

A Vision for Solving Homelessness in The Region

A Comprehensive Roadmap to Solving Homelessness Across the Region



Agenda

- Introduction and Background – Jim Wild
- Overview of Summit – Samantha Stangl
- Overview of Practicum,
Recommendations & Next Step – Mandy
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**HOUSING
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Summit Overview

Over 140 leaders from 8 counties, representing government, service providers, Continua of Care (COCs), business, philanthropy, healthcare, and media

Two grounding presentations from national experts Mandy Chapman Semple and Dr. Sam Tsemberis

Panels:

- Providers and Leaders with Lived Experience
- Private and Public Funders
- Elected Leaders



Key Lessons from the Summit

1. The solution to homelessness is housing and appropriate supports
2. Communities with larger homeless populations have transformed their response systems -- The St. Louis region is on the same path
3. We are going to spend money either way, an opportunity to invest so that homelessness is brief, rare, and non-recurring



Practicum Overview

Day 1: Foundation

Attendees:

- CoC Leadership
- Providers
- Lived Experience

Activities:

- Define Theory of Change
- Jurisdictional Assets, Gaps, Priorities

Day 2: Plan

Attendees:

- Corporate Executives
- Housing Authorities
- Government Leaders
- Private Funders

Activities:

- Refined Theory of Change
- Explored Political and Funding Conditions
- Examined Model Communities
- Define Conditions for Regional Success

Day 3: Structure & Priorities

Attendees:

- Corporate Executives
- Housing Authorities
- Government Leaders
- Private Funders
- CoC Leadership
- Lived Experience

Activities:

- Explored Regional Governance Models
- Drafted Regional Framework
- Set Priorities and Next Steps



Regional Theory of Change

Problem

Lack Housing & Supports to Stabilize

Strategies

Build and Sustain Regional Governance

Pivot to Regional Emergency Rehousing System

Expand Attainable Housing Solutions

Develop Cross-system, Integrated Stabilization Services

Outputs

Coordinated regional structure and plan

Centralized, coordinated regional system

Scaled housing subsidies

Scaled, accessible services

Outcome

More people rehoused

Rehousing is faster

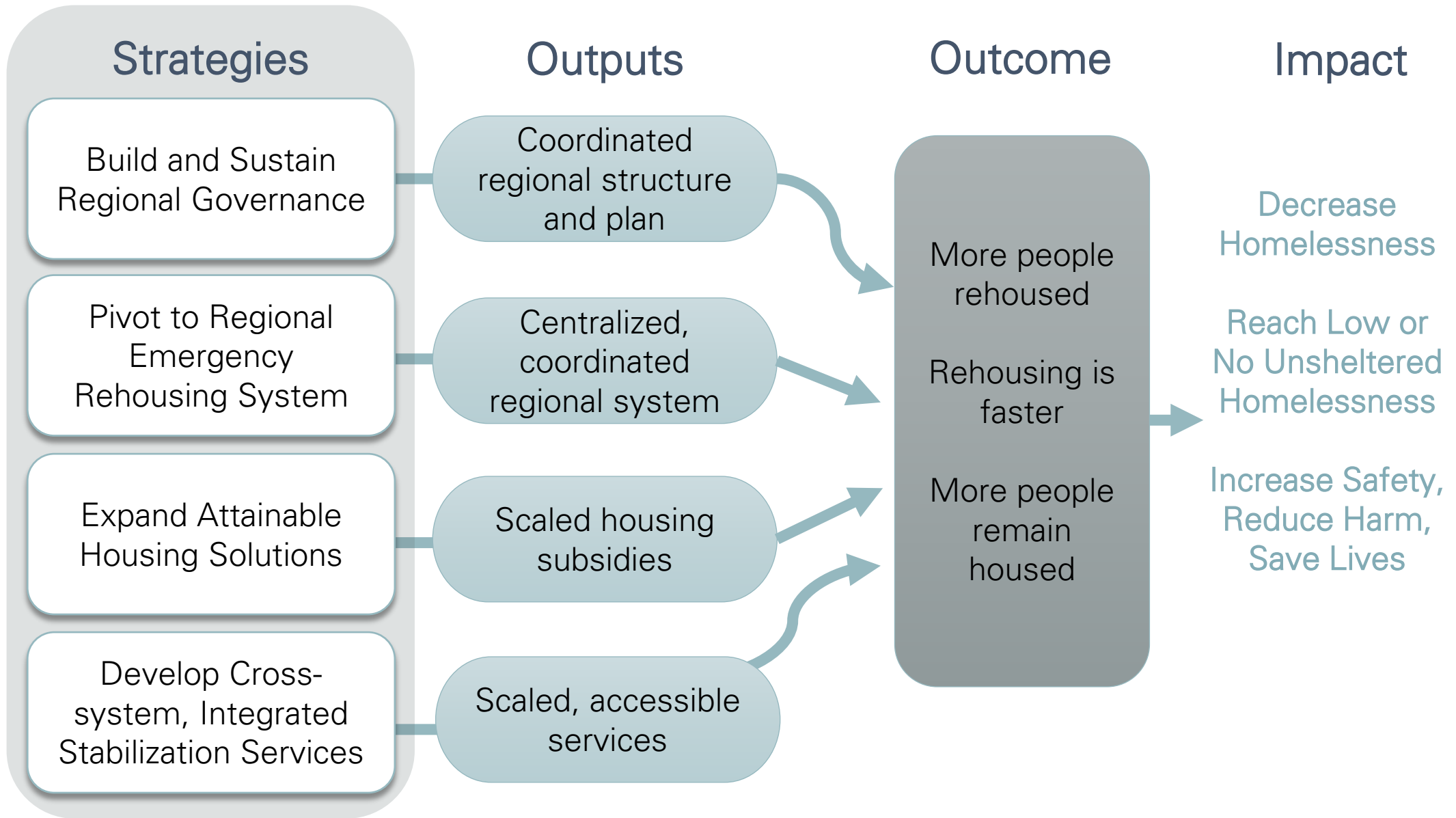
More people remain housed

Impact

Decrease Homelessness

Reach Low or No Unsheltered Homelessness

Increase Safety, Reduce Harm, Save Lives



Proposed Governance Structure

Common Agenda (Vision + Theory of Change) and Shared Metrics

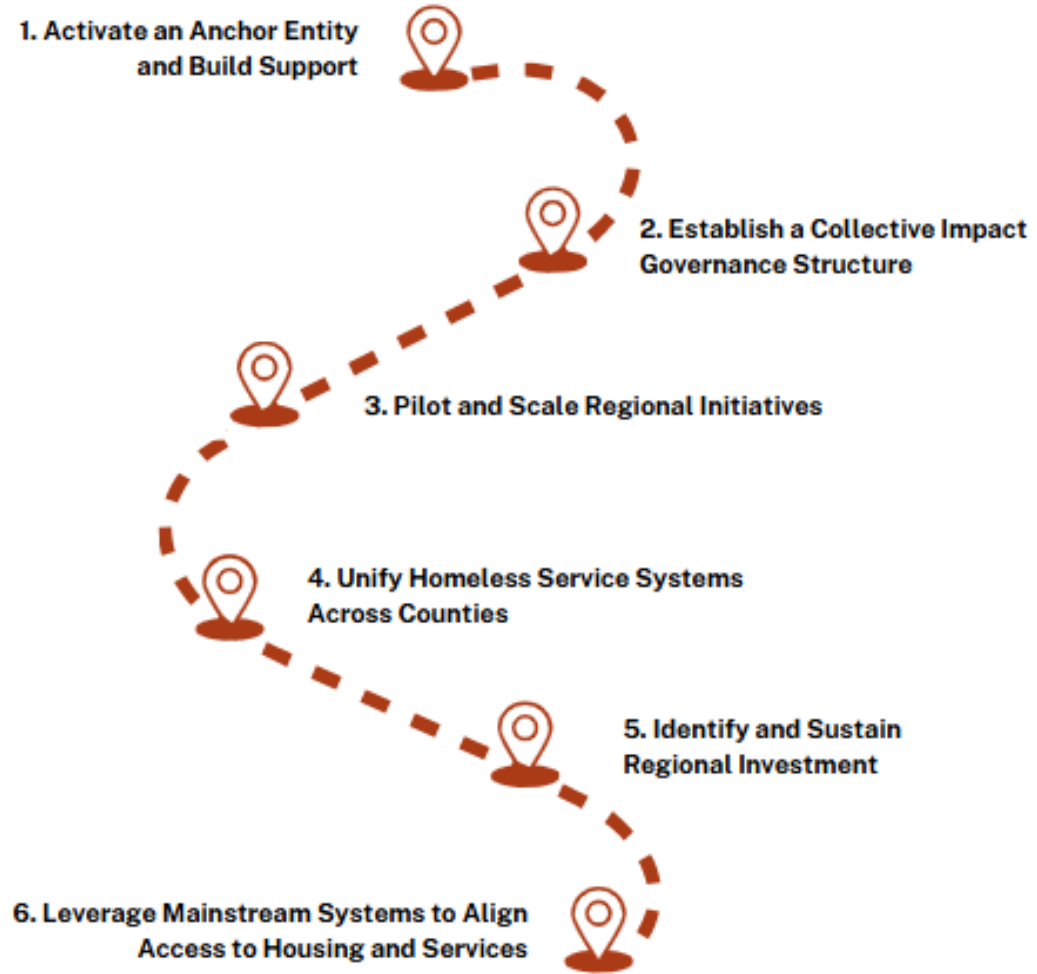
Alignment, Policy, Strategy

Backbone(s)

Partner Driven Action



Roadmap to Uniting the Region and Realizing a Future Without Homelessness



Immediate Next Steps



Identify Anchor Organization by Spring 2025

We will:

- Define and Empower an Anchor Organization: Select a leading organization that is trusted across the region and well-positioned to drive the initiative forward.



Identify Backbone Organization by late Spring 2025

We will:

- Establish coordinating entities will act as bridges between the Steering Body and on-the-ground efforts, serving as facilitators, translators, and connectors.



Create Steering Group for Funding

We will:

- Work with regional funding groups being led by GSL, HESTL and government to create Housing First Funding Initiative.



System Data Collection

We will:

- Work with all 7 CoCs towards a system of data collection to build out metrics for next steps.



Create Steering Group for Housing

We will:

- Develop a centralized, coordinated housing and rehousing system to manage and expedite housing placements.



Create Work Groups

We will:

- Work groups will focus on specific areas such as policy development, service delivery innovation, housing access, and community engagement. These groups will include service providers, technical experts, and individuals with lived experience who work together to test and shape policies and practices that build the regional system of care.



Public Engagement Forums

We will:

- Hold regular public forums where community members can engage directly with the steering committee.



Thank
you

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<https://www.ewgateway.org/>

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