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Pathways to Housing Security

FACILITATED DISCUSSION: RESPONDING HOLISTICALLY TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS

August 15, 2023

9:00am-1:00am

Agenda Overview

- 9:00 – 9:40** Welcome, Project Presentation, and Workshop Overview
- 9:40 – 10:30** Reactions to Emerging Options (breakouts)
- 10:30 – 10:45** **BREAK**
- 10:45 – 12:15** Small Group Discussions of Emerging Options (breakouts)
- 12:15 – 1:00** Final Discussion and Wrap Up

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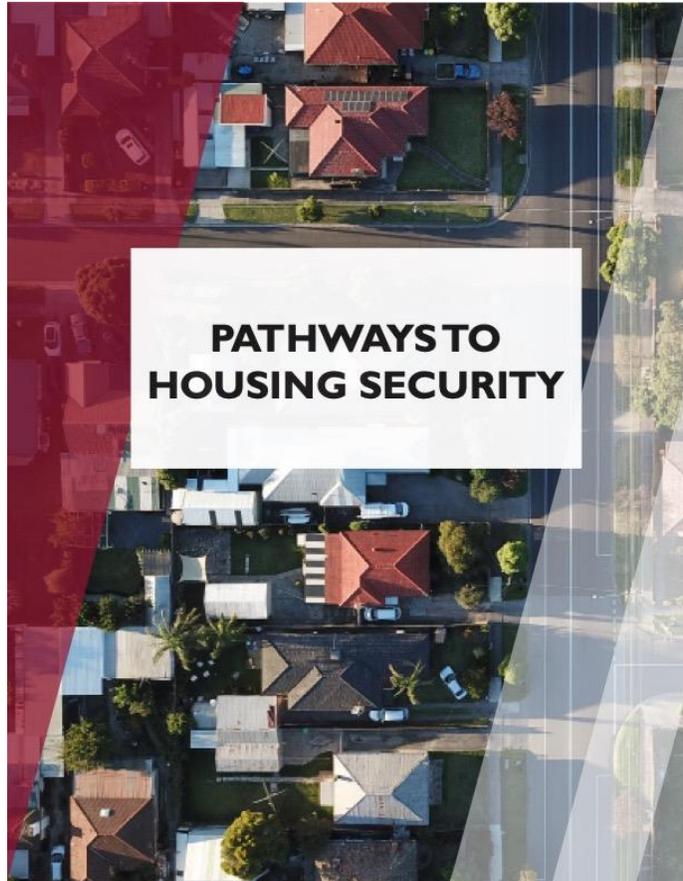
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What We Do

- Conduct situation assessments
- Design collaborative processes
- Partner with university colleagues & technical experts to establish a common information base
- Facilitate and manage collaborative processes
- Build collaborative capacity



Legislative Task – Facilitated Discussions



Facilitate discussions to identify principles, options and recommendations for a long-term statewide strategy to improve services and outcomes for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness and develop pathways to permanent housing solutions.

Overview of Facilitated Discussions

2021-2022: Clarify scope, identify fundamental questions, key tensions, and priority areas of inquiry (60+ individual and small group interviews)

January–March: Small group follow up discussions to inform planning and prioritization (project liaisons/points-of-contact and prior interviewees)

April–July: Focused discussions among those with a role or perspective in common

*****August:** Online open opportunities to react to emerging options in thematic areas

September: Online and in-person open opportunities to provide feedback on draft principles, options, and recommendations

December 1, 2023: Report to be distributed to Office of the Governor, Legislature, participants, and posted on Ruckelshaus Center website

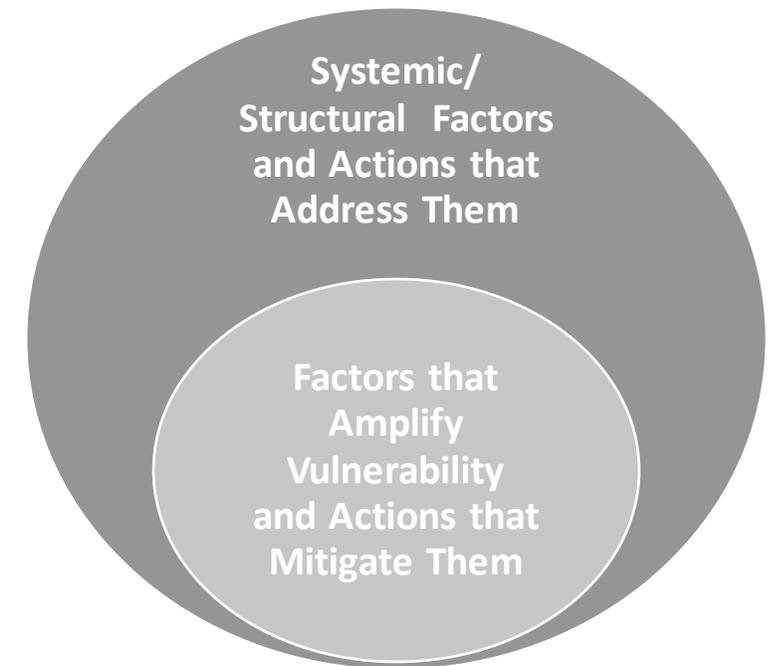
Throughout: engagement and coordination with related advisory groups, committees. projects

Interpretation of Scope

- Complement other strategy work by taking into account a broader shared context and a more long-term lens
- The concept of “housing security” encompasses a holistic view of the many interdependent factors that affect housing instability and homelessness
- With the whole picture in mind, ultimately focus on informing a strategy for **how state policies, resources, and other supports can best contribute to sustained progress toward housing security**

Key Emerging Themes – 2022 Facilitated Discussions

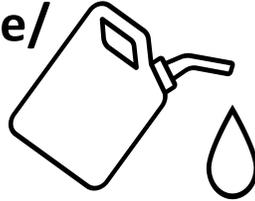
- Recognize a holistic and complex understanding of the issues.
- Design for the inherent interdependencies
- Balance aspects that seem in contradiction with each other
- Principles can guide how to align decisions and planning across aspects and levels of the response



Options Workshops – August 2023

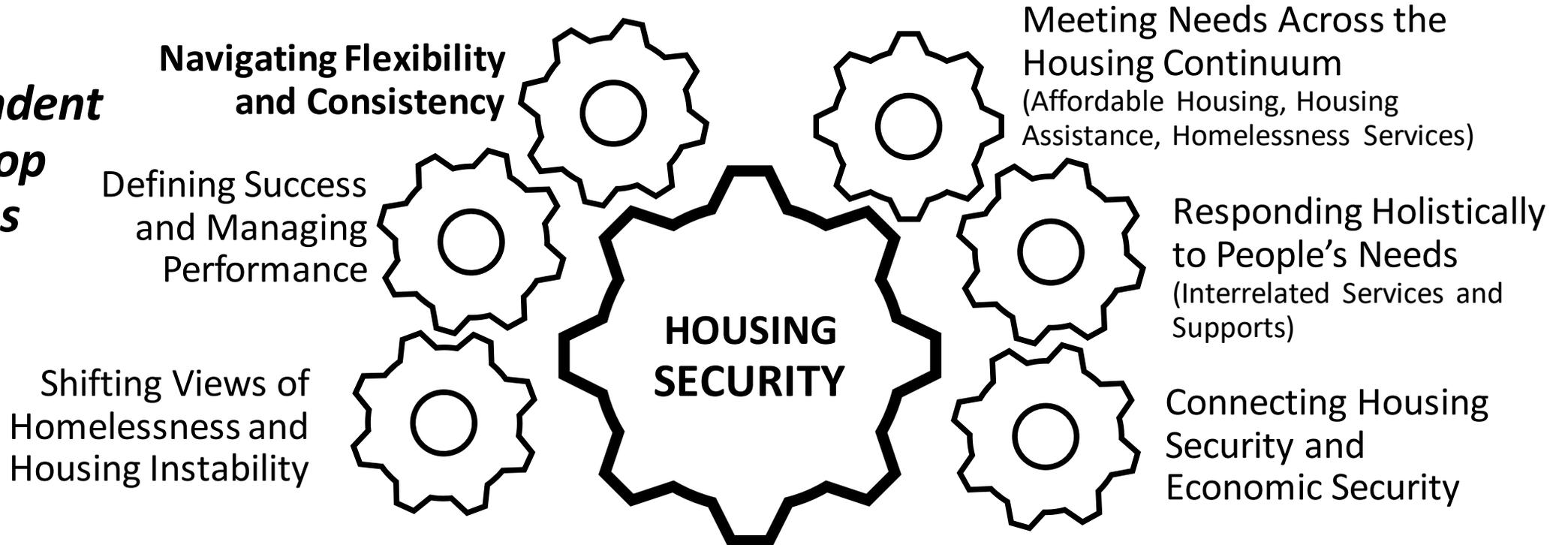
Crosscutting Interdependencies

- Equity & Justice/
Sovereignty
- Scale



- Acute/Long Term
- Roles & Responsibilities
- Workforce/Capacity

Interdependent Workshop Themes



Workshop 3– Responding Holistically to People’s Needs

PREMISE:

A holistic view of housing insecurity recognizes that there are multiple contributing factors.

Strategies to change structural, economic, and social factors will be key to a long-term response. These factors also create and exacerbate individual circumstances, making some more susceptible to housing insecurity than others. A person’s access to and stability in housing depends on their access to other support based on their specific circumstances.

A strategy needs to connect actions and resources related to multiple factors beyond housing in mutually beneficial ways.

- SUPPORT A PERSON-CENTERED RESPONSE TO HOUSING INSECURITY
- FOSTER A HOLISTICALLY CAPABLE WORKFORCE
- CULTIVATE COOPERATION AMONG SYSTEMS

Meeting Norms

Be Honest and Respectful (Disagree Openly and with Compassion)

Be Brief to Allow Everyone Opportunities to Participate

Listen to Understand

Disagree with Curiosity not Hostility

Maintain Confidentiality

Meeting Flow

Welcome, Project Presentation, and Workshop Overview

Reactions to Emerging Options (in small groups using Miro) (*about 50 mins*)

Break (15 minutes at around 10:30am)

Small Group Discussions of Emerging Options (*about 90 mins*)

Final Discussion and Wrap Up

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BREAK

**We are currently taking a short mid-meeting break.
The discussions will start again soon.**

Wrap Up

Remaining August Workshops

Fri August 18, 9am–1pm: Navigating flexibility and consistency

Tues August 22, 12:30–4:30: Defining success and managing performance

Wed August 23, 9am–1pm: Shifting views of homelessness and housing instability

Coming Soon in September: Online and in-person open opportunities to provide feedback on draft principles, options, and recommendations

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Find out more: <https://ruckelshauscenter.wsu.edu/projects/current-projects/pathways-to-housing-security>

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