





Fall 2022

**Department of Housing Services** 



## Current governance challenges

#### What we've heard:

Its hard to understand how and where decisions are made

It's challenging to provide guidance on a system plan, when we have separate plans for SHS programs and CoC funded programs

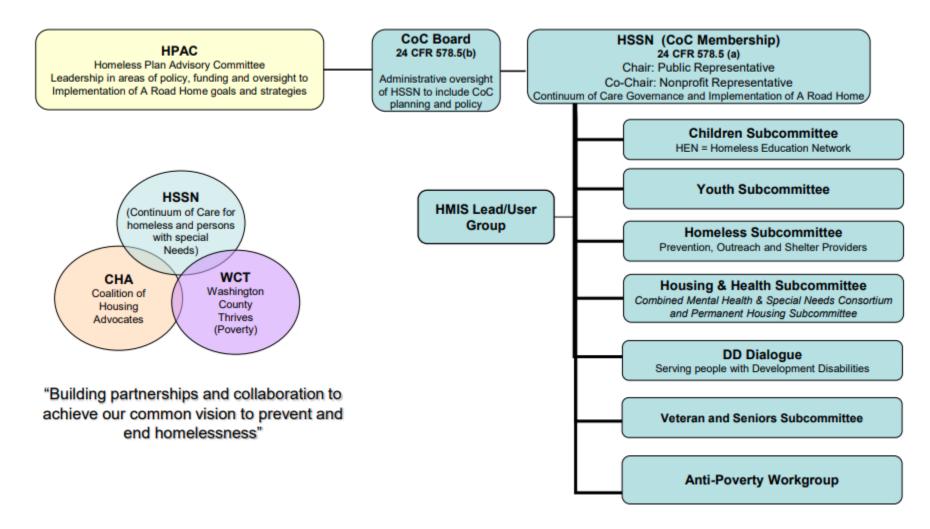
There are too many meetings with a lot of the same program updates

Its hard to understand how the system is working together and what we are prioritizing in Washington County



## Historic advisory structure







# One Homeless Services System





# Expectations for Governance

Requirement	HUD – CoC	Metro – SHS	Washington County
Draft and Oversee System Plan	Yes (A Road Home)	Yes (LIP)	Yes
<b>Equity Diversity and Inclusion</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
Coordinate with Other Systems and Funding	Yes (ex: ESG, EFSP, and many more)	Yes	Yes
Convene Stakeholders Community, People with lived experience	Yes (HSSN)	Yes	Yes
<b>Ensure Client Civil Rights</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
Review/Approve Reports	Yes (PIT, HIC, SPM, LSA)	Yes (Annual Work Plan Quarterly Reports)	Yes



DRAFT Goals for governance, guidance and engagement:

**Meaningful engagement** of our community and stakeholders to guide priorities, policy and program improvements

**Accessible participation** that build upon current success, expands involvement, and provides clarity in decision making processes.

**Unified governance** consistent with Washington County, HUD, and Metro requirements for oversight and advisement



## Process for One Governance



Phase 1:

Inquire

- Convene project steering committee
- Stakeholder discussions
- Community survey
- Research best practices

Phase 2:

One Plan

- Identify new system challenges, needs, goals
- Combine plans: Local Implementation Plan and A Road Home
- Review with bodies, finalize and approve with Board

Phase 3:

**Proposal** 

- Draft proposed governance structure
- Feedback with current bodies bodies
- Review for accountability requirements
- Convene community and stakeholder feedback

Phase 4:

Finalize & Approve

- Governance proposal finalized with current bodies
- Board of County Commissioners reviews, approves
- Membership recruitment and appointments
- Body convenes



## Questions for discussion

### **Breakout questions:**

- What does good governance feel like?
- What other values should guide this work?
- What does "one homelessness services system" mean for Washington County?



## Next steps: One Governance

### **Convene Steering Committee**

### Seeking:

- 2-3 hours per month | 1 year commitment
- Seeking up to 15 members
- Representation from all current governance bodies

#### Phase 1: To Do's

- Advise on early inquiry: outreach and research
- Draft community survey and discussion questions
- Represent/ be ambassadors to the process