

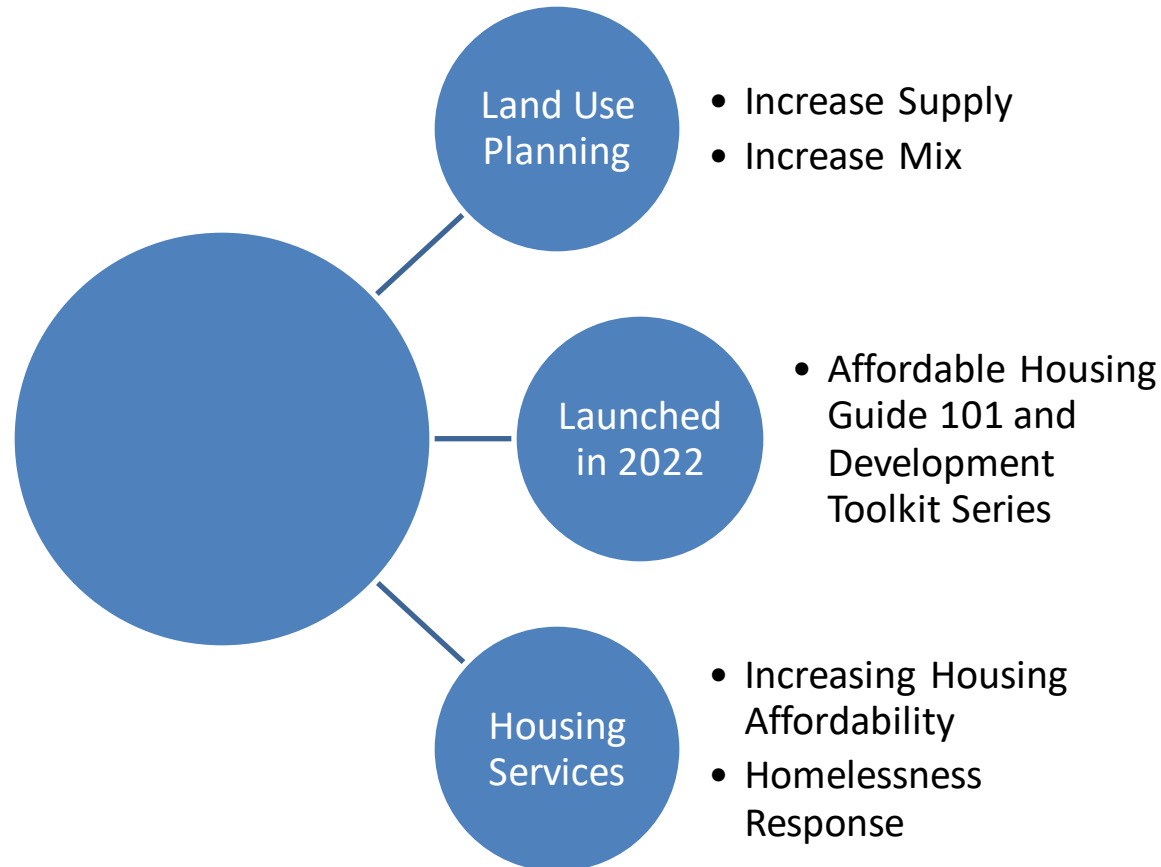
# Homelessness Response

## Coordinated Access and Rural Homelessness Outreach

September 20, 2022



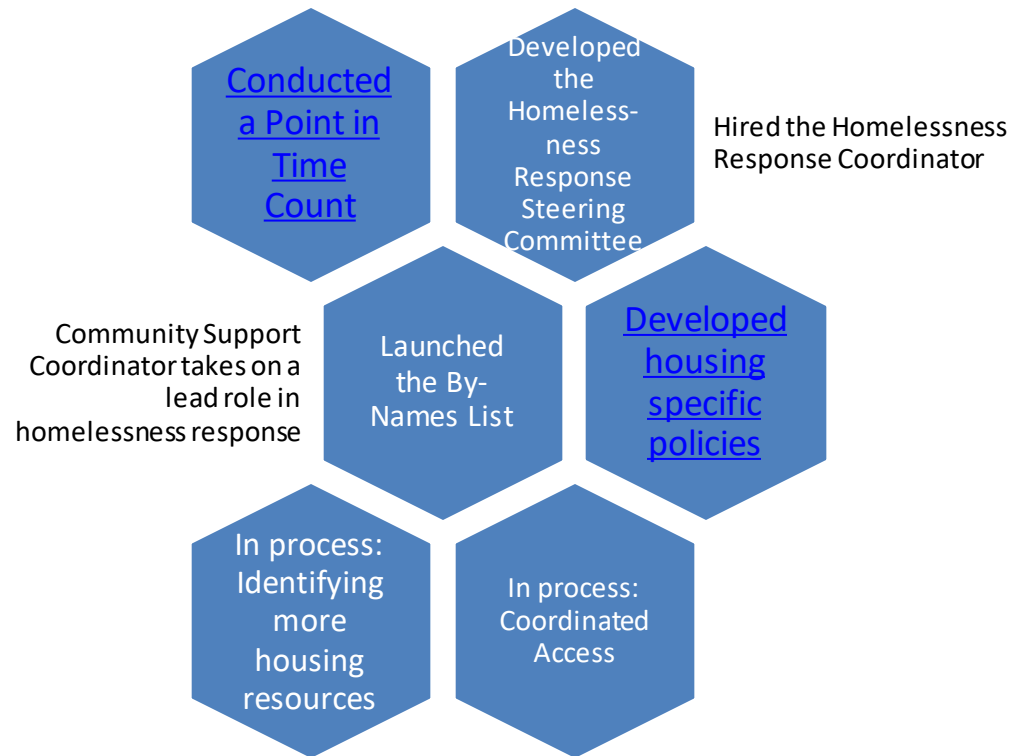
# Highlighting Bruce County Initiatives



# Homelessness

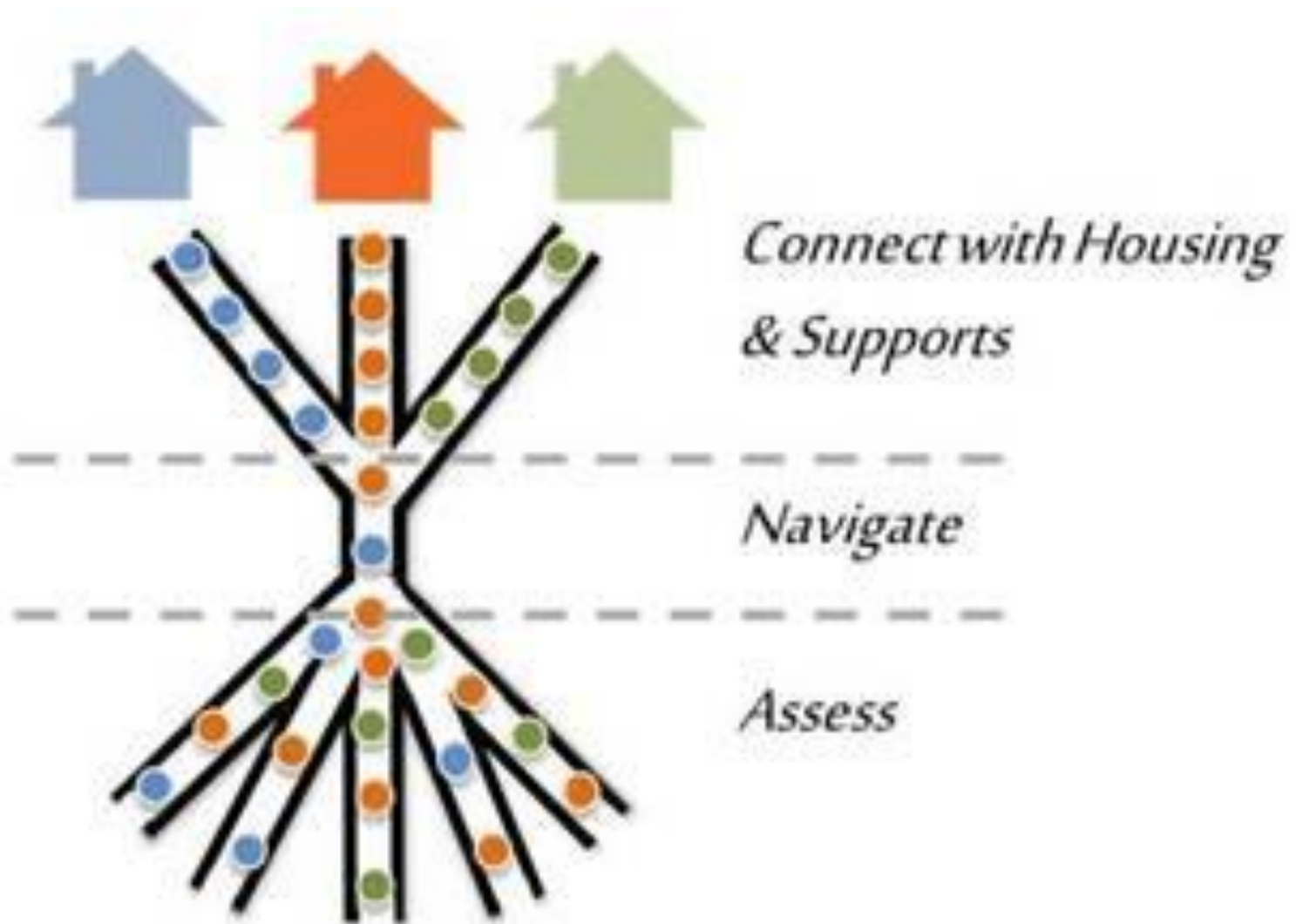
- We have people who are homeless living in our communities
- People may become homeless due to:
  - Poor service coordination and inequity of access
  - Unavoidable crisis and previous trauma
- People living without shelter may experience mental health and substance use challenges
- The reasons for and solutions to individual homelessness are not understood until connection, engagement and rapport is developed

# The journey so far...





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# NO WRONG DOOR APPROACH



# TYPICAL "HOUSING READINESS"



# HOUSING FIRST





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**Intake**



**Assessment**



**Prioritization**



**Referral**

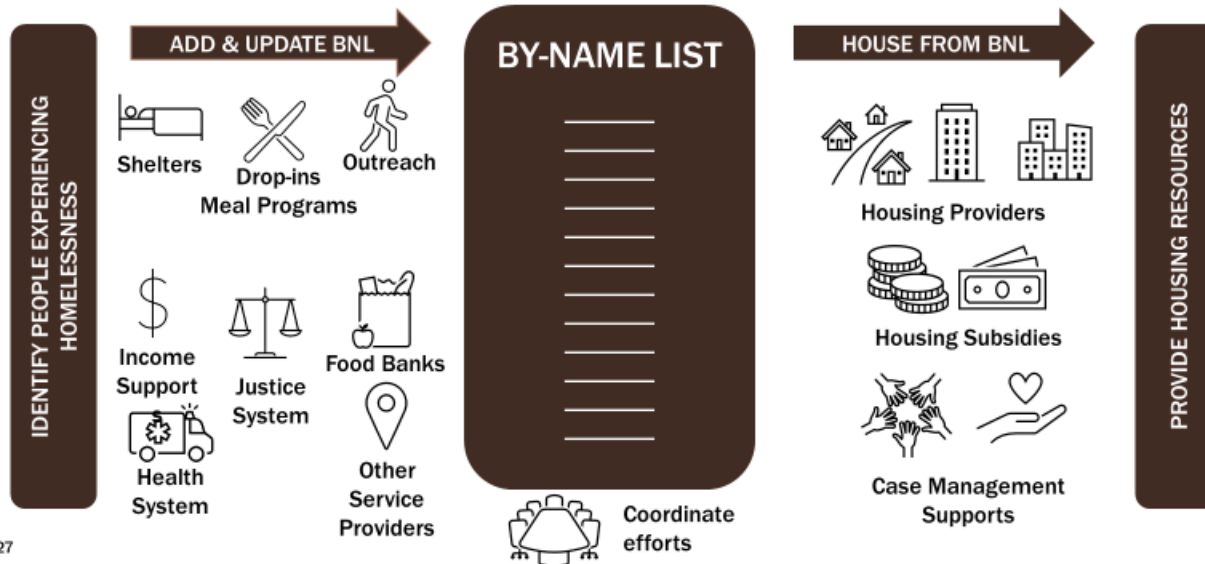






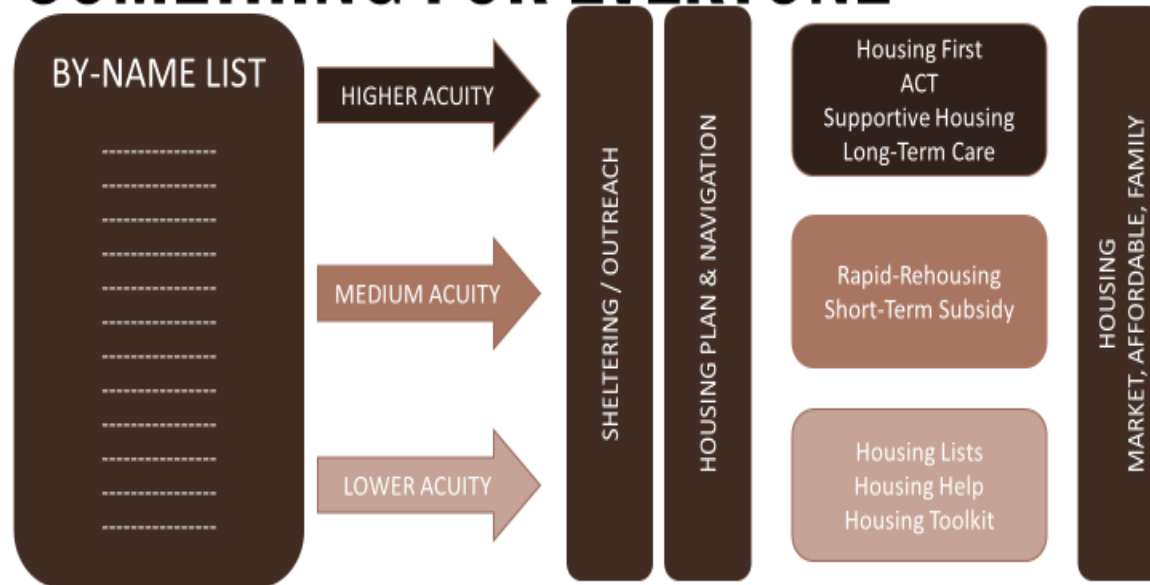
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## ROLES WITHIN THE BY-NAME LIST



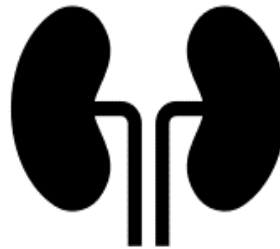


# MATCH NEED TO SERVICE - SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



# PRIORITIZATION IN ACTION

- Added to the list at different times and for different reasons
- Prioritized based on level of need
- May advance on the list as health deteriorates
- Goal is to stabilize and decrease level of need via other interventions while waiting for a kidney



- Available kidney goes to the person who is the best match
- Blood type, age, etc.
- Not necessarily the person at the top of the list

# WHAT IS BEING PRIORITIZED?



Prioritization applies to housing resources

Does not refer to emergency services e.g., Motel program

## On the Ground Response (YMCA)

- Developing a rural response in Bruce County
- Short-term stay Motel program with case management services and transitional support
- System navigation and support for the least connected
- Providing services wherever people are residing
- Face to face connections – bridging to clinical supports, food, income and job security
- Additional supports provided to landlords to engage the private market



“Coming  
snowstorm  
worries  
Winnipeggers  
living in tent  
encampments”

- On site encampment support
- Hierarchy of Need
- Safety, Respect and Solutions

# Progressive Engagement Strategy

## Flexible

- A progressive engagement approach recognizes that each household's strengths and needs can change over time.

## Targeted

- Each person experiencing homelessness faces different needs and obstacles. A progressive engagement approach targets resources to each person's needs and flexes up supports as greater needs are identified.

## Efficient

- Every crisis response system needs more resources. Progressive engagement ensures that the most intensive resources remain available to those with the greatest needs.

# Exiting the system

- Exiting motel system vs. homelessness system
- 1 in 10 offers for BCHC units goes to the by-name list
- Few opportunities for exiting – continue to engage private landlords
- Prevention & maintenance of tenancies



## In Conclusion...



# Questions?

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