



**DeYoung  
Consulting**

**Simplifying  
Supportive Housing  
Resources**





# Welcome!

Please answer these questions on sticky notes:

- What similar work has been doing, or is being done, in other places?
- Who are you connected to who can be a resource to this group?



# Today's objectives

- ❑ Come to a shared understanding of project success
- ❑ Come to a shared understanding of the working group's responsibilities
- ❑ Discuss project milestones and timeline
- ❑ Discuss options for structuring the group and its decision-making



# Introductions

- Speed Meeting
  - ❖ Find a partner
  - ❖ Fill in the worksheet
  - ❖ Move to the next person at the beep



# Guiding Principles

1. Center people who are impacted.
2. Use our experience to inform a collective ecosystem.
3. Center equity and antiracism in how we frame our responses.
4. Be curious and willing to learn how to do things differently. Hear and consider all perspectives; we are only successful if all voices are represented.
5. Foster a space where we can speak freely and with trust in the group, acknowledging different roles and relationships present, such as funder/grantee.
6. Participate to your fullest ability, stepping back and stepping up as needed.
7. Take issue with the topic, not the person.
8. Strive to enable safety, acknowledging that full working group meetings are public.
9. Assume positive intent or regard, while also striving for positive impact.
10. Lean into the messiness, recognizing it is an important part of the process.



# Open Meetings



# Defining Success



## Interviews/What we heard from you

### Assets

- ❖ Diversity of thought, perspectives, geography
- ❖ Representation from providers, govt, lived experience
- ❖ Commitment to do good work
- ❖ Existing relationships

### Barriers

- ❖ Power, equity dynamics
- ❖ Confidentiality concerns
- ❖ Concerns about openness to new ideas
- ❖ Lack of time
- ❖ Funding
- ❖ Getting stuck in the weeds

### Expectations

- ❖ Recs that are realistic, narrowed down, not fluffy, reduces redundancy
- ❖ Bring in outside research
- ❖ Collaboration
- ❖ Center those who are impacted
- ❖ Follow through on group commitment
- ❖ Clear process





## **Discussion: What questions do you have?**

**Assets, Barriers, Expectations**



# Purpose and Vision

- Why is this work important?
- What does the future state look like when we have achieved success?



# Stated Work Group Goals

- Reducing Administrative Complexities
- Enhancing Equity and Accessibility
- Streamlining Eligibility Criteria, Paperwork, and Funding Distribution
- Accelerating Transitions from Homelessness to Sustainable Solutions



# **Large Group Discussion: Goals and Barriers**

# Definition of Goals

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## 1. Reduce Administrative complexities

# Definition of Goals

2. Enhance equity & accessibility, including coordinated entry

# Definition of Goals

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3. Streamline & simplify eligibility criteria, paperwork, and funding distribution

# Definition of Goals

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**3. Accelerate the transition of individuals from homelessness to sustainable long-term solutions**





# Term Definitions



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**Homelessness**

**Equity**

**Other terms?**



# **Working Group Responsibilities & Structure**



January

Submit report by ~~June~~ **June 15, 2026** to legislative committees

Recommendations must address:

- Streamlining access to supportive housing resources
- Eligibility for supportive housing resources
- Administration of supportive housing resources
- Resources needed to implement (processes, procedures, technology, personnel)

Report shall include draft legislation required to implement the proposed legislation.

Study housing support program, long-term homeless supportive services, housing with supports for adults with serious mental illness, the housing trust fund, and other capital and operating funds administered by the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.

Consult with individuals/orgs including those with lived experience and administrators of state-funded supportive housing not included in the working group.



# Large Group Discussion

- What has worked in your experience with other groups or teams to approach decision-making?
- How would you like to see this group address differences in opinion?
- How would you like to see this group communicate on a regular basis in between meetings?



# **Timeline & Milestones**



# Small Group Discussion

- Given the working group's goals and responsibilities we've just discussed, what are important milestones to achieve along the way?
- What would indicate to you along the way that we are on track to success?



# Next Steps





# Exit Ticket

- ❑ What is a piece of information you're taking with you today?
- ❑ What questions do you have?
- ❑ What do the facilitators need to know?
- ❑ One word about what you're excited about.

Thank you!

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