

HOUSING ACCOUNTABILITY PARTNERS COUNCIL

An Update From the June 19th Housing Network Meeting



Uncovering the Current System

In May 2018 KConnect was invited to assist in addressing the unique housing and homelessness system gaps in Kent County, and its disproportionate effects on children and on people of color. After many months of preparation, teams began meeting in January 2019 to begin the monumental task of address these gaps.

These first six months have been spent uncovering the current housing and homeless system; not only system players, procedures, and processes, but the mental models surrounding these topics. The Housing Network spent the morning hearing from Context Experts (those with lived experience) as well as an economics expert and an expert who discussed Adverse Childhood Experiences. They also heard from the Content and Design Teams on their work. The culmination of these speakers gave attendees a thorough look at the system as it stands today.

"If we value human life, housing should be a human right."



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"We need to make a strong statement and move forward."



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"Housing is a basic need."



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"Yes, everyone deserves the opportunity to have access to safe and stable housing."

Next Steps

The Housing Security Team structure will now focus on how to design the system moving forward.

The Community Plan will begin being drafted in October and will be presented to the Housing Network at the next Housing Accountability Partner Council meeting on **Friday, December 6.**

To receive the handouts and visual materials from June's Housing Accountability Partner Council meeting, please contact Katie Hop at khop@k-connect.org.

The Housing Network practiced a KConnect Accountability Partners Council exercise by voting on the question **"Is safe and stable housing a basic human right?"**

It was overwhelmingly confirmed by nearly 80 multi-disciplinary, cross-sector partners and community leaders that Safe and Stable Housing is, in fact, a basic, human right in Kent County.

This value statement will be used as the foundation of the Common Agenda and Roadmap and can now be verbalized throughout our community as something we have committed to uphold.