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Key Takeaways

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- Desire to Continue to Engage Together
- No Quick or Easy Solutions
- Wish to Implement Gold Standard Approaches



Top Six Focus Areas

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- Stagnate Systems
- Trauma
- Mental Health
- Lack of Fundamental Life Skills
- Lack of Stable Shelter/Housing Options
- NIMBY (Not in My Backyard)



Next Steps

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- More Affordable Housing
- One Stop Shop
- Low Barrier Shelter/Transitional Housing
- Public Education
- More Detox Beds
- Treat Mental Health Like Physical Health
- Identify Quick Wins
- Form Work Groups to Tackle Issues
- Better Communication and Collaboration



COT Immediate Next Steps

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- Visit to Colorado Springs, CO
- Select Core Team
- Engage with Consultant Using Low Barrier Shelter and/or Transitional Housing Hypothesis

