witness or engage		
	in discussions around racial inequality and injustice. Their engagement in conversations about racism		
	may trigger a range of defensive actions, feelings, and behaviors, such as anger, fear, and silence. These		
	reactive behaviors reinforce continued white dominant culture.		