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# Interagency Council on Homelessness

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# Panelists:

## Moderators

- ❑ Sonya Jelks – Manager, Housing Sustainability, Connecticut Department of Housing
- ❑ Julian Pierce – Deputy Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Housing

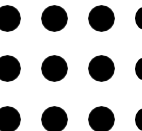
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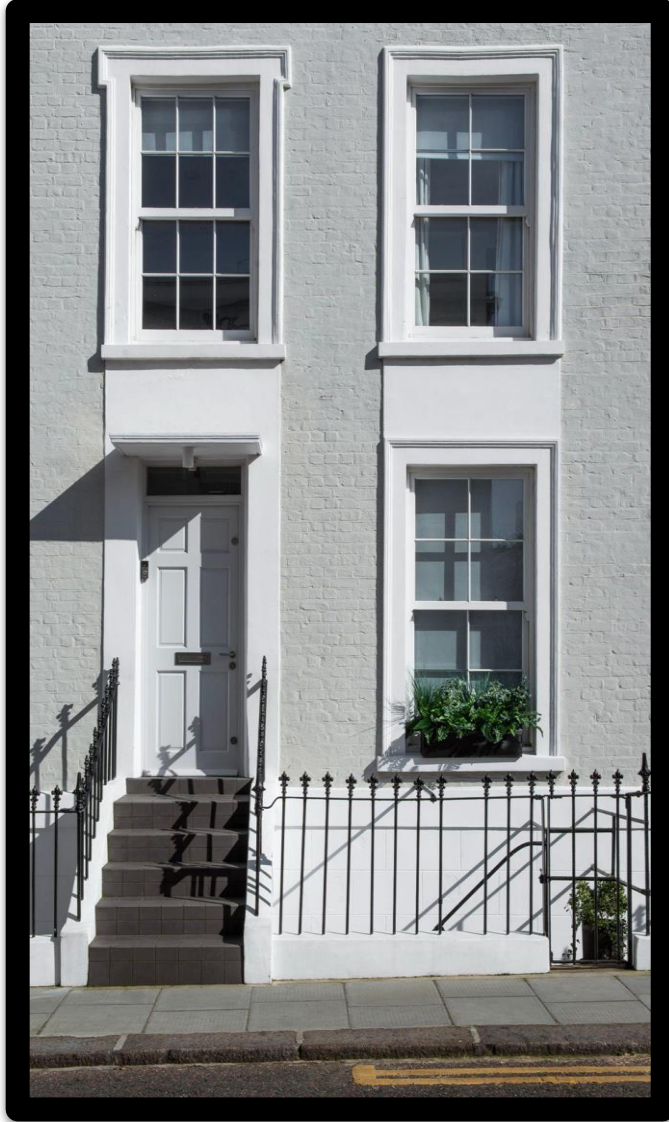
- ❑ Cathy Zall – Executive Director, New London Homeless Hospitality Center (NLHHC)
- ❑ Paul Lipp – Director of Homeless Services, Catholic Charities of Fairfield County
- ❑ Carmen Colon – President & CEO, Pacific House
- ❑ Kara Capone – Chief Executive Officer, Community Housing Advocates, Inc.
- ❑ Kellyann Day – Chief Executive Officer, New Reach, Inc.
- ❑ Caitin Rose – Chief Executive Officer, Friendship Service Center, Inc.

# Agenda



- ☐ What is the Interagency Council on Homelessness?
- ☐ HHSR Workgroups
- ☐ Next Steps
- ☐ Questions??





# Interagency Council Background



On January 12, 2024, Governor Ned Lamont announced the establishment of the Connecticut Interagency Council on Homelessness, responsible for collaborating on a multi-agency approach that strengthens the state's homelessness prevention and response efforts. The council consists of leaders of state agencies that are responsible for housing and intervention support services.

The Department of Housing  
The Department of Aging and Disability Services  
The Department of Children and Families  
The Department of Corrections  
The Department of Labor  
The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services  
The Department of Social Services  
The Department of Veterans Affairs  
The Office of Policy and Management  
The Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch  
The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority

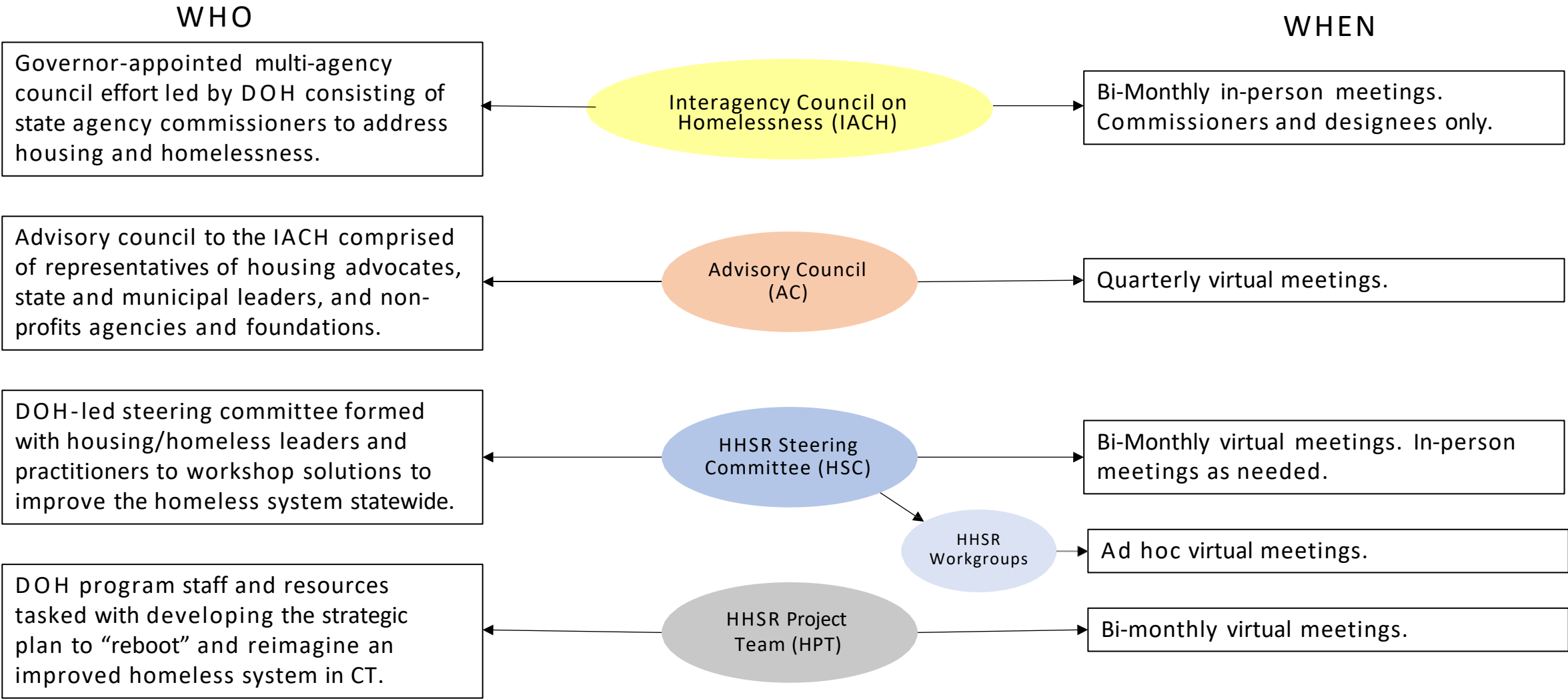
Additionally, leaders from the following offices will serve as ad hoc members:

The Department of Economic and Community Development  
The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection  
The Department of Public Health  
The Office of Early Childhood  
The State Department of Education  
The Department of Transportation  
The Department of Higher Education

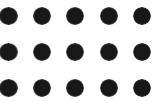


# HOUSING AND HOMELESS SYSTEM REBOOT (HHSR)

## Project Roles



# HHSR Workgroups



**Operations**

**Housing Blueprints/  
Development**

**Homeless System  
HUBs**

**Prevention/Crisis  
Intervention**

**PWLE**

**Workforce  
Development**



**HMIS/Matrix**





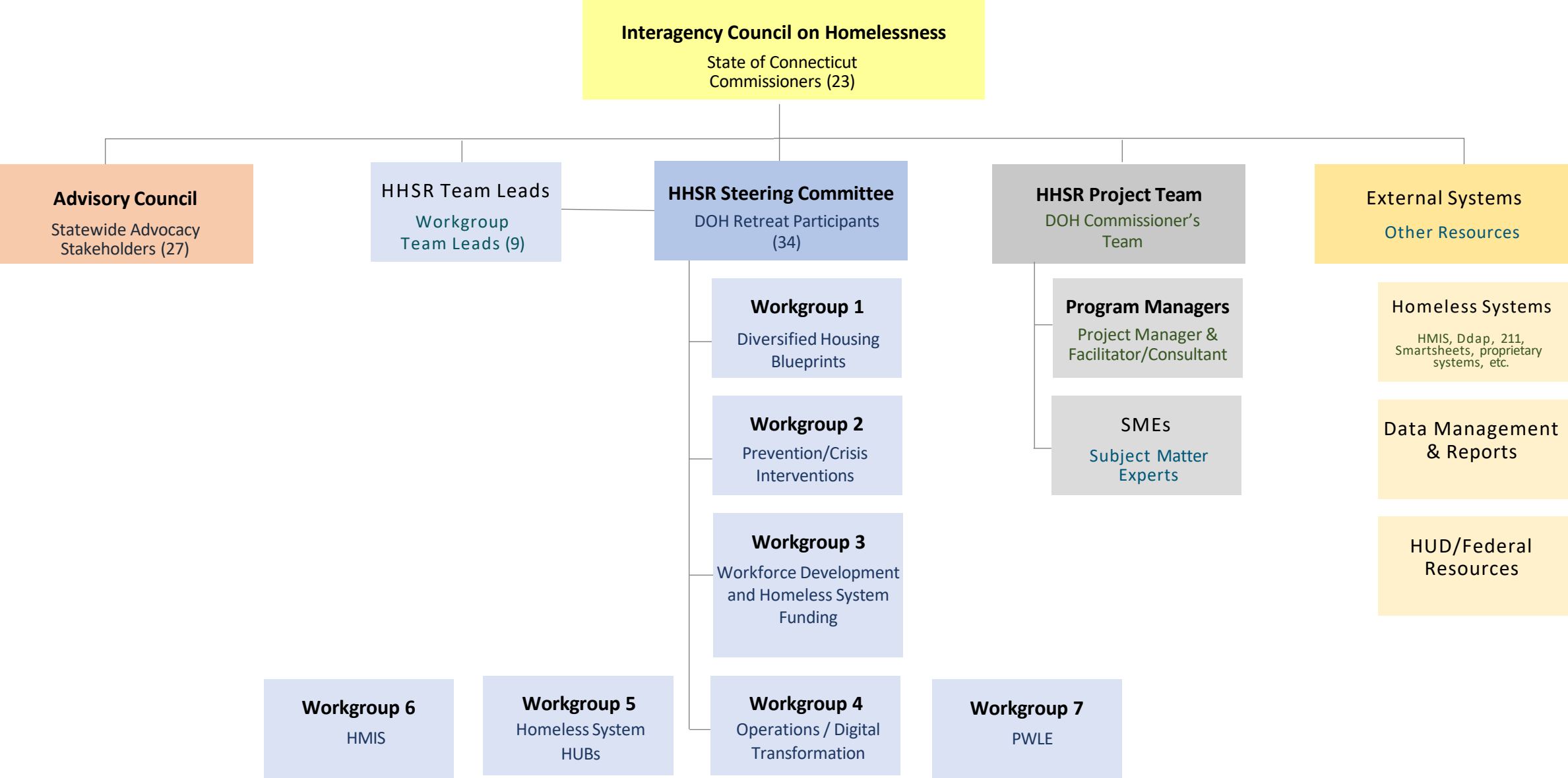
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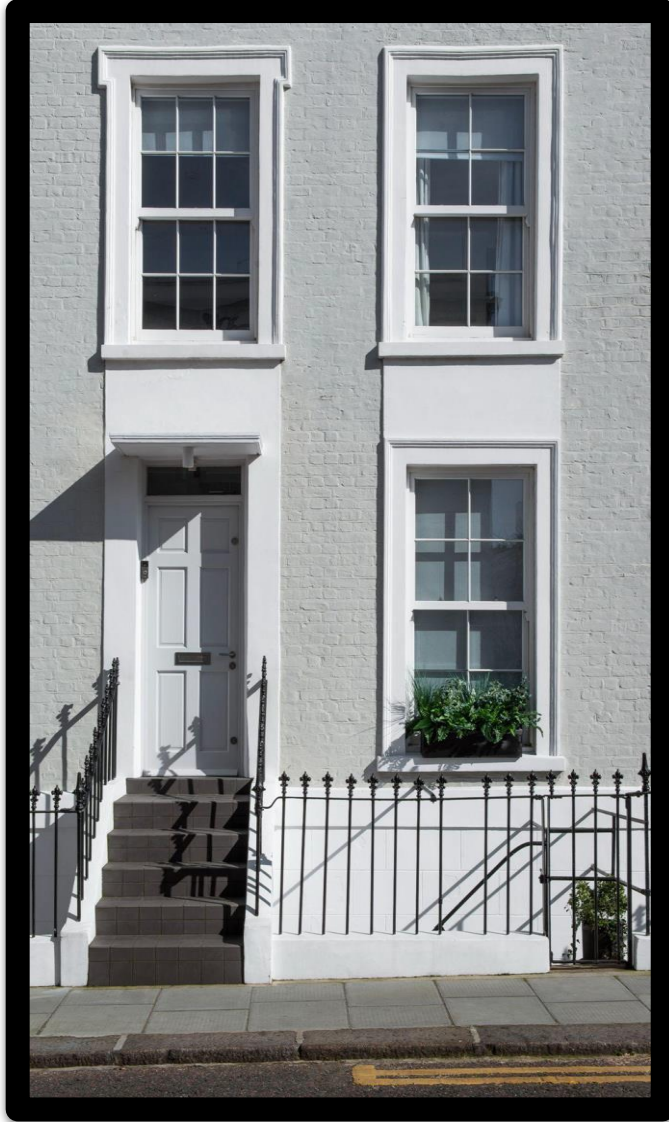
THANK YOU!!

For attending our session! 😊

# HOUSING AND HOMELESS SYSTEM REBOOT (HHSR)

## Project Organizational Chart





# Interagency Council Background



## **Program Activities:**

### **November 2023**

- DOH statewide Housing Provider Roundtables
- Facilitated the 2023 DOH Housing Conference in Hartford

### **January 2024**

- Conducted the Housing and Homeless System Retreat
- Kicked off and creation of the framework for the Interagency Council and council efforts

### **February 2024**

- Project planning and strategy for discovery and education
- First meeting for Interagency Council on Homelessness with state agencies
- Formed and identified Advisory Council stakeholders for quarterly meetings
- Led retreat follow-up meeting and established HHSR Steering Committee and Workgroups

### **March 2024 – September 2024**

- Facilitated workgroup sessions with steering committee members to brainstorm solutions
- Conducted monthly Interagency Council meetings
- Engaged people with lived experience (PWLE) in the workgroups
- Visitation and surveying the Homeless System Hubs pilot programs
- Developing housing inventories and vacancies project
- HMIS System reviews and recommendations
- Universal homeless system application reviews



# Thank You!

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